
Re: [4j_announce] 4J Parent News: Ready for Winter Break

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Subject : Re: [4j_announce] 4J Parent News: Ready for Winter Break**To :** chinn <chinn@4j.lane.edu>**Cc :** johnson_je <johnson_je@4j.lane.edu>

Allan,

It is important to note the comma that is strategically placed after the word students. Two separate thoughts actually (although I did ask her about this as well :-)

1. optional outdoors for students
2. optional outdoors for our staff as long as they can maintain 6 feet of distance from others.

Let me know if this doesn't make sense. I am sure we are going to get a lot of questions.

Thank you,
Dawn

From: "chinn" <chinn@4j.lane.edu>**To:** "johnson_je" <johnson_je@4j.lane.edu>, "Dawn Strong" <strong_d@4j.lane.edu>**Sent:** Wednesday, December 15, 2021 7:49:48 PM**Subject:** Fwd: [4j_announce] 4J Parent News: Ready for Winter Break

Hi Jeff and Dawn,

Jeff said today that Lane County Public Health isn't worried about distancing outdoors anymore, but Kerry's email says:

Starting in January, at 4J schools, face masks will be optional outdoors for students, as well as for adults who can maintain 6 feet of distance and not be in close contact with others.

Is this accurate?

I think she's restating is ODE's prior rule, where masks were not required if you could maintain 6-foot distance (which you can't realistically do at recess).

Let me know what the real scoop is here because my PBIS team wants to do some planning before the break.

Allan

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Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 6:54:54 PM
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Dear colleagues, the message below will be sent to 4J families this evening.

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Kerry Delf | Chief of Staff | Eugene School District 4J | delf_k@4j.lane.edu | 541.790.7733

Information for parents and guardians from Eugene School District 4J

[Un mensaje para los padres y guardianes del Distrito Escolar de Eugene 4J](#)

In this message:

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- **Join Our Team:** Serve local youth and community—come work or sub with 4J!



Changes Coming in COVID Protocols

Starting in January face masks will be optional outdoors • "Test-to-stay" protocol being implemented • Quarantine times reduced

Eugene School District 4J's COVID-19 protocols are evolving in response to new state and local public health guidelines aimed at keeping kids in school while maintaining the health and safety of our community.

Masks optional outdoors after winter break

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Oregon Department of Education (ODE) have announced a change in outdoor masking requirements for K–12 schools. Starting in January, at 4J schools, face masks will be optional outdoors for students, as well as for adults who can maintain 6 feet of distance and not be in close contact with others. Masks are still required for everyone in indoor spaces.

"Test-to-stay" to keep students learning in person

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Oregon Department of Education (ODE) have developed a new "[test-to-stay](#)" protocol to minimize the amount of time students are excluded from school. This optional program will allow unvaccinated students exposed to COVID-19 at school to opt in to be tested and keep attending class.

Currently, students who are not yet fully vaccinated and are exposed to COVID-19 must quarantine at home. With test-to-stay, if a student who is not yet fully vaccinated is exposed to COVID-19 in school or on the school bus, they may opt to be tested at the school. Two tests are required on different days. If the tests are negative and they do not have symptoms, the student may continue attending school during their quarantine period. If they test positive, or opt not to participate in testing, the student must quarantine at home and may not attend school.

Test-to-stay is optional and parent consent is required for students under age 15.

Quarantine length reduced to 10 days

Public health guidelines have been adjusted. Lane County Public Health now directs that a susceptible person exposed to COVID-19 [must quarantine for 10 days](#) after their last exposure, instead of 14. Students who must quarantine may return to school on day 11 if they have not had symptoms.

The best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 continue to be getting vaccinated (including getting a booster shot when eligible), wearing face masks, keeping physical distance from others, staying home when ill, and practicing other good health hygiene habits. Thank you for helping to protect your family and school community by following public health officials' safety guidance.

[Test to Stay Protocol](#)

[Test to Stay FAQ](#)



Free Meal Boxes

Sign up by Dec. 15 for free youth winter break meal box

Winter break is coming, and so are [winter break meal boxes](#). Families with youth 18 years old and younger can request a free meal box with seven days of heat-and-serve meals and snacks to eat during the school break. The meal boxes can be picked up from Dec. 15–17 and are available at no cost for all youth, regardless of income, while supplies last.

