

Jefferson Times

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Dear Jefferson Families,

This past week, students participated in an Hour of Code. This is a global movement reaching millions of people in over 180 countries. Students did extra coding in class and were able to come into the gym during lunch recess and utilize the Chromebooks to participate in an Hour of Code. The Hour of Code takes place every year during Computer Science Education Week. The purpose is to raise awareness about computer science and nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. If you haven't tried coding, you should. Check out one of the following websites and have your child teach you all about it: www.code.org, www.hourofcode.com, www.khanacademy.org/hourofcode.

This is a reminder: The county has placed signage on the side of the road in the drop off and pick up areas. Furthermore, CHP will be patrolling the areas during drop off and pick up to ensure cars are not waiting in the turning or traffic lanes. **Please do your part by parking in the parking lots if you are arriving prior to 3:00 if the drive through is full. We cannot have cars waiting in the street.** Your child can walk across the crosswalk to your car. Furthermore, your child cannot load your car if you are waiting on Chrisman or Linne, please pull into the lot to ensure their safety. Once the bell rings, traffic can flow through the drive through lane as usual. Thank you for your cooperation.

Don't forget...our Winter Program is this Tuesday. The theme is Peace and Unity and our students and teachers have been working very hard preparing for the program. 7th & 8th will be performing at 5:00; 5th and 6th will be performing at 6:30. We can't wait to show off our talent and look forward to seeing you.

Winter Break begins on December 17th and students will return to school on January 3rd. I wish all of our Jefferson Families a winter break filled with laughs and plenty of time with your family. Thank you for your continued support, communication, and taking the time to read the Jefferson newsletter. Feel free to contact me at any time at awooten@sicoe.net or (209) 835-3053 with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Alyssa Wooten

Principal

**** Parent GATE Advisory Meeting on January 11th, at 3:30 pm, at the District Office ****

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. The school district loses \$43.70 each day when your child is absent.

Should your child need to be absent, California Education Code allows **EXCUSED** absences for the following reasons:

Excused Absences:

- Illness
- Medical/Dental Appointment
- Quarantine
- Funeral of Family Member
- To spend time with student's immediate family who is an active duty member of the uniformed services
- Participation in religious exercise

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. No call or note sent to the attendance office, stating one of the above reasons, will result in an unexcused absence. 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:

Unexcused Absences:

- 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)



Monday

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Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

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Friday

<p>We will always try to have your first entrée choice available but cannot guarantee it</p> <p>You can purchase a carton of milk for \$.75</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Mini Cheeseburgers Cheese Bread Sticks w/marinara</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Beef and Cheese Tostada Chicken Patty Sandwich</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Macaroni and Cheese  Chicken Nuggets</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Dominos Pepperoni Pizza Dominos Cheese Pizza Turkey & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Bean and Cheese Burrito Chicken Smackers</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Hamburger Cheese Bread Sticks w/marinara</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Chicken Corndog  Chicken Salad</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Orange Chicken & Rice Mini Cheeseburgers</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Dominos Pepperoni Pizza Dominos Cheese Pizza Turkey & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>
<p>16</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Cheeseburger Cheese Bread Sticks w/marinara</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Chicken Patty Sandwich Taco Salad</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Spaghetti with Meat Sauce and Garlic Toast Taco Nada</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Dominos Pepperoni Pizza Dominos Cheese Pizza Turkey & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Bean and Cheese Burrito Chicken Smackers</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Mini Cheeseburgers Cheese Bread Sticks w/marinara</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Beef and Cheese Tostada Chicken Patty Sandwich</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Cheese Enchiladas  Hamburger</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Dominos Pepperoni Pizza Dominos Cheese Pizza Turkey & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Bean and Cheese Burrito Chicken Nuggets</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Hamburger Cheese Bread Sticks w/marinara</p> <p>Milk Choice of fruits and Vegetables</p>	<p>COST OF LUNCH IS \$2.80</p> <p>REDUCED MEALS .40</p>	 <p>BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER!</p>	<p>Lunch for February 1st</p> <p>Chicken Teriyaki & Rice Taco Nada</p>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Jefferson School District** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.50**; lunch costs **\$2.80**. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals.** Reduced price is **\$.30** for breakfast and **\$.40** for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from **[State SNAP], [the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)]** or **[State TANF]**, are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school’s Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household’s income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year July 1, 2016-June, 30 2017			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	21,978	1,832	423
2	29,637	2,470	570
3	37,296	3,108	718
4	44,955	3,747	865
5	52,614	4,385	1,012
6	60,273	5,023	1,160
7	67,951	5,663	1,307
8	75,647	6,304	1,455
Each additional person:	7,696	642	148

2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven’t been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Debbi Rogers at 209-839-8759 or email at drogers@sjcoe.net**.
3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Debbi Rogers at 475 Darlene Tracy, Ca 95377.**
4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact **Debbi Rogers at 209-839-8759 or email at drogers@sjcoe.net**. immediately.

5. CAN I APPLY ONLINE? Yes! You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if you are able. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit **www.jeffersonschooldistrict.com** to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact **Debbi Rogers at 209-839-8759 or email at drogers@sjcoe.net.** if you have any questions about the online application.
6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
7. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.
8. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
9. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
10. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Debbi Rogers at 475 Darlene Tracy, Ca 95377 Phone number 209-839-8759.**
11. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.
12. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
13. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
14. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, or receive Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
15. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact **Debbi Rogers at 209-839-8759 or email at drogers@sjcoe.net.** to receive a second application.
16. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for **California SNAP** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-877-847-3663 (Food)**

If you have other questions or need help, call **209-839-8759**

Sincerely,

Debbi Rogers