

# Jefferson Times

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Dear Jefferson Families,

I hope your week off with your family was enjoyable and full of thanks! In our last newsletter you were encouraged to read through an article with your child about staying organized, time management, and setting goals for the second trimester.

Let me keep you up to date with our goals here at Jefferson School. At the November Board Meeting, our School Site Plan was presented. We are working on the following goals this year: enhancing our positive incentives for student behavior; maintaining a safe school by purchasing items to help secure the school in case of an emergency; enhancing our extension activities such as GATE classes, intervention programs, STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) electives; enhancing music and art classes through offerings and outside of school activities; and raising CAASPP scores in both ELA and Mathematics by 5% overall in 2016-2017 and then again in 2017-2018. We are working towards these goals by implementing several action plans. Teachers are meeting weekly to discuss essential standards and discuss what students are learning; we are purchasing STEM based items for our elective classes; we have a team of 8 members attending a 2-year training regarding Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS), just to name few. If you are interested in seeing the entire site plan, or have any questions and want further detail, please contact me at any time.

“Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.” ~ William Arthur Ward. These words sum up how thankful I am to work with such a wonderful Jefferson community. Our staff, students, and families are one of a kind! I hope you all enjoyed your well-deserved Thanksgiving break with family and friends.

Thank you for your continued support, communication and taking the time to read the Jefferson newsletter. You can reach me at [awooten@sjcoe.net](mailto:awooten@sjcoe.net) or (209) 835-3053 at any time.

Alyssa Wooten

Principal

## ~ 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 date will be: November 30**

### ~ What Happening ~

Jefferson School will be hosting an Oral Interpretation Fair on February 4, 2017 in our gym. This the first year that Jefferson will be part of this exciting event. The students had an assembly recently to learn about oral interpretation and how they can be participants in this contest. Students received a packet of information if they were interested. If your child is interested, they need to thoroughly read through the information, turn in the paperwork to the office by November 18<sup>th</sup>, and then they will hear back from the school by Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> with approval of their literature selection.

### CHIPS for KIDS ~

The California Highway Patrol invites you to support the CHiPs for Kids Toy Drive. New, Unwrapped toys can be brought to the school office now till December 16<sup>th</sup>. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The toys will be distributed to families in need on December 17, 2016 – from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. @ West High School Cafeteria, 1775 w. Lowell Ave.

## MJPFA NEWS

Wow! Can you believe it? Our Box Top total this fall was 19,865! At 10 cents apiece, those are some big bucks you've helped earn for our school! A HUGE thanks to all of you who submitted and to all our volunteers who sorted baggies. Congrats to Mrs. Gleason's class for turning in 624 Box Tops and becoming our trophy and party winner! The next collection drive will be in spring so keep on clipping!!!

Thanks to everyone for turning out for our Oct. Family Fun Night. Our friends at Taqueria La Mexicana donated back a very generous \$169.32 to our schools!

## MJPFAS 4 WAYS TO GIVE BACK THIS HOLIDAY SEASON and throughout the year!

In the spirit of giving this holiday season, why not give a portion of all your purchases back to our schools? It's easy! Participate in these 4 great programs and a portion of what you spend will be donated back to your child's education!

### 1. Amazon Smile

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice, just select "Monticello Jefferson PFA."

### 2. SaveMart

Visit [escrip.com/shares](http://escrip.com/shares) online and click on "Sign Up or Sign In" and follow the instructions. Register with the phone number you use at checkout, and select "Monticello Jefferson Parents Club" for the organization and we'll get up to 3% back from every purchase you make!

### 3. Raley's

Sign up for "Raley's Something Extra" at Raley's, then follow these steps to sign up for "Extra Credit" online, to earn up to 1.5% of your eligible purchase for our schools.  
1) Visit [raleys.com/extracredit](http://raleys.com/extracredit) 2) Click on the green "Start Here" button. 3) Choose Monticello Jefferson Parent Faculty or search by zip 95304 (the MJPFAs zip code)

### 4. Box Tops

Clip Box Tops from products you purchase and send them to school with your student in a Ziploc bag or on a collection sheet sent to you by our MJFPA. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents for our schools.

