



# Monticello News

May 6, 2019

## MONTICELLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**April 29<sup>th</sup> ~ May 10<sup>th</sup>**

CAASPP Testing for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades

**May 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Staff Appreciation Week**

**May 7<sup>th</sup>**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade GATE Testing

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Character Dress Up Day

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Board Meeting at District Office @ 6:00pm

**May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**

Talent Show @ 8:30am

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Spring Concert 1:00 ~ 2:00pm

**May 27<sup>th</sup>**

NO SCHOOL ~ Memorial Day Observed

**May 30<sup>th</sup>**

Last Day of School ~ Summer Begins

The end of the school year is quickly approaching. . . 17 more school days to be exact! But this week is an extra special week. It is Teacher Appreciation Week! Attached to the newsletter is a list of suggestions on ways to celebrate our teachers each day. Let them know how much you truly appreciate all that they do!



The weather is finally starting to warm up on a more consistent basis. As you are getting your kiddos dressed in the morning, please keep the school dress code in mind. Shorts and dresses must be fingertip length, any top worn with leggings must be fingertip length, and all sleeveless shirts must have straps measuring the width of the students four fingers. Please contact the office with any questions.

We will be finishing up CAASPP testing for third and fourth graders this week, as well as administering the GATE assessment to all second grade students. A good night's rest and a healthy breakfast are key components to successful test taking. We wish all of our students a successful testing week.



Mrs. Stroup

May 7<sup>th</sup>

## JOLTS COFFEE

Jolts Coffee will be coming out to Monticello on Tuesday, 5/7. ALL staff members are able to get ANY DRINK of their choosing. Parents are also welcome to purchase drinks. Jolts will arrive at 7:00am. We've asked her to stay until 8:30am



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](mailto:drogers@sjcoe.net) or 209.839.8759.

Monticello teachers AND staff,  
thank you for lifting us **UP** to excellence!

Teacher & Staff  
Appreciation Week  
**MAY 6-10**

Please join the MJPFA in celebrating Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week. Here are a few simple ways you can show your appreciation 5/6-5/10.

### STOCK UP

Monday - Bring in one new packaged item to STOCK UP your classroom! Example: Dry erase markers, glue sticks, sharpies, crayola crayons, colored pencils, cardstock, etc.

### WAKE UP

Tuesday-The MJPFA & Jolts Coffee Bar will WAKE UP teachers & staff to a free drink. Students, bring in a special treat or snack for your teacher.

### DRESS UP

Wednesday- DRESS UP in your teacher's favorite color!

### FILL UP

Thursday- You can help FILL UP a vase by bringing your teacher a single flower from your yard or a store. The MJPFA will provide the staff with a catered taco bar lunch this day- filling up some tummies!

### LIFT UP

Friday- LIFT UP your teacher's spirits by writing a note or drawing a picture to let them know how special they are!

## LUNCH MENU

May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>

**Monday:** Bean & Cheese Burrito  
Chicken Smackers

**Tuesday:** Mini Cheeseburgers  
Cheese Bread Sticks with Marinara Sauce

**Wednesday:** Taco Salad  
Flat Bread Pizza

**Thursday:** Spaghetti with Meat Sauce  
Taco Nada

**Friday:** Dominos Pepperoni Pizza  
Dominos Cheese Pizza

Daily Lunch \$2.80

Al la Carte Milk: \$0.75



Library News

## LIBRARY YEAR END SCHEDULE

May 6<sup>th</sup>

Library Closed for Inventory

May 20<sup>th</sup> ~ May 24<sup>th</sup>

**ALL TEXTBOOKS ARE DUE**



April 1, 2019

Dear Jefferson School District Families:

From April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>, students in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders during their lunch time. This will be the last game day for the year. I would welcome some feedback for the up and coming school year

Miss Lani Martin

M.A., CCC-SLP

Speech-Language Pathologist

**JUNE 17** →  
**JUNE 21**



→ **JULY 22**  
→ **JULY 26**

*Space is Limited!*



**Keep your brain turned on...  
With chess, fun and games  
all summer long!**

### **ABOUT CAMP:**

Join us this Summer for tons of challenging chess lessons, exciting games, and cool prizes. You'll improve your chess skills, meet new friends, and work out your most powerful muscle - your brain! Our camps include fun team chess games (like bughouse), recess time (of course), snacks, tournaments, and puzzles. Each camper receives a Chess Wizards T-Shirt, trophy, and puzzle folder. Unleash your brain power and spend some of your break time with Chess Wizards!

 **Tracy Community Center**  
950 East St,  
Tracy, CA 95376

 **June 17 - 21**  
**July 22 - 26**  
 **Half Day: 12pm- 3pm \$250**  
**Full Day: 9am - 3pm \$400**  
**For Ages: 6- 12**

### **SIGN UP**

→ **For more information please call (209) 831- 6202**

**Register Online at**  
[www.tracyartsandrec.com](http://www.tracyartsandrec.com)

**In Person at City Hall: 333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy Ca. 95376**

1.866.949.4.FUN



**REGISTER NOW!**

[www.chesswizards.com](http://www.chesswizards.com)

***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)