

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
DECEMBER 30, 2009**

The deadline for middle and high school applications for the 2010-11 school year is fast approaching— or if you're the parent of a young student, you may want to start planning for the upcoming elementary application period. **Friday, January 8, 2010**, is the deadline to apply to middle and high school magnet programs, magnet schools, optional programs, and high school open enrollment. Students who will enter the ninth grade at the start of the next school year also have new opportunities through the new JCPS Professional Career Theme Programs.

Schools will offer college and career preparation in such fields as engineering, education, international studies, health care, communications, the arts, business, and technology. More information on these programs, programs available to middle school students, and the application process is available on the JCPS Showcase of Schools Web page ([www.jcpsky.net/Showcase/index.html](http://www.jcpsky.net/Showcase/index.html)).

**Monday, February 1**, through **Monday, March 1**, will be the application period for students who will enter kindergarten in the fall, current kindergarten students, and older students who will enter a Jefferson County public school for the first time or who want to apply to a magnet school or a magnet or optional program. Application forms will be available at all schools during the application period. Information on schools and programs is available on the Showcase of Schools page mentioned above.

JCPS will also offer the following information sessions for parents who have questions about applying to elementary schools. All sessions will be held at 7 p.m. The January 19 session also will be held at 11 a.m.

**January 7**, Jaeger Education Center- Auditorium, 502 Wood Road

**January 12**, JCPS Gheens Academy- Flex Room A, 4425 Preston Highway

**January 14**, Dawson Orman Education Center (cafeteria), 900 South Floyd Street

**January 19**, DuValle Education Center (auditorium/gym), 3610 Bohne Avenue

**January 21**, Atkinson Elementary School (gym), 2800 Alford Ave

**January 26**, Fairdale High School (large cafeteria), 1001 Fairdale Road

**January 28**, Newburg Church of Christ (Fellowship Hall), 4700 Indian Trail

**February 2**, Middletown United Methodist Church (Building C, 1st floor, cafeteria), 11902 Old Shelbyville Road

**February 4**, Pleasure Ridge Park High School (cafeteria), 5901 Greenwood Road

**February 9**, Iroquois High School (auditorium), 4615 Taylor Boulevard

**February 16**, Jeffersontown High School (auditorium), 9600 Old Six Mile Lane

**February 18**, Louisville Urban League, 1535 West Broadway

**For more information, call the JCPS Parent Assistance Center at 485-6250.**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
DECEMBER 30, 2009

## JCPS launches electronic newsletter for parents

The Jefferson County Public School (JCPS) District has developed a new, monthly electronic newsletter called *Parent Connection eNews*.

"Communicating with parents is essential," says JCPS Communications Director Stephanie Bateman. "*Parent Connection eNews* enables us to communicate with parents more often and in a format many prefer to receive. It also allows the district to provide more timely information. For example, the newsletter includes a 'Hot Topics' section with the latest information on current district policies and programs."

A list of links to articles in *Parent Connection eNews* will be sent once a month to JCPS parents who have provided an e-mail address to their child's school or who have entered their address via the Infinite Campus link on the district's Parent Portal, which is available at [www.jcpsky.net/Parent/ParentPortal/index.html](http://www.jcpsky.net/Parent/ParentPortal/index.html)

Others may sign up to receive the newsletter at <http://newsletters.school2parent.com/us/ky/jefferson/s2p> Parents also may go directly to the newsletter site at <http://newsletters.school2parent.com/nl/cms/ky/jefferson/s2p/jefferson>

*Parent Connection eNews* is being distributed at no cost to JCPS because the district has formed a partnership with the Colorado-based firm 1stHour Communications. The firm secures advertising sponsorships from family-friendly companies, and unobtrusive ads appear in the online newsletter, but JCPS will not share parents e-mail addresses with advertisers.

**For more information, contact Lauren E. Roberts, JCPS public information officer, at 485-3357.**

###JCPS###

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
JANUARY 5, 2010

**Jefferson County Public Schools  
Early Childhood Programs  
2010 – 2011  
Registration Locations**

**Applications for New Students will be taken January 25 through April 16**

Early Childhood Office  
*(Located behind Western High School)*  
2510 Rockford Lane  
Louisville, KY 40216  
(502) 485-3919  
Monday – Thursday  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Friday  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Evening Application Opportunities

Tuesday 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
January 26, 2010  
February 2, 2010  
March 2, 2010  
April 13, 2010

.....  
ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS TO APPLY JANUARY 25 – APRIL 16, 2010

