

Bluejay Strong – January 24, 2024

Good afternoon students and parents.

As we welcome our elementary and middle school students back to school this week, we want to take a moment to say thank you.

We appreciate the deep generosity of the Perry community and those individuals, organizations, and businesses outside of Perry who have supported and donated to our community over the last few weeks. Among the many donations received were funds donated for the Ahmir Jolliff family and the victims/staff/students of Perry Community School District. While our very highest priorities have been supporting our community's healing and getting our buildings reopened to welcome students back, we are also working to determine how to disperse these funds in accordance with the purposes for which they were donated and in accordance with applicable law. We will notify the public once we have finalized this work.

As the reopening of our schools occurs in a phased approach, communication from your child's teachers and school will resume. Please continue to monitor the district's website, Facebook pages and Bluejay Strong for updates. Additional questions can be sent to Bluejaystrong@g.perry.k12.ia.us.

News for Today – Wednesday, January 24, 2024

SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN REMINDERS

Elementary, Preschool and PACES

- **Thursday, January 25:** Preschool restarts – AM preschool is from 8:10 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. and PM preschool is from 11:15 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. Transportation will run as usual, and parents will need to drop off and pick up at the main Elementary School doors on the west side by the flagpole.

Middle School and Success Center

- **Wednesday, January 24:** An open house for parents and students will take place today from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Counseling services will be available onsite.
- **Thursday, January 25:** Middle School students will return to the classroom with an early dismissal at 1:45 p.m., and early dismissal will continue until further notice.

High School

- The open house for parents and students and the first day of school occur next week. The open house at the high school is Tuesday, January 30 and the first day of classes is Wednesday, January 31.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunches – Grab and Go lunches will continue until January 30th. They can be picked up from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. in the east parking lot of the elementary school. Please pull up to the service drive – door #8 to be helped.

COUNSELING

Important Note to Parents: When schools reopen, counseling support will be available to all students who are seeking additional support. If you DO NOT want your child to receive these support services, please reach out to your building principal. If you have additional questions, please contact Laura Skeel, Director of Learning Supports, at 515-330-6970.

Heart of Iowa Community Services

Heart of Iowa Community Services (www.hicsiowa.org) is available to assist with resources for both short- and long-term therapy and service needs. Financial assistance for mental health and disability services is also available for those without insurance or with limited insurance coverage. Please contact our office at 515-993-1722 or visit our website to learn about our services.

Project Recovery Iowa

Visit [Project Recovery Iowa](#) – to sign up for a time for a virtual conversation, phone or chat and indicate the time that works for you. Call 1-800-447-1985 for more information.