# **Jefferson Times**

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April 29, 2019

Dear Jefferson Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Spring Break! It's hard to think we are wrapping up our 2018-2019 school year. We have a packed schedule over this next month. Please continue to read our bulletin and contact the office with any questions.

CAASPP assessments takes place Tuesday, April 30 through Tuesday, May 7. All students will be assessed in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Furthermore, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the CAST (Science) assessment. **Please have your child bring their earbuds every day for testing.** 

It is extremely important that our students attend school every day of testing, get plenty of sleep every night, and have a healthy breakfast each morning. We will be providing snacks and activities for our students during the testing week to keep them motivated.

Our teachers have been challenging students to provide reasoning, support arguments with evidence, and persevere in solving problems. These are all of the skills that our students need to develop over the course of their education to succeed in the long run.

Some highlights of the CAASPP assessments are:

- Computer Based: Some questions are interactive, and a greater variety of supporting tools can be provided to eligible students, such as magnification of text, and text-to-speech read-aloud of questions.
- Computer Adaptive: Students receive test questions that help pinpoint what they know and can do. A
  correct answer is followed by a more difficult question, and an incorrect answer is followed by an easier
  question. This provides a more precise estimate of student understanding.
- Realistic Context for Tasks: Knowledge is assessed in context—for example, students are asked to select
  a word of the same meaning to replace a word in a paragraph, rather than to choose a synonym for a
  word standing alone. In addition, students will need to provide open-ended answers for some questions,
  rather than selecting from multiple options, and will be asked to write short essays that will need to be
  scored by hand.
- No Time Limits: Students can take the time they need to do their best.

If you are interested in an even closer look, you can take a practice test to sample the new problems and experience the tools that are available to support students. Take a look at this link: <a href="http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/">http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/</a>.

Thank you for your continued support, communication, and taking the time to read our newsletter. Feel free to contact me at any time at <a href="mailto:awooten@sicoe.net">awooten@sicoe.net</a> or (209) 835-3053 with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Alyssa Wooten

Principal



#### Please join us for our last meeting of the year!

5/8/19 at 3:30pm @ Monticello

OPEN POSITION: Do you have a student at Jefferson and want to do more to support our schools? Join the MJPFA Board as a Jefferson VP for the 2019-2010 school year! Have fun and be a part of important decision making issues throughout the year. No experience needed. Please contact Alexis at alexis.imperial@gmail.com for more details.

HELP NEEDED! We are in need of some extra hands to help us decorate and setup the Jefferson Staff Appreciation Lunch on Tuesday, 5/7. Please contact Alexis at the email address above if you can help.

#### **CAFETERIA NEWS**

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 any questions, please contact Debbi Rogers @ drogers@sjcoe.net or 209-839-8759.

Thank you!

I hope you all have a wonder spring break!!

## ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS!

#### We are collecting photos

(preferably: 1 baby, 1 recent & 1 of your choice)

by May 1st for the 8th grade

Ice Cream Social slideshow.

Please send your 3 photos to the school office

#### OR

you may email the photos to: tlhsammy@sbcglobal.net

(If you drop off the photos to the office, please know you will not be getting them back.)



#### City of Tracy

Sign-up at gojrgiants org or in person starting April 15 April 17-18, 3-6pm

Tracy Public Library, 20 East Eaton Ave, Tracy Justin Geibig - (209) 831-6202 • justin geibig@cityoftracy.org League starts mid-June • Ages 5-13









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