



C.E. Jacobson Elementary Update

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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Outdoor Classroom Completed
 - Preparing for Get to Know You Days and Start of School
 - Family Connections
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Outdoor Classroom Completed

Thanks to a generous grant and support from the Rush City Education Foundation, our outdoor classroom is finally complete! Concrete was laid and our beautiful blue sun shade was installed. The benches and tables are being placed back and we are ready to go for the start of the school year.

- Classrooms can “check out” this space for use during the school day and students can enjoy the benefits of learning outside in fresh air!
- There is room for an entire grade level as well, should a grade have a special project or unit to work on outdoors.

Get to Know You Days and Start of School

As a principal, I feel that it is very important to personally reach out to community members and agencies to invite them into our school for a variety of activities throughout the school year.

- Community organizations are joining us to kick off the school year and help our families feel supported as they begin another year!
- Help Me Grow, Public Health, Youth Sports, 4 H, Scouts, Family Pathways, and are some examples of organizations who have committed to joining us for those two days.
- Students will have their school photos taken on these days. Jostens is our photography vendor and we uploaded our students this week, and have a system for adding new students as they enroll.
- *This is connected to Strengthening Community Relationships, as we work to ensure that our community, school and families are well-connected and in support of one another.*

Family Connections

We are excited to intentionally plan for how to connect with our families and our community throughout the 2026-2027 school year.

- Our school teams, including our building continuous improvement team (formerly building leadership team) and our student and family engagement team work to proactively draw in families and community members in order to create opportunities and systems for students that reflect the values of our constituents. Regular updates are shared to all staff and opportunities to provide input will be present.
 - We desire to actively seek the input of our students as well this year and will do so through student interviews, called “PAWS for Students”.
 - *This is connected to Fostering a Safe and Positive Environment as well as Management.*
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COMING UP

- Staff Development Week: August 23-26
- Get to Know You Days - September 1st and 2nd
- First Regular Day of School at CEJ - September 3rd