



# Monticello News



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## Principal's Message...

These past few weeks we have had many students absent due to fevers, headaches, sore throats, and other flu-like symptoms. As always, we take extra precautions here at school to avoid the spreading of germs.

Students are being encouraged to wash their hands often, cover their mouth with their arm when coughing or sneezing, and avoid touching their mouth and face. If your child has a fever, please keep them home!

Students must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 209-833-9300.

We have a very busy week ahead! Wednesday we will be hosting our TK/Kinder Round-Up at 3:30 in our MPR. All new TK and Kindergarten students should attend to receive important information, as well as priority registration. Please contact the office with questions regarding TK/Kinder Round-Up. General registration will open on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our annual Book Fair begins next Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>! Book Fair will be open daily in the Library from 8:30am-3:30pm, and on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> for Family Night from 8:30am-7:30pm! Happy book shopping!

♥ Mrs. Stroup

## Upcoming Dates

### February 25

LCAP Community Forum at 6:00pm in the MPR

### February 26

TK/Kindergarten Orientation Round-Up

### February 28

Twin Dress Up Day

### February 28 – March 5

Book Fair & Read Across America

### March 5

Report Cards Go Home

### March 6

**No School for Students**

### March 13

Trimester Awards Assembly

# Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) – OLSAT Testing 2019-2020

Spring GATE Testing 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: March 18  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Testing: April

There are three ways to qualify for GATE in Jefferson Elementary School District: Earn a qualifying score on the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT), meet the district CAASPP Score criteria, or through the teacher recommendation / portfolio process. Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) testing is open to second through eighth graders who have not taken the OLSAT 8 in the past three years.

Jefferson Elementary School District provides 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students the opportunity to participate in an assessment used for identifying Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) students. Currently, the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test, Eighth Edition (OLSAT-8) is available two times each school year: Fall and Spring. Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, JSD will test all second grade students to be considered for GATE. This is part of a District-wide plan to address the disproportionate number of underrepresented student populations identified as gifted and capture students who may be overlooked using the past practice. The testing schedule can be found below for each school site.

Parents are responsible for student transportation if participating in the after school test. If you would like your child to participate in the upcoming GATE testing, please contact the school office and ask for a GATE application or go to the Jefferson School District Website ([www.jeffersonschooldistrict.com](http://www.jeffersonschooldistrict.com)) for the application.








**Spring Testing Schedule: The application must be completed and returned to the school office by: Friday, March 6th**



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Bean and Cheese Burrito Chicken Smackers w/Goldfish Sun butter and Jelly Sandwich Milk Choices from the Salad Bar	4 Hamburger and Fries Cheese Bread Sticks w/Goldfish Sun butter and Jelly Sandwich Milk Choices from the Salad Bar	5 Chicken Nuggets <b>NEW</b> Chicken Taquito's Sun butter and Jelly Sandwich Milk Choices from the Salad Bar	6 Beef Hot Dog and Tater Tots Taco Nada Sun butter and Jelly Sandwich Milk Choices from the Salad Bar	7 Dominos Pepperoni Pizza Dominos Cheese Pizza Sun butter and Jelly Sandwich Milk Choices from the Salad Bar
10 	11 Chicken Patty Sandwich Cheese Bread Sticks w/Goldfish Sun butter and Jelly Sandwich Milk Choices from the Salad Bar	12 Mini Corn Dogs <b>NEW</b> Flat Bread Pizza Sun butter and Jelly Sandwich Milk Choices from the Salad Bar	13 Spaghetti w/Garlic Bread Taco Nada Sun butter and Jelly Sandwich Milk Choices from the Salad Bar	14 Dominos Pepperoni Pizza Dominos Cheese Pizza Sun butter and Jelly Sandwich Milk Choices from the Salad Bar
17 	18 Hamburger and Tater Tots Cheese Bread Sticks w/Goldfish Sun butter and Jelly Sandwich Milk Choices from the Salad Bar	19 Chicken Nuggets <b>NEW</b> Taco Salad Sun butter and Jelly Sandwich Milk Choices from the Salad Bar	20 Beef Tostada <b>NEW</b> Chicken Taquito's Sun butter and Jelly Sandwich Milk Choices from the Salad Bar	21 Dominos Pepperoni Pizza Dominos Cheese Pizza Sun butter and Jelly Sandwich Milk Choices from the Salad Bar
24 Bean and Cheese Burrito Chicken Smackers w/Goldfish Sun butter and Jelly Sandwich Milk Choices from the Salad Bar	25 Chicken Patty Sandwich Cheese Bread Sticks w/Goldfish Sun butter and Jelly Sandwich Milk Choices from the Salad Bar	26 Mini Corn Dogs <b>NEW</b> Flat Bread Pizza Sun butter and Jelly Sandwich Milk Choices from the Salad Bar	27 Orange Chicken and Rice Taco Nada Sun butter and Jelly Sandwich Milk Choices from the Salad Bar	28 Dominos Pepperoni Pizza Dominos Cheese Pizza Sun butter and Jelly Sandwich Milk Choices from the Salad Bar