[Free meals for all students](#) will continue to be provided at school on school days for the rest of the school year.

[Winter Break Meal Boxes](#)

[4J Nutrition Services](#)

Mobile Food Pantry

4J hosts weekly regional food pantry for families

The district is partnering with [FOOD For Lane County](#) to provide 4J families in need weekly access to a [free mobile food pantry](#).

The food pantry will be set up at a 4J school location every Wednesday afternoon through February.

4J families can visit any pantry site regardless of where they live or which 4J school their student attends.

FOOD PANTRY For 4J families/DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS Para familias de 4J		
Every Wednesday/Cada miércoles @2:30-4:30 p.m.		
DEC	Dec. 8: Roosevelt MS, 500 E. 24th Ave. Dec. 15: Cal Young MS, 2555 Gilham Rd.	Dec. 22: District Office, 200 N. Monroe St. Dec. 29: No distribution/No hay distribución
JAN	Jan. 5: ATA, 1650 W. 22nd Ave. Jan. 12: Roosevelt MS, 500 E. 24th Ave.	Jan. 19: Cal Young MS, 2555 Gilham Rd. Jan. 26: District Office, 200 N. Monroe St.
FEB	Feb. 2: ATA, 1650 W. 22nd Ave. Feb. 9: Roosevelt MS, 500 E. 24th Ave.	Feb. 16: Cal Young MS, 2555 Gilham Rd. Feb. 23: District Office, 200 N. Monroe St.

* Each distribution will offer a variety of pantry staples, bread and produce. Questions? Please call 541-796-6880.
*En cada distribución se ofrecerá una variedad de productos para la despensa como pan, fruta, vegetales, arroz, frijoles, etc.
Preguntas? Comuníquese al 541-796-6880.

[Mobile Food Pantry](#)

ICYMI: Message From the Superintendent



Snow Days

No news = No change

There are several ways to [find out](#) when [hazardous weather](#) closes or delays schools or alters [bus routes](#).

How to find out if there is a change:

- **Text message** from the district (if you are not already receiving occasional text messages from 4J, [learn how](#))
- **District website:** www.4j.lane.edu
- **4J social media:** [Facebook](#), [Twitter @4Jweather](#) & [@4Jschools](#)
- **Local news stations**, radio and TV

Winter Weather

Text Messages

Bus Snow Routes



School Choice Season Is Coming

Dear families: Recently we have seen multiple incidents of concerning posts on social media. Some of these have targeted groups within our school community, used racist and hateful language, and caused concerns for safety.

I want to say clearly and unequivocally that bigoted and threatening speech has no place in our schools or our community. Eugene School District 4J will not tolerate hateful words or actions, bigotry, or any form of racist behavior in our classrooms, school or on our grounds. There is simply no place for it. [...Read more](#)

–Cydney Vandercar
Interim Superintendent

Full Message

Rumor Control

Many students’ sense of safety and wellbeing has been harmed by recent hateful, menacing and harassing activity on social media, including racist and anti-semitic language and symbols, including lynching images.

We are also aware that this has led to other social media posts being spread with misinformation, rumors and worries about school violence.

We want to be clear, to address these false rumors: No posts have been made with threats of school shootings, bombs or other violent actions to be carried out at schools. There has been no direct credible threat of violence at

Learn about school options and apply for transfers in January

In Eugene School District 4J, every school offers excellent educational opportunities. Students may enroll in their [neighborhood school](#) at any time, or request to enroll in a different 4J school if space is available.

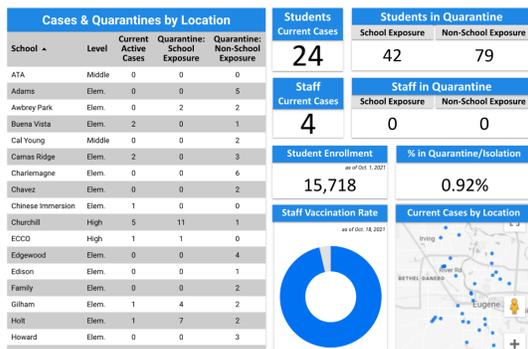
January is [school choice season](#), when families are invited to explore their neighborhood school and other [school options](#). Schools will offer [virtual visits](#) in January and the district will hold info sessions on [Jan. 6](#) and [Jan. 11](#). [Mark your calendars!](#)

4J residents may apply January 1–31 to be included in the annual [school choice lottery](#). Non-district residents apply later, March 1–31.

