

*Monticello Elementary School*

# NEWSLETTER



September 23, 2022

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Peggi Johnson, Principal's Secretary  
Michelle Zabaldo, Attendance Clerk  
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## **A message from the principal...**

Good Evening Monticello Families,

Just a reminder we have no school on Monday, September 26th for Parent Teacher Conferences. Progress reports will be available today after 4 pm through Aeries. Project Pumpkin is well underway in our first grade garden box. The whole school is eagerly waiting to see if we do get pumpkins! To our kindergarten families, as you know morning drop off is very congested and Monticello has very few parking spots. We ask that you please drop off at the gate and depart, please do not linger at the kindergarten gate. We are so proud of how well our kindergarteners have learned their routines and procedures and know just where to go for morning recess. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Have a wonderful weekend!

Thank you,

Mrs. Bunch

# Reminders:

- Please keep your child home if they are not feeling well: fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, excessive fatigue, sore throat, runny nose/congestion, chills, severe headache, shortness of breath.
- Call the office at 833-9300 if your child is not feeling well. If for any reason you are unable to reach the office via phone, email Ms. Michelle [mzabaldo@jsdtracy.com](mailto:mzabaldo@jsdtracy.com)
- All classwork and homework is available for students that are unable to be at school.

## UPCOMING DATES:

September 26th - No School -

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Sept 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th - 2pm release

September 30th - Fall Picture Make-Ups

October 5th - Walk to School

GATE Applications Due

October 14th - MJPFA Carnival - 3:15-7:45pm on campus

Every Wednesday 1:30

PM Release - All grades

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri

TK-3rd Grade -

2pm release

4th Grade - 3pm release

*Día de la fotos escolar es Miércoles, Agosto 31*

*They grow up so fast!*



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### JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

<p>ACCEPTABLE TOPS</p> 	<p>NOT ACCEPTABLE TOPS</p> 
<p>ACCEPTABLE BOTTOMS</p> 	<p>NOT ACCEPTABLE BOTTOMS</p> 
<p>ACCEPTABLE SHOES</p> 	<p>NOT ACCEPTABLE SHOES</p> 

# 2022–2023 Monticello ASB Activity Calendar

August 2022							September 2022							October 2022							November 2022							December 2022						
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AUGUST NOTABLES							SEPTEMBER NOTABLES							OCTOBER NOTABLES							NOVEMBER NOTABLES							DECEMBER NOTABLES						
8/8 - First Day of School							9/1 - White Day							10/24 - Twin/Multiples Day [1]							11/14-12/14 - Brighter Christmas							11/14-12/14 - Brighter Christmas						
8/22-9/2 - Kindergarten Color Weeks							9/2 - Rainbow Day							10/25 - Camo Day [2]							11/18 - Pajama Day							12/16 - Ugly Sweater Day						
8/22 - Red Day							9/9 - GO GOLD - Childhood Cancer Awareness Day							10/26 - Mismatch Day [3]																				
8/23 - Orange Day							9/30 - Tie Dye Day							10/27 - Neon Day [4]																				
8/24 - Yellow Day														10/28 - Hat Day [5]																				
8/25 - Green Day														10/31 - Costume Day [6]																				
8/26 - Blue Day														[7]																				
8/29 - Purple Day																																		
8/30 - Pink Day																																		
8/31 - Black Day																																		

January 2023							February 2023							March 2023							April 2023							May 2023						
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JANUARY NOTABLES							FEBRUARY NOTABLES							MARCH NOTABLES							APRIL NOTABLES							MAY NOTABLES						
1/23 - Western Day - Kick Off Kindness Week [1]							2/10 - Sports Day							3/10 - Decades Day							4/6 - Autism Awareness Day - Wear Blue							5/1-5/5 - Staff Appreciation Week						
1/24 - Crazy Hair Day - Crazy for Kindness																					4/28 - Career/College Day							5/4 - May the 4th Be with You - Star Wars Day						
1/25 - Superhero Day - Powered by Kindness [1]																												5/25 - Beach/Hawaiian Day - Last Day of School						
1/26 - Red, White & Blue Day - Thankful Thursday [11]																																		
1/27 - Cultural/Diversity Day - Kindness is for Everyone																																		