The USDA and CDE are equal opportunity providers and employers. Web site: [Jeffersonschooldistrict.com](http://Jeffersonschooldistrict.com)  
Visit [mymealtime.com](http://mymealtime.com) to make pre-payments on your child's account or apply for free and reduced meals.

**ILLNESS AND SCHOOL MEMO**

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF						
I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
						
Oral temperature of 100°F or higher.	Within the past 24 hours.	Within the past 24 hours.	Body rash with itching or fever.	Itchy head, active head lice.	Redness, itching and/or "crusty" drainage from eye.	Hospital stay and/or ER visit.

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...						
Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication (i.e. Tylenol, Motrin).	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals.	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours.	*Free from rash, itching, or fever. Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school.*	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse.	*Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school.*	*Released by my medical provider to return to school.*

**\*To return to school, a doctor's note must be provided to the school nurse stating the date of return.**

STEPS TO REDUCE ILLNESS						
Drink plenty of water, eat a healthy variety of foods, and get at least 8 hours of sleep every night.	Get a flu shot.	Wash hands frequently using soap and water for at least 20 seconds.	Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into the elbow.	Keep children at home if they are sick. Separate sick family members from others.	Ensure parent emergency contact information is correct.	Call your doctor for: high fever, prolonged illness, respiratory problems, or other severe symptoms.

# LUNCH CLUB - GAME DAY



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- **Come with a good attitude**
  - **Play nicely**
  - **Take turns**
  - **Be a good sport; winning or losing**
  - **Be nice to your classmates**
  - **Help one another**
  - **Don't talk over people/no blurting answers**
  - **Play fairly (no cheating)**
  - **Game Club is a privilege; people may be asked to leave if they are not following the rules**
  - **Miss Lani has the Final say**
  - **Have fun!**



# KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

## Jefferson School District

Transitional Kindergarten/ Kindergarten  
Orientation and Priority Registration  
2020–2021 School Year

**DATE:**  
Wednesday, February 26, 2020

**TIME:**  
Orientation begins promptly  
at 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:**  
Your home school -  
\* Anthony Traina  
\* Monticello  
\* Tom Hawkins

