



Monticello News

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Our 3rd and 4th grade student will be taking the CAASPP test over the next two weeks. Here are a few suggestions to help your child prepare for the test:

1. Get a good night of rest.
2. Eat a healthy breakfast.
3. Read the directions carefully.
4. Always check your answers.
5. Relax and do your best.



The last page of the newsletter contains additional information regarding CAASPP. Please feel free to contact your student's teacher or the office if you have any questions. Good luck to all of our amazing 3rd and 4th graders. Happy CAASPP testing!

Friday, May 3rd we are holding our annual Jump Rope for Heart event. If your child is participating in gathering donations for the American Heart Association, the deadline is Friday. We are looking forward to watching all of our students jump their hearts away!

I hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break!

♥ Mrs. Stroup

April 29th ~ May 10th

CAASPP Testing for 3rd & 4th grades

May 2nd

Jaguar Den (TK, 1st & 2nd)

May 3rd

Jump Rope for Heart
Jaguar Den (K, 3rd & 4th)

May 6th ~ 10th

Staff Appreciation Week

May 7th

2nd Grade GATE Testing

May 10th

Character Dress Up Day

May 14th

Board Meeting at District Office @ 6:00pm

May 15th & 16th

Talent Show @ 8:30am

APRIL 19TH ~ APRIL 24TH

NO SCHOOL



Cafeteria News

Starting on 4.29.19, paid students will no longer be allowed to charge their meals if they don't have money in their account. You can add money to their account either online (mymealtime.com) or your child may bring money to their school to be deposited. If your student is on the Free Meal Program please disregard this. If you have questions, please contact Debbi Rogers @ drogers@sjcoe.net or 209.839.8759.

MJPFA NEWS

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! Join us May 6 ~ 10 as we celebrate our wonderful Monticello & Jefferson Teachers & Staff! The MJPFA will be planning a range of fun & easy ways for students to show their appreciation – flyers coming home soon! We are also looking for volunteers to bring back classroom door decorating on Friday 5/3. Please see our online volunteer signup at <https://mjpfa.ptboard.com/home> or the school office bulletin board if you are interested in making your teacher's favorite things! Here you will find some fun facts about your teacher & the things they like. Let's make this a great week for our wonderful staff! Go Jaguars!

A big thank to all our families who came out to support at Jolts Coffee Bar on Open House night & to our numerous Kona Ice events. We continue to be able to fund wonderful things for our students because of your ongoing support!!! *Together we do make a difference!*

LUNCH MENU

April 15th – April 19th

- Monday:** Bean & Cheese Burrito
Chicken Smackers
- Tuesday:** Mini Cheeseburgers
Cheese Bread Sticks with Marinara Sauce
- Wednesday:** Chicken Patty Sandwich
Flat Bread Pizza
- Thursday:** Chicken & Cheese Taquitos
Taco Nada
- Friday:** Dominos Pepperoni Pizza
Dominos Cheese Pizza

Daily Lunch \$2.80

Al la Carte Milk: \$0.75



LIBRARY YEAR END SCHEDULE

April 29th ~ May 3rd
Jaguar Jeopardy Week (1st – 4th Grades)

May 6th
Library Closed for Inventory

May 20th ~ May 24th
ALL TEXTBOOKS ARE DUE



April 1, 2019

Dear Jefferson School District Families:

From April 29th to May 17th, students in 3rd to 8th grade will be participating in the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments in Math and ELA, which are part of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System. School sites will send out important reminders and a more detailed schedule for students.

Why are the tests important?

The tests were created with teacher input to...

- Measure how well your child has mastered the skills and content standards at his or her grade level.
- Align with the instruction that takes place in the classroom every day.
- Match the learning goals of each grade level.
- Assess critical thinking, analytical writing, and problem solving skills, which are needed for success in college and a 21st century career.

The test has different kinds of questions, including traditional multiple-choice questions as well as ones that require students to explain their answers, show their work, and compose essays.

What should I expect after my student takes the test?

New for next school year, you will receive access to view an electronic score report in the parent portal for your student. The report will show how the student is doing in each area and where help is needed. Depending on the student's results, teachers can use this information to provide targeted help to address specific needs.

But remember, the results from this test aren't meant to tell the whole story. Your child's scores are meant to be one of several ways for you and your child's teacher to see how your student is progressing in school. Test scores, along with student report cards and teacher's observations of your child's performance in the classroom, are used together to form a complete picture of your child's achievement.