## **TAKE PAWS FOR GOOD DEEDS**

**The following students have been recognized for doing good deeds here at Monticello. Good job, keep up the GREAT work!!**

- Nakha from Mrs. Lowe's class



## **GATE TESTING**

- **Applications available on the [district website](#)**
- **Applications due 10/5 to the office**
- **3rd and 4th grade students only**
- **2nd grade students will be tested in the spring**

Dear Families,

Welcome to Monticello! We are Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Million, your child's librarians. We are so excited to help your child find books they love! Your child will come to the library once a week for a story and check out time. Students must return or renew all of their books the following class in order to get new books. If a book is lost or damaged beyond use, a fine will be charged to replace the book.

How many books students are allowed: Kindergarten – 1 book (after winter break, 2 books). First and second grade – 2 books. Third and fourth grade – 3 books.

All students can check out any books they want. Third and fourth grade students must choose at least one chapter book.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. We are excited for a new year and to share books with your child!

Mrs. Anderson

[kianderson@jsdtracy.com](mailto:kianderson@jsdtracy.com)

Mrs. Million

[cmillion@jsdtracy.com](mailto:cmillion@jsdtracy.com)



# Attendance

*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)



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT  
OF EDUCATION**

**TONY THURMOND**  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF  
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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September 9, 2022

Dear County and District Superintendents and Charter School Administrators:

**September Is National School Attendance Awareness Month:  
Engaging Families to Reduce Chronic Absence**

As we begin this school year, I want to thank you and your staff for all you have done to support our students and their families during these incredibly difficult times. I invite you to join me in welcoming all families back to our school communities where this year provides us the opportunity to create positive and supportive conditions for learning that foster healing and elevate the strengths of every student.

This school year, it is more important than ever for us to celebrate **September as National School Attendance Awareness Month** and increase consistent student attendance throughout our state. I urge you to use this national attendance awareness month as a catalyst to launch proactive student and family engagement campaigns geared toward increasing consistent attendance and ultimately raising academic outcome indicators.

It is encouraging that several indicators showed attendance rates rebounded last year with a return to in-person instruction. However, we know that chronic absentee rates remain at an all-time high. Attendance Awareness Month is an opportunity to start the school year with information and resources that support local educational agency (LEA) efforts to successfully engage students.

The California Department of Education has partnered with School Innovations & Achievement and Attendance Works to offer resources to assist, guide, and support LEAs in these efforts. The following links to the Attendance Works website may be helpful in your efforts to promote attendance awareness and reengage families who have disconnected from our systems.

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- <https://awareness.attendanceworks.org/resources/promotional-materials/>
- <https://awareness.attendanceworks.org/social-media-3/>
- <https://www.attendanceworks.org/resources/toolkits/pathways-to-engagement-a-toolkit-for-covid-19-recovery-through-attendance/>

The following links to additional free resources provided on the Attendance Works website and the School Innovations & Achievement website:

- Showing Up Matters for R.E.A.L. (<https://www.attendanceworks.org/resources/toolkits/showing-up-matters-for-real/>)
- Sample Back to School letter (<https://www.attendanceworks.org/resources/welcome-students-to-school/>)
- Handouts for Families (<https://www.attendanceworks.org/resources/handouts-for-families/>)
- Proclamations 2022 (<https://awareness.attendanceworks.org/resources/proclamations-2022/>)

These resources can help us build classrooms and school sites where every student knows that they are an important member of the learning community, and that their attendance and engagement matter.

I thank you in advance for your efforts to make National School Attendance Awareness Month meaningful and successful.

