

Jefferson Times

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Dear Jefferson Families,

Jefferson School staff is working together on Monday afternoons within their grade level teams as well as district teams. During this time, they are working in PLC (Professional Learning Community) teams to discuss best practices. I have to say how proud of the Jefferson staff I am in regards to the work they are doing! They are focusing on research based instructional practices, working together to plan and assess students. Furthermore, they then look at the data, adjust lessons and practices, and then move forward with what works best. Conversations go past just instruction... we are discussing technology, interventions, making connections with students, positive behavior and rewards, etc. Also, while having these discussions, teachers are making the choice to continue their learning by reaching out to others, collaborating with colleagues and looking at studies to make decisions for what is best for our students. If you have the opportunity to discuss with a teacher what our professional development looks like on Monday afternoon, I highly recommend you do so. Our teachers make a huge difference on a daily basis and I can't be more proud of the work they are putting in on a daily basis and most importantly the reason for their decisions is based on what is best for our students.

This week is Red Ribbon Week. We are celebrating Red Ribbon Week by participating in spirit days. But the true reason we choose to make this a big week on our campus is to educate our students about the destruction caused by drugs in America. Students can choose to participate in two contests this week as well. We will be giving the information for the contests in our morning announcements each morning. Furthermore, we will be doing a school-wide pledge in which each student adds a personal red hand cut out and places it on a banner in the cafeteria. We will be using resources from <http://redribbon.org> and also <http://naturalhigh.org/videos/>. The dress up days are listed below.

Mon. 10/24: "Don't let drugs interfere with your game." - Wear sports apparel

Tues. 10/25: "Be a Hero not a Zero. Say no to drugs." - Dress up like a superhero or wear clothes with superhero logos

Wed, 10/26: "I'm CRAZY about me. That's why I choose to be drug free." - Rock crazy hair

Thurs. 10/27: "Buddy Up Against Drugs" - Dress up as a Twin

Fri. 10/28: "Say "No" to getting high, but say "Yes" to Tracy High" - Wear Extreme Green and Gold in honor of Tracy High homecoming

Thank you for your continued support, communication, and taking the time to read our newsletter. Feel free to contact me at any time at awooten@sicoe.net or 209-835-3053 with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Alyssa Wooten

Principal

MJPFA NEWS

Our Box Tops deadline is this Thursday, 10/27. Help us reach our goal of raising \$2,000! Clipping Box Tops is such an easy way to support your school, so please don't wait. Turn yours in today! The class that turns in the most Box Tops wins a class party and the Box Tops trophy!

Thanks to all our families for supporting our Menchie's Family Fun Night and raising a sweet \$97.49 for our schools! Wildcats, you rock! With your help, Kona Ice was able to make a \$140 donation to our MJPFA from their on-campus visit last month. We can't thank you enough! Kona's next and last visit to Jefferson School for 2016 will be **this Thursday, 10/27**. Get it while you can! Our next MJPFA meeting will be on 10/27 at Monticello at 2:15pm, room #9. Hope to see you there!

~ VOLUNTEER INFORMATION ~

Our school nurse has to administer the risk assessment questionnaire in person; our district nurse (Tina) will be available the last Wednesday of every month from 3:00 to 4:00 in the student services office. Anyone needing a TB test can drop in during that time for her to administer the questionnaire. Please come in when you get your first reminder 3 months before it expires, so that you have enough time to obtain a test should you not pass the questionnaire.

The dates will be:

October 26, and November 30

Library News

A huge **THANK YOU** to students, staff, and parents for supporting the Book Fair and to the MJPPFA for generously purchasing books and much needed library supplies!

Cataloging a book to put it on the shelf for students to check out takes many steps. With the Book Fair and the generous donation from the PFA we had over 100 books to catalog, and that is a great problem to have! A large majority of the books have been cataloged. 😊 The new books are on a special shelf in the library.

Come check out what is new! We have books by your favorite authors; James Patterson, Dav Pilkey, Rick Riordan, Gordon Korman, Stan Lee, and more! Books which complete series; Deep Blue series, Land of Stories series, Miss Peregrine's home for Peculiar Children series, the Lunar Chronicles, The Selection series, Jedi Academy series, The Zodiac Legacy, Theodore Boone, just to name a few. Several new titles and requested books; The Girl on the Train, the Rule of 3 series, House of Robots, No Summit Out of Sight, Paper Towns, Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, and several more titles.

I can't wait to see you in the library!

 Mrs. Robertson

**Current 8th Graders: Are you interested in
becoming a member of one of
Tracy High's Academy Programs?**

Performing Arts Academy?

International Baccalaureate Program?

Agricultural/Scientific Academy?

For more information please attend:

THS Academies Information Night

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

6:30PM

Tracy High School Cafeteria

315 E. 11th Street

Applications will be available!