**BRING:**  
Your incoming TK/K  
student(s)

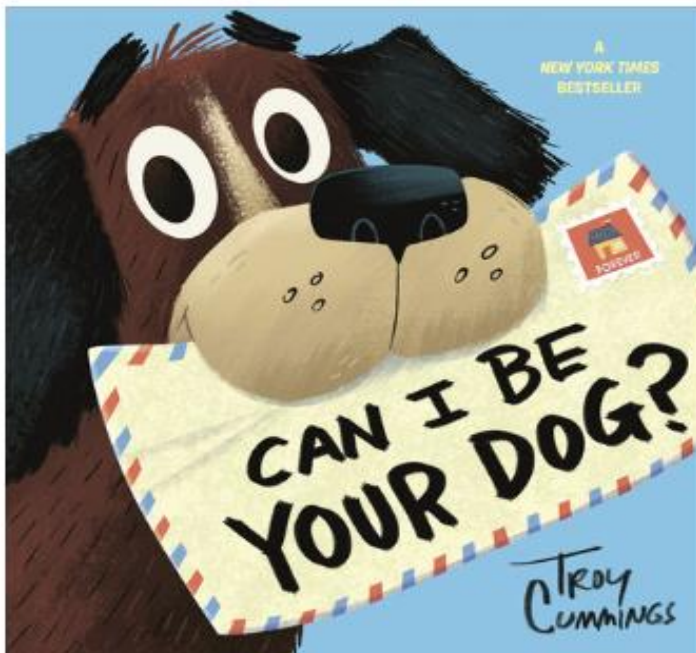
**Parents -**  
will attend an orientation to learn  
about the TK/K program,  
the school & priority registration  
**Students -**  
will visit the classrooms  
**Teachers -**  
will evaluate TK/K readiness

\*Incoming TK students must be born on  
9/2/15- 12/2/15

\*Incoming Kindergarteners  
must be 5 years old on or before  
9/1/2020 (born on or before 9/1/15)  
to enroll in Kindergarten

For more information please contact your  
home elementary school or visit  
[www.JeffersonSchoolDistrict.com](http://www.JeffersonSchoolDistrict.com)  
or call the Jefferson School District Office  
at 209-836-3388

Over the past 3 weeks the library has read The California Young Reader nominated books to the students of Monticello. They all were given the honor of voting for their favorite book. Monticello's top pick was for the book "Can I Be Your Dog?" These votes will now be submitted to the California Young Reader Board and will be counted among the other California schools in the state. The winner for the state will be announced later this year. Please ask your child about the books they've read and the book they chose. The Monticello Library would like to thank the MJPPA for purchasing the books for this fantastic program and always supporting our mission to encourage our students to develop a love of reading.



### **Book Fair and Read Across America Spirit Week**



Friday, February 28th

Monday, March 2nd

Tuesday, March 3rd

Wednesday, March 4th

Thursday, March 5th

Thing 1, Thing 2 (TWIN Day)

Wear Red & White (Read Across America)

Grinchiest Green (wear GREEN today)

Foxiest Socks (Crazy Sock day)

Favorite Seuss Character

**Book Fair will be Open Daily til 3:30pm and open late on Wednesday, March 4th Until 7:30pm**



**Mark your calendars for our Scholastic Book Fair**

**February 28th – March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**We will be open daily from 8:30am – 3:30 pm.**

We would like to invite you to some special events throughout the week!

Fun Friday First Look!

Beat the crowd and join us on the first day of book fair Open after school until 3:30pm

Wednesday, March 4th is Read Across America Family Night!

Open LATE until 7:30pm

Join us in raising funds to support our school library

We will see you at the book fair.

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We are looking for a few volunteers to help with our fair.

If you would like to volunteer, please complete this form and return it to school

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the days and times you would like to help:

Friday, February 28th	8:30 – 10:30	12noon-2pm	1:30 – 3:30
Monday, March 2nd	8:30 – 10:30	12noon-2pm	1:30 – 3:30
Tuesday, March 3rd	8:30 – 10:30	12noon-2pm	1:30 – 3:30
Wednesday, March 4th	1:30 – 3:30	5:30pm – 7:30pm	
Thursday, March 5th	1:30 – 3:30		



## The Census is Happening in 2020

The next Census is in Spring 2020. Let's ensure all Californians are counted so we can put those resources to good use here at home!



**BUILD BETTER ROADS AND SCHOOLS**



**FUND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**



**CREATE JOBS**



**IMPROVE HOUSING**

Starting in mid-March 2020, each household will get a letter in the mail. It will explain the different ways you can fill out the Census. If you don't receive a letter, you can still go online or call to fill it out. Be sure you include any person living in your household, family or not.