Neighborhood Place  
Bridges of Hope  
1411 Algonquin Parkway  
Louisville, KY 40208  
*Multi-Purpose Room*  
Tuesday and Thursday  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Eastern Area Community Ministries  
9104 Westport Road  
Louisville, KY 40242  
Tuesday and Thursday  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Place  
Urban Center  
810 Barret Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40204  
*Room 547*  
Tuesday and Thursday  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

(More)

**Jefferson County Early Childhood Programs**  
Program Description and Required Documents

Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) Early Childhood Programs serve children four years old and younger. Early Childhood programs include: Head Start/Early Head Start, KERA Preschool, Tuition-Based Preschool, and Early Childhood Special Services. Although programs differ in class schedules and program funding, all programs share a common curriculum and goals. Weekly or biweekly themes emphasize meaningful early childhood activities. Student assessments are employed to measure skill development and mastery. The Early Childhood curriculum supports the JCPS District's vision in reading, writing, mathematics, and the "Care for Kids" social/emotional initiative. Home visits and parent conferences are an important part of all the Early Childhood programs.

The Early Childhood Programs:

- Serve children 6-weeks to 36 months old in Early Head Start.
- Serve children who are three years old by October 1 in Preschool and Head Start.
- Serve children who are four years old by October 1 in Preschool and Head Start (Four-year old students are given preference in placement when possible.)
- Provide full-day, half-day and home-based program options.
- Serve pregnant women who are income eligible for Early Head Start and are due in 2010.

These programs are free to income-eligible families. Additionally, there are tuition-based programs for families who are over the established federal and state income levels.

**When applying, please bring the following documents with you:**

- Child's Proof of Birth – A Birth Certificate or Passport (If the child is born in KY, a certified birth certificate is required.) (Required)
- Verification of family income (Required)
- Family Social Security Numbers (Required)
- Medical Insurance Card (If available)
- Proof of disability (If applicable)
- Immunization Certificate (If available)
- Physical Examination (If available)

ALL required paperwork is to be presented when applying. Your application cannot be processed until the required documents above are provided.

**For more information, you may call 485-3919 or the District FACT Line at 485-3228.**

###JCPS###

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
JANUARY 5, 2010

## National spotlight shines on JCPS program

The JCPS CARE for Kids program is currently featured on Edutopia.org, a Web site developed by the George Lucas Educational Foundation.

Edutopia offers a multimedia collection that includes articles, tips, interviews, photos, audio files, and videos explaining how CARE for Kids is building a network of caring school communities focused not only on academic achievement but also on social, emotional, and ethical learning.

Edutopia points out that "CARE for Kids, now in its second year in the school district, is an ambitious homegrown program" that is "enriching school culture, reducing discipline issues, and boosting academic performance -- and is being held up by experts as a national model."

CARE for Kids is highlighted in Edutopia.org's "Schools That Work" section, which explores "how principals and teachers, parents and students, and schools and districts collaborate to change the futures of their young people." To access the CARE for Kids multimedia collection, visit [www.edutopia.org/louisville-sel-schools-that-work](http://www.edutopia.org/louisville-sel-schools-that-work).

The George Lucas Educational Foundation was founded by the filmmaker in 1991. Through Edutopia.org, *Edutopia* magazine, Edutopia video, the *Edutopia News* e-newsletter, and a growing online community, the Foundation is building a movement to stimulate education reform with a special focus on social and emotional learning, comprehensive assessment, integrated studies, project learning, teacher development, and technology integration.

**For more information, contact Lauren Roberts, public information officer, at 485-3357.**

###JCPS###

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
JANUARY 5, 2010

## Register Now for Spring Lifelong Learning Adult Education Classes

Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) Adult and Continuing Education is accepting registration for Spring Session I Lifelong Learning classes. Spring Session I classes begin the week of **January 25, 2010**.

The following Lifelong Learning Night Centers are open from 5 to 8 p.m. during their regularly scheduled nights of operation.

- Atherton High School (Monday and Wednesday)
- Ahrens Learning Center (Monday-Friday)
- Ballard High School (Monday and Tuesday)
- Iroquois High School MCA (Monday and Thursday)
- Jeffersontown High School MCA (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday)
- Seneca High School (Monday and Wednesday)

Classes also are available at Jaeger Education Center, 502 Wood Road. **All centers are accessible for persons with disabilities.**

Call **485-3400** for more information, to receive a FREE *Lifelong Learning* catalog, or to register. Visit [www.lifelonglearning4u.com](http://www.lifelonglearning4u.com) to register online or to receive information.

###JCPS###