If you have any questions about this important campaign, please contact Steve Zimmer, Deputy Superintendent, Student Support Services Branch, by email at [SZimmer@cde.ca.gov](mailto:SZimmer@cde.ca.gov) or Jacie Ragland, Education Administrator, Educational Options Office, by email at [JRagland@cde.ca.gov](mailto:JRagland@cde.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

*Signed by*

Steve Zimmer, Deputy Superintendent  
Student Support Services Branch

Just a friendly reminder that NO DOGS are allowed on campus.



**Jefferson School District  
2022 - 2023 Instructional Calendar**

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**Total Instructional  
School Days**

August	18
September	20
October	21
November	16
December	12
January	20
February	18
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May	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>

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Holidays		
Students First Day		
Students Last Day		
Minimum Day (1:30 pm Release)	*	
Minimum Day (2 pm Release)	**	
Teachers First/Last Work Day		Full day
Teachers First/Last Work Day		Half day
End of First/Second Trimester		
P/T Conference (no students)		
Professional Development Day (MOU) (no students)		

APPROVED: March 8, 2022  
Revised July 28, 2022

# SEPTEMBER

2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<p>Fun Fact: Applesauce was the first food eaten in space.....</p> 	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Mozzarella Bread Sticks with Marinara Sauce Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Dominos Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich</p>
<p><b>5</b></p> 	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Taco Sticks Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich</p> <p>Assorted Fruit &amp; Vegetables</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>NEW</p> <p>Chicken Rice Bowl Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich</p> <p>Assorted Fruit &amp; Vegetables</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Mini Cheeseburgers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich</p> <p>Assorted Fruit &amp; Vegetables</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Dominos Cheese Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich</p> <p>Assorted Fruit &amp; Vegetables</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Chicken Smackers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich</p> <p>Assorted Fruit &amp; Vegetables</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Chicken Taquito Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich</p> <p>Assorted Fruit &amp; Vegetables</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>NEW</p> <p>Cheese Pizza Lunchable Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich</p> <p>Assorted Fruit &amp; Vegetables</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Hamburger Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich</p> <p>Assorted Fruit &amp; Vegetables</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Dominos Cheese Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich</p> <p>Assorted Fruit &amp; Vegetables</p>
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<p><b>26</b></p> 	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Chicken Taquito Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich</p> <p>Assorted Fruit &amp; Vegetables</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>NEW</p> <p>French Bread Cheese Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich</p> <p>Assorted Fruit &amp; Vegetables</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Mini Cheeseburgers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich</p> <p>Assorted Fruit &amp; Vegetables</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Dominos Cheese Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich</p> <p>Assorted Fruit &amp; Vegetables</p>

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Visit [mymealtime.com](http://mymealtime.com) to make pre-payments on your child's account or apply for free and reduced meals.



**CARNIVAL PRE-SALE TOKENS  
WRISTBANDS & MEAL DEALS  
WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK  
9-20 / 10-4**