### Key Dates

3/12-3/20

Invitations to the 2020 Census mailed

3/16-3/24

Reminder letters mailed

3/26-4/3

Reminder postcard mailed

April 1

**CENSUS DAY!**

4/8-4/16

Second reminder & hard copy Census mailed

4/20-4/27

Final postcards mailed before an in-person follow-up

### Three Ways To Complete the Census

**MAIL:** Request a paper Census form in English or Spanish that can be mailed back to the U.S. Census Bureau.

**PHONE:** The Census can be completed by phone in 13 languages.

**ONLINE:** For the first time, the Census form will be available to complete online in 13 languages.





Your 2020 Census data is safe, protected and confidential. California is committed to ensuring a complete and accurate count of all Californians on April 1, 2020.





## El Censo se va a realizar en 2020

El siguiente Censo será en la primavera del 2020. Asegurémonos de que se cuenten todos los californianos para que tengamos recursos en nuestras comunidades que nos ayuden a:

-  **CONSTRUIR MEJORES CARRETERAS Y ESCUELAS**
-  **FINANCIAR PROGRAMAS COMUNITARIOS PARA PERSONAS MAYORES, NIÑOS Y FAMILIAS**
-  **CREAR TRABAJOS**
-  **MEJORAR VIVIENDAS**

Mediados de marzo del 2020, cada hogar recibirá una carta por correo. La carta le explicará las diferentes maneras en que puede responder al Censo. Si usted no recibe la carta, aún puede participar en el Censo en línea. Asegúrese de incluir a todas las personas que vivan en su hogar, ya sean familiares o no.

## Fechas clave del Censo

- 12 al 20 de marzo** Se enviarán por correo las invitaciones para completar el cuestionario del Censo 2020 por internet.
- 16 al 24 de marzo** Se enviarán recordatorios por correo.
- 26 de marzo al 3 de abril** Se enviarán recordatorios por correo.
- 1 de abril** Día del Censo
- 8 al 16 de abril** Se enviarán recordatorios y cuestionarios por correo.
- 20 al 27 de abril** Se enviarán recordatorios finales antes de que sea contactado por la Oficina del Censo Federal.

## Formas de Responder

**POR CORREO:** Solicite un cuestionario impreso del Censo en inglés o en español, que se debe regresar a la Oficina del Censo de EE. UU. por correo.

**POR TELÉFONO:** El Censo puede contestarse por teléfono. Estará disponible en 13 idiomas.

**EN LÍNEA:** Por primera vez, el cuestionario se puede contestar en línea. Estará disponible en 13 idiomas.

Sus respuestas al Censo 2020 serán protegidas y confidenciales.

## **ATTENTION PARENTS:**

**In the attempt to minimize classroom interruptions, please email your child's teacher when dropping off forgotten items (lunch, homework, water bottle, etc.). Once the teacher reads the email, the teachers will send your child to the office during a break to pick up the forgotten item.**



**Please note that the instructional day does not allow much time for teachers to read their emails, so please do your best to send items with students in the morning before instruction begins because delivery is not guaranteed.**

**-Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!**



## MealTime Just Got Easier!

### Make Deposits online\*

Check your students account balance online\*\*

**You can still deposit cash and checks through your school site clerks**

Welcome! Jefferson School District has chosen MealTime Online to provide the opportunity for you to make credit card deposits into your student's cafeteria account or view your student's purchase history via the internet.

#### To Use MealTime Online:

Visit Jefferson School District web site <https://www.jeffersonschooldistrict.com/> and locate the link to the Food Services department. Find the link to Meal Time or go directly to: <http://www.mymealtime.com/> .

**Step 1:** Create a MealTime Online profile. Click on the "Create new profile" link and enter a Username and Password that you will use to login to MealTime Online. The Username and Password must be at least 6 characters. For example, Username: jsmith Password: pty845.

**Step 2:** Add your student. Login to your MealTime Online account (using the Username and Password that you created in Step 1), click on Meal Account Deposits then click the "Add New Student" link and add your student by entering their first name and student ID number. You can find your students ID number through your Aeries Portal.

**Step 3:** Make a Deposit. Click on the "Make Deposit" link to make a deposit into a school account. **There is a transaction fee for making deposits.** Click on the "View Details" link next to your student's name to view their cafeteria account balance and purchase history.