Students in grades three through eight who have an IEP that designates the use of an alternate assessment are eligible to take the California Alternate Assessments (CAAs) in ELA and mathematics. The goal of the CAAs is to ensure that students with the most significant cognitive disabilities attain increasingly higher achievement levels and leave high school ready for academic or career options. The test items are aligned with the Common Core State Standards for ELA and mathematics and are based on the Core Content Connectors, which were developed with three tiers of complexity. If you would like

more information or resources about alternate assessments, please visit the CDE's CAASPP Alternate Assessments Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/altassessment.asp>.

In addition to the mathematics and ELA assessments, students in grades 5 and 8 will also take the California Science Test (CAST) or the CAA for Science Test. California's new state standards for science call for students to think and work like scientists and engineers, asking questions and learning through hands-on investigation and discovery. This is the first year the CAST will be operational and students will receive a score report. The CAA is in the second year of field testing and will not provide scores for your child; it is an important step in developing an assessment that will fairly and accurately measure how students are achieving on the new science standards. For additional information about the new science tests and sample questions, please visit the CDE's CAASPP Science Assessment Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caasppscience.asp>.

Students in grades 5 and 7 are also currently preparing and participating in the California fitness test. The Physical Fitness Test (PFT) for students in California schools is the FitnessGram®. The main goal of the test is to help students in starting lifelong habits of regular physical activity. Additional information can be found online at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/TA/tg/pf/>

Where can I learn more?

For information about the specific testing schedule for your child please contact the school or your child's teacher. I also encourage you to take a look at a practice test for your child's grade level. The practice tests are posted on the California Department of Education's Smarter Balanced Practice Tests Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>. To find out more details about the Smarter Balanced test, visit the "Be a Learning Hero" Web site at <http://bealearninghero.org/classroom/smarterbalanced>.

Pursuant to California Education Code Section 60615, parents/guardians may annually submit to the school a written request to excuse their child from any or all of the CAASPP assessments. If you have any questions about your child's participation, please contact the school.

At Jefferson School District, our goal is for all students to achieve their full potential. The Smarter Balanced tests are just one way that we are able to better understand if we are meeting that goal. Thank you for all you do to partner with us in your child's education.

Thank you,

Sarah Steen

Sarah Steen Coordinator of Curriculum, Categoricals and Special Projects

LUNCH CLUB - GAME DAY



- **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!**

MONTICELLO PARENTS & STUDENTS,

Game Club will be available on May 2nd for 1st and 3rd graders. May 9th will be for 2nd and 4th graders. Feel free to donate art materials, paper, markers, etc. The kids use a lot & so far I have been providing it all for them to use. Any help would be appreciated in that respect. If you have ideas for games or have gently used games to donate that would also be appreciated. We have come up missing all of my mini Stacker cups as well as half of the regular size Stacker cups from the orange set. We are encouraging responsible playing, social skill development and friendships. Hope to see you there!!!

Miss Lani Martin

M.A., CCC-SLP

Speech-Language Pathologist

*The Tracy High School
Girls' Coaching Staff will
give instruction. Players
from our program will assist
in the youth camp sessions
as counselor/coaches.*

Basketball Skills Taught

Individual Defense
Individual Offense
Team Offense
Team Defense
Shooting
Ball Handling

Competitive games and drills
T-shirts, basketballs and other prizes
will be given to all participants

All Camps will be held in
the Tracy High School
Gymnasium

Girls' Varsity Coach
Derek Solano

Assistants

Sergio Pena
Monique Gallardo
Bulldog Alumni

Cost Per Camper
\$85.00

All proceeds will go to
the Tracy High School
Basketball.

Bulldog Basketball Camp

Registration Form

Camper Name(s)

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

Email _____

Grade in 2019 ___ M ___ F ___

T-shirt Size: (circle one)

Youth- S M L

Adult- S M L XL XXL

Camp Session: (circle one)

4-6 7-9

Send check payable to:

Tracy High School Girls'

Basketball

PO Box 458

Newman, CA 95360

For more information, contact
Derek Solano at 830-3360
ext.2284 or dsolano@tUSD.net

I hereby authorize Tracy Public Schools, their employees, agents, and camp volunteers to act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention. Also, I hereby waive and release Tracy Public Schools, their employees, agents, and camp volunteers from any and all liability for injuries, illnesses or loss of property incurred while at the clinic. I have no knowledge of any physical impairment that would be affected by the named camper participating in the clinic program as outlined. My signature on this waiver also states that the named camper is covered by my personal medical insurance policy.



Bulldog Summer Basketball Camp

Sponsored by Tracy High Girls'
Basketball

Tracy High Youth Summer Camp

June 3 - 7, 2019

9:00 - 11:00 am

Incoming 4th - 6th grade boys and girls

June 3 - 7, 2019

11:30am - 1:30pm

Incoming 7th - 9th grade boys and girls



Camper Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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)