

Jefferson Times

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Dear Jefferson Families,

It is CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress week!!! Students are testing from 8:15 – 10:00am Monday, May 1st through Friday, May 5th. It is extremely important that your child is here on time, has eaten a good breakfast and has a full night sleep each night. Your cooperation is appreciated. Furthermore, we will be providing an extra special homemade treat for your child every day of testing... and yes, this is what they look forward to. Students that take accelerated math or Geometry will also test at Jefferson during the same schedule. Students will need headphones in order to access the test. **PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO BRING THEIR HEADPHONES TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY!**

Some highlights of the CAASPP include:

- 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.

To learn more about these tests, please visit the California Department of Education (CDE) Test Score Guide Web site at <http://www.testscoreguide.org/ca>, which provides information and test score descriptions as well as sample test items at different levels of difficulty.

This month is packed with exciting events. Please mark your calendars for the following dates.

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| May 1 – May 5 | CAASPP Testing, Staff Appreciation Week |
| Friday, May 5 | California Livin' Dance 6:00 – 8:00, Cafeteria |
| May 8 – May 17 | 8 th Grade Exit Interviews |
| Monday, May 8 | 8 th Grade vs Staff Basketball game 1:30 – 2:15, Gym |
| May 9 – May 11 | Talent Show Auditions 3:00 – 4:00, Gym |
| Wed., May 10 | Hawapalooza @ Hawkins School, Jefferson Band will be performing, 5:00 |
| Thurs., May 11 | Spring Concert |
| Tues., May 16 | Jefferson's Got Talent, Talent Show, 2:00, Gym |
| Wed., May 17 | Honor's Night, 6:30, Gym |
| Thurs., May 18 | 8 th Graders at Great America |
| Fri., May 19 | Class of the Year Party |
| Tues., May 23 | Ice Cream Social, 1:30, Cafeteria |
| Thurs., May 25 | Last Day of School, Graduation Ceremony at 7:30, Grad. Dance at 9:00 |

This week is important as it denotes Staff Appreciation Week. We are truly blessed to have the best staff a school could ask for. Our staff is dedication to our school, our students, our community and they give countless hours to make Jefferson School such a wonderful place to be. Please take the time this week to appreciate those that influence your child. I know I couldn't do it without them.

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@sjcoe.net or (209) 835-3053 with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Alyssa Wooten
Principal

GRADUATION INFORMATION

- Honors Night – May 17th 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- Great America – May 18th (NO tank tops, NO shorty shorts, NO bathing suits)
- Ice Cream Social – May 23rd 1:30 – 3:00 pm
- The BIG day – May 25th Graduation 7:30 – 9:00 pm, Graduation Dance 9:00 - MIDNIGHT

Tracy Police Department Summer Youth Academy

June 5th – June 16th 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Tracy Police Department

Requirements for Entry into Program:

2.5 minimum GPA

Letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal, coach, etc.

Must be an incoming sixth, seventh or eighth grade student

Must be live within the City of Tracy or Rural area of Tracy

Applications are available at the front counter of the Tracy Police Department.

Any questions please contact Officer Abercrombie at 209-831-6647

Space is limited to 25 students

Show off your talent!

Sign-up to audition for:



Any talent, any Jefferson student, anything goes!

Don't pass up this opportunity to show Jefferson School YOUR talent!

To sign-up for a live audition slot see Miss Gieseke in room 301, or sign up online at

<http://www.mysignup.com/jeffersonsgottalent>

Live auditions will be held in the gym on Tuesday, May 9; Wednesday, May 10; and Thursday, May 11 from 3:00 – 4:00pm. Anyone is welcome to come and watch.

Finalists will perform in the talent show for the school on Tuesday, May 16th from 2:00 – 3:00pm



Intra-District Open Enrollment for 2017-2018 School Year

Parents/guardians who would like to request a transfer for their children to attend one of our schools, rather than their assigned or current school, may do so between May 1 and May 16, 2017. Intra-district request forms are available at all four school sites and the Jefferson School District office. Please return your completed form to any school site or the district office **between May 1 and May 16.**

Intra-district requests will be considered only if there is space available at a particular site and grade level. Throughout the spring, enrollment and grade level numbers at each site will be closely monitored. Families will be notified of the decision the first week of June.

If you are interested, a copy of the board policy 5116.1, Intra-district Open Enrollment, is available at the district office, 1219 Whispering Wind Drive, or on the district website. If you have questions regarding the process, please call the district office at 836-3388.

Jefferson School District 2017 - 2018 Instructional Calendar

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| November | 16 |
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| Holidays | |
| Students First/Last Day (1:30 pm Release) | |
| Minimum Day (1:30 pm Release) | * |
| Minimum Day (2 pm Release) | ** |
| Teachers First/Last Work Day | |
| End of First/Second Trimester | |
| P/T Conference (no students) | |
| Professional Development Day (MOU) (no students) | |