4J School Choice

COVID-19 Dashboard

District's transparent display of cases and quarantines by school



COVID-19 Case Dashboard

any 4J school that is known to the school district or law enforcement.

At any time, if you have information about a potential threat to school safety, please contact the school, call Eugene Police, or [make a report through SafeOregon](#) at [safeoregon.com](#) or 1-844-4SAFE-OR.

Report a Concern



In-Person or Online?

Request now to change learning location for K–5 students

Families of elementary school students have until **Monday, Jan. 10**, to request a change between in-person and online school programs, ahead of the start of the second semester.

There are [three learning pathways](#) available to 4J elementary students this school year: attending their [regular school](#) in-person full-time, [4J K–5 Connect](#) for synchronous online learning, and [Eugene Online Academy](#) for asynchronous learning.

ONLY complete the form if you want to make a change; if you want to continue

with your student's current enrollment, you do not need to respond.

4J School News

Check out some recent headlines

- [Future Build Project: New Program Teaches 4J Students Trade Skills](#)
- [Story Time: NATIVES Program Director Captivates Second Graders](#)
- [Sweet Science: Gingerbread Man Helps 1st Graders Learn Coding Basics](#)
- [Northern Exposure: New North Eugene High School Building Rises](#)
- [Happy Birthday: 4J's Radio Station Turns 74](#)

Last issue's most-read stories

- [Growing Gilham: New "Neighborhood" Popping Up](#)
- [Churchill High School Senior Crowned National Miss Juneteenth](#)
- [Many Dimensions of Student Art at South Eugene High School](#)

[More 4J News](#)

I Want To...

- **Contact** a school
- Find the school **calendar**
- **Enroll** a new student
- Get help with **technology** issues
- Get school **menus & nutrition**
- **Donate** to support local schools

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[Learning Pathway Changes](#)

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Coming Up in 4J

- [12/15 School Board Meeting](#)
- [12/20–1/3 Winter Break](#)
- [1/1–31 School Choice Applications](#)
- [1/10 Deadline: Elementary School Online/Onsite Change Requests](#)
- [1/12 School Board Meeting](#)
- [1/17 No School: MLK Jr. Day](#)
- [1/21 No School, All Grades](#)
- [1/24 Budget Committee Meeting](#)
- [1/28 No School, Elementary School](#)
- [1/31 Second Semester Begins \(K–5\)](#)
- [1/31 School Choice Request Deadline](#)
- [2/2 School Board Meeting](#)
- [2/16 School Board Meeting](#)
- [2/21 No School: Presidents Day \(possible school closure makeup day\)](#)

[Provide public comment to board](#)

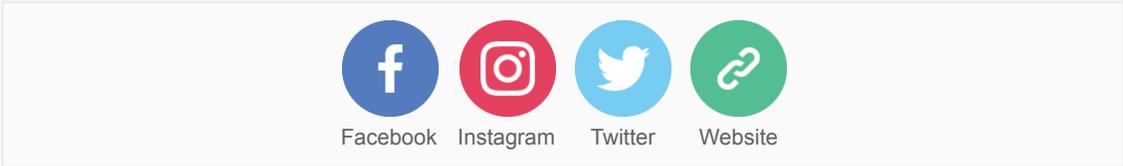
Upcoming Events

Administrators & Professional Staff: [Executive Assistant](#) • [Financial Management Analysts](#) • [Information Systems Manager](#) • [Information Technology Program Manager](#)

Coaches: [Baseball: Churchill, South Eugene](#)

Substitutes: [Athletic Trainers](#) • [Bus Drivers](#) • [Bus Aides](#) • [Custodians](#) • [Educational Assistants](#) • [Food Service Workers](#) • [Non-Instructional Support](#) • [Speech & Language Specialists](#) • [Teachers](#) • [Technology Support Specialists](#)

4J Job Openings



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