Academy Coordinators and Staff will make presentations and answer questions—what are these academies all about, how to apply, what can you expect and is one of these programs right for you? There are a limited number of Intra District seats for students who do not reside in the Tracy High zone. Questions? Please contact:

**Emily Williams, Administrative Assistant,
ewilliams@tusd.net.**

5th - 6th Grade

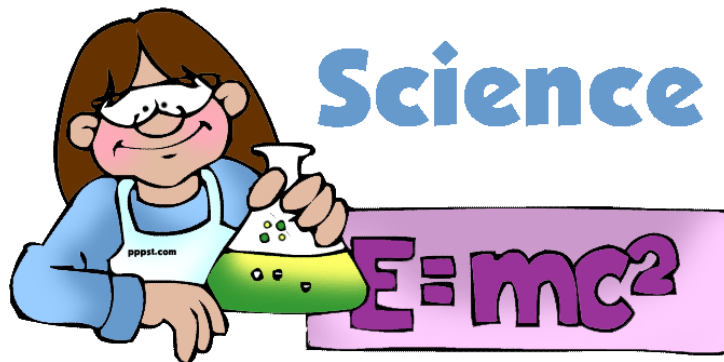
Science Olympiad Meeting

November 8, 2016

3:10pm - 4:00pm

Science Lab room 110

Come learn about the different
events for this year!



October 5, 2016

To The Parents/Guardians of 8th grade students

At Back to School night in August, there was an 8th grade graduation meeting. At this meeting parents signed up for various Graduation Committees and it was decided that all parents would make a \$100.00 donation to cover the expenses of Graduation instead of fundraising. Your donation is due to the Jefferson School office by **November 18, 2016**. The donation will cover Great America, Ice Cream Social, Graduation Ceremony, Graduation Dance, and rental of the graduation gown.

Below you will find a schedule of events in the order that they occur and committee chairperson. Their phone number is included. If you would still like to volunteer please contact that chairperson.

HONORS NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17th
6:30 – 8:00 PM
Jefferson Gym

Honors Night is an evening of awards. Each 8th grade teacher presents traditional academic and extracurricular awards. All students and parents are encouraged to attend this event. Invitations will be sent to the students receiving awards.
“BEST DRESS ATTIRE” is required.

GREAT AMERICA – Jennifer Zreik – 925-339-2100
THURSDAY, MAY 18TH
7:15am – 8:15pm
Santa Clara

Permission Slips will be sent home with additional information.

School dress code applies
NO tank tops
NO short shorts
NO bathing suits

ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Detra Corell – 209-612-0745
TUESDAY, MAY 23rd
1:30 – 3:00 PM
Jefferson School Cafeteria

The Ice Cream Social is a very special Jefferson Tradition. The 7th and 8th grade students will sit together and socialize about their experiences at Jefferson School. “NICE SCHOOL CLOTHES” are required.

GRADUATION CEREMONY – Jennifer Zreik – 925-339-2100
Thursday, May 25TH
7:30 – 9:00 PM
Jefferson Gym

The BIG Event!!! Each family will receive 6 tickets.
Gowns will be worn.
“BEST DRESS ATTIRE” is required.

DANCE –Chair- Angela Hewey – 925-980-0453

Co-chair – Stephanie Dunn – 209-207-8580

THURSDAY, MAY 25TH

9:00 PM – MIDNIGHT

Jefferson Cafeteria

The Graduation Dance starts following the Graduation Ceremony. There will be time between the Ceremony and the Dance to take pictures and visit. Only the Graduates, chaperones and teachers are invited to the dance! There will be no in and out privileges.

“BEST DRESS ATTIRE” is required.

“BEST DRESS ATTIRE” RECOMMENDATIONS:

GIRLS

- **Dressy clothes**
- **No shorts, miniskirts, strapless, backless or halter top dresses. Undergarments MUST be worn and not visible**
- **Dress shoes – low to medium heel, no flip flops**
- **If you have any questions regarding your graduation outfit, please see Mrs. Beith in the office.**

BOYS

- **Dressy sport clothes or suits/ sports jacket**
- **Long pants, preferably slacks.**
- **Shirts with collar – ties optional**
- **No jeans or shorts**
- **No sandals or flip flops**
- **No tuxedos**

BOTH

- **NO LIMOS**

We would like to take this time to let you in on another Jefferson Tradition. Every year the 8th grade parents and students make a “collage”. The students will be given a shaped poster board through their English class that you will plaster with pictures of your graduate!! These collages are great fun! A more detailed letter will accompany the poster board! What you can do now is start looking through pictures!!! The point of the collage is to show how your child has grown over the years!! Have fun.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office, 209-835-3053.

8th Grade Graduation Committee