#### Note:

Online Deposits are now processed every 5 minutes!!

*\*Small charge from MealTime*

## YEARBOOK PICTURES

If you have any Winter Program pictures or pictures from a spirit day please email them to [hmarchini@jsdtracy.co](mailto:hmarchini@jsdtracy.co)

## Monticello Elementary

### YEARBOOKS ON SALE!!



#### All books include:

- \*68 full color pages that vibrantly capture school memories.
- \*Durable, sturdy hard cover to preserve your keepsake.
- \*Original cover design that reflects the uniqueness of our school.
- \*Extra options available to enhance your child's book!

For questions about ordering books please contact school office at 209-833-9300

### MUST ORDER ONLINE!!!

Go to website  
Enter code  
Select book & pay

**IT'S THAT EASY!!!**



Online ordering ends March 27



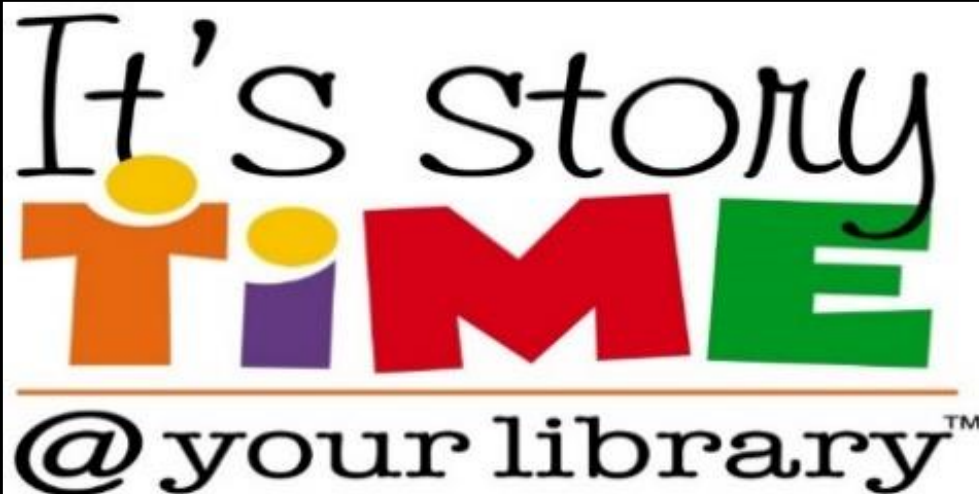
**For SIBLINGS of Monticello Students**

**❖ Every Monday**

**❖ Monticello Library**

**❖ 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**

**Start time begins following morning announcements.**



***If a student misses 2 days of school per month, they are missing over 10% of their school year!***

The importance of daily school attendance must start at home, stressing the value of a consistent educational experience. It is vital for the Jefferson School District to build on this value, maintaining an essential partnership between school and home, to ensure punctual daily school attendance is a priority. Absent work completed at home is not a sufficient substitute for the quality instructions received while present in class.

Should your child need to be absent, California Education Code allows **EXCUSED** absences for the following reasons:

- Illness
- Medical/Dental Appointment
- Quarantine
- Funeral of Family Member
- To spend time with student's immediate family member who is an active duty member of the uniformed services.
- Participation in religious exercise

**Please call the school at 209-833-9300 if your child is absent for ANY REASON.**

The parent/guardian of the student must phone or send a note to clear any of these excused absences. The answering machine is activated after school hours for your convenience, and is checked at the start of the next school day. Failure to excuse your students' absence will result in a recorded truancy on the student's permanent record.

Being absent for any of the following reasons will result in an **UNEXCUSED** absence:

- Personal Days
- Going shopping
- Visiting Relatives
- Student's Birthday
- Oversleeping
- Childcare by the student at home
- Car Trouble
- Vacation
- Family moving from one home to another
- Cutting school

**Education Code 4820:** Students shall be classified as truant if absent from school without a valid excuse three full days in one school year, or tardy or absent for more than any 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on three occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof. Such students shall be reported to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 48260)