



Jefferson Times

FEBRUARY 24, 2014

Weekly Events

Monday:

- Minimum Day

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

- Tina Engel's B-day
- LCAP Community Forum at Traina 6:30-8pm
(see attachment)

Thursday:

Friday:

- Tracy High School AVID interviews 8:30-11am



Go Wildcats!

**Critical Thinking
Word of the Week**

IDENTIFY

Upcoming Events

March

- 2nd → Amanda Gieseke's Bday
- 3rd → LCAP Community Forum
@ Hawkins 6:30-8pm
- 4th → Report Cards Mailed
- 7th → Semi-Formal Dance 6-8pm
- 10th → Minimum Day
- 11th → Board Meeting @ 6:30
- 12th → SSC meeting 3:30 in library
- 13th → Tamara Lopopolo's Bday
- 14th → School Play
→ Supplemental Pay Due
- 15th → School Play
- 17th → Spirit: Wear Green
- 18th → SBAC Testing begins

FAMILY EDITION #22

Be Responsible
Do Your Best Each Day - Think Before You Speak

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Put Others First - Avoid Conflict



February 19, 2014

Dear Jefferson School District Parents/Guardians:

Last year the State of California overhauled the way schools are financed by implementing the Local Control Funding Formula. This new system is designed to provide more local control over spending to help all students achieve at high standards, provide schools with exceptional climates, and involve parents and the community as active participants in their students learning. For the first time, school districts are required to develop a strategic plan for the District called the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

As part of our district's continuing effort to engage parent, guardian and community input on the LCAP, Jefferson School District will hold two community forums to review District accountability data and gather feedback from you to incorporate into the plan. At the forums you will have the opportunity to provide input on conditions of learning, student achievement, and student/parent engagement. Jefferson School District has started a number of efforts to address these areas, but we know more work needs to be done. This is a personal invitation from the Board of Education and me to engage with us in envisioning what our community desires for our students.

Each session is scheduled to begin at 6:30 and end by 8:00 p.m. The first forum will be at Anthony Traina School on February 26 in the multi-purpose room and the second on March 3 at Tom Hawkins School in the library.

Lastly, I would ask that you complete the following short survey to help us gather your perspectives on the current state of the district. The survey should take less than 15 minutes and may be accessed at: <http://jeffersonschooldistrict.com/Page/1988>

If you have any questions, please contact Grace Merritt at gmerritt@sjcoe.net or 209-836-3388

Sincerely,

James W. Bridges, Ed.D.
Superintendent

GATE Information

In the absence of STAR testing data this year, the district is revising its qualification process for GATE students. The two possible ways to qualify for GATE for 2014-2015 will be through the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT) or through the teacher recommendation/portfolio process. The OLSAT test will be given to eligible 2nd-7th graders in April. Applications can be found on the district website or in your school office and are due by **March 14**. There will be a GATE Advisory Committee Meeting on February 19 at 3:30pm at the District Office. All GATE parents are welcome to attend. Please contact Christina Orsi at 209-836-4531 or corsi@sicoe.net if you have any questions. To access applications online, please go to the link below.

Academic Programs>>Gifted and Talented Education>>GATE Student Application
<http://www.jeffersonschooldistrict.com/Page/53>