**FOR TWO WEEKS ONLY  
BUY EARLY AND SAVE BIG!**

**PRE-SALE FLYERS WILL  
GO HOME TUESDAY 9-20**

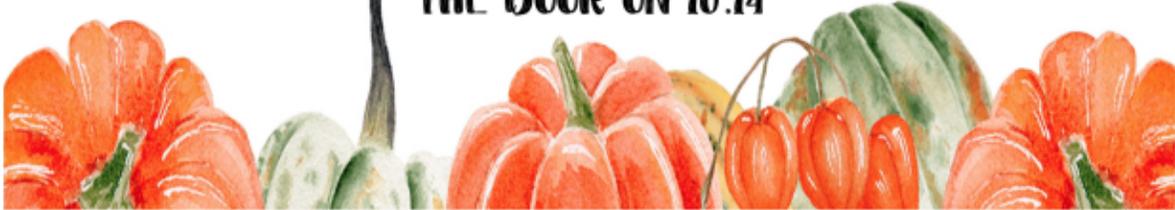




**MONTICELLO JEFFERSON  
FALL CARNIVAL  
OCTOBER 14, 3:00-7:30**

**OVER 20 CARNIVAL GAMES  
NEW PRIZES  
6 JUMPY HOUSES  
KING OF THE MOUNTAIN JUMPY  
ELIMINATOR JUMPY  
COTTON CANDY  
TEACHER BASKETS  
BAKER BOUTIQUE  
CAKEWALK  
SILENT AUCTION  
MENCHIE'S FROZEN YOGURT  
DELICIOUS FOOD  
LOCAL VENDORS  
& MORE**

**ADMISSION IS FREE. GAME TOKENS & JUMPER  
WRISTBANDS DISCOUNT PRE-SALE 9.20-10.4  
TOKENS/WRISTBANDS ALSO SOLD AT  
THE DOOR ON 10.14**





**Great Valley**  
**Bookfest**

**Celebrating the Fun of**  
**READING!**

**Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**10 am to 4 pm**

**FREE!**

**Kid's Zone!**  
**BOOKS, BOOKS,**  
**BOOKS!!!**  
**Bounce Houses,**  
**Balloons, and Magic!**

**The Promenade at BASS PRO**  
**(Hwy 120 at Union in Manteca)**  
**gvbookfest.org**

Benefiting Literacy Organizations in the California Central Valley

# Holiday Card Art Contest



Each year the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) produces a holiday card that is distributed to over 800 individuals including San Joaquin County principals, district superintendents, government officials, and county superintendents statewide. The artwork on the card is created by a student, or students, in San Joaquin County to showcase the vast abilities of children in the world of art.

From all entry forms received, a total of eight classes, two from each of the four grade categories will be randomly selected to participate. The four grade categories are: TK-4, 5-8, high school, and SDC. Teachers will receive art supplies to distribute to participating students.

Please note, only artwork from the students in the randomly selected classes will be considered for a chance to have their artwork featured on the SJCOE's official Holiday Card. **Do NOT begin artwork until you have received notification that your class was selected as one of the eight classes to participate.**

We're looking for a **\*winter or holiday-themed scene\*** as interpreted by your students—whatever their imagination creates will be perfect! If you have any questions, please contact Administration at 209-468-4802.

If this is something you would like your class to be considered for, please complete the bottom portion, and submit by **Friday, September 23rd** to: Melissa Galea – [mgalea@sjcoe.net](mailto:mgalea@sjcoe.net) or fax to 209-468-4975.



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
OFFICE OF EDUCATION

## Classroom Entry Form

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Students: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY

Monticello Elementary

October 5, 2022

Join children and adults around  
the world to celebrate the  
benefits of walking and bicycling.

Walk and Bike to School Day are annual events that promote walking and bicycling for several reasons:

- ✓ Physical activity
- ✓ Teaching safe pedestrian and bicycling skills to children
- ✓ Awareness of how walkable & bikeable a community is and where improvements can be made
- ✓ Concern for the environment
- ✓ Reducing traffic congestion, pollution and speed near schools
- ✓ Sharing time with community leaders, parents and children

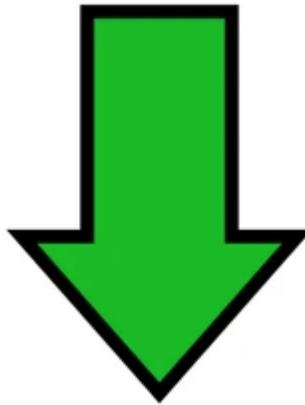
Learn more at [walkbiketoschool.org](http://walkbiketoschool.org)

Walk to School Day is coordinated in the U.S.A. by  
the National Center for Safe Routes to School.





**We have job openings here at Monticello! If you would like to join our team and become a Monticello Jaguar please apply by clicking the link below!**



**<https://www.edjoin.org/Home/DistrictJobsPosting/1656847>**

