

Jefferson Times

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Dear Jefferson Families,

September is almost here and there are several exciting activities coming soon ... so mark your calendars.

Monday, September 4 – No School, Labor Day

Tuesday, September 12 – Board Meeting, District Office

Monday, September 18 – Constitution Day (observed)

Monday, September 25 – Friday, September 29 – College Week

September 15 – October 15 – National Hispanic Heritage Month

Yes, you saw that correctly! College Week is coming up. This is one of the most exciting weeks here at Jefferson. Each grade level will represent a college (see below). Throughout the week, we will teach our students about all aspects of getting to college and attending college – from loans, fun facts about colleges, grades, planning for college, etc. Each day will be a dress up day and Friday we will have a huge College Week Rally where each grade level competes against each other for the College Week Rally title.

5th Grade – Oregon State

6th Grade – University of Oregon

7th Grade – Ohio State University

8th Grade – University of Michigan

Our Monticello Jefferson Carnival is also right around the corner, Friday, October 20th from 3:00 – 7:30pm at Monticello School. Our teachers are putting together auction baskets as a fundraiser for our students. This event raises funds to run our biggest programs at our schools and the auction baskets bring in a large portion of that funding. Below are the themes of our auction baskets this year. Please bring in items to help make the baskets the best they can be and contact your child's teacher with any further questions.

5th Grade – Gift Card Tree

6th Grade – Science Camp

7th Grade – Outdoor Fun & Curious Kids (two separate basket themes)

8th Grade – The Green Thumb & Man's Best Friend (two separate basket themes)

PE – Sports Fanatic

This is a reminder the gates do not open until 7:30am. Your child cannot be left unattended and waiting outside the gates of the school for safety reasons, as we do not have supervision until 7:30. There are 2 classes in session during that time with a teacher, and those students are able to come on campus prior to 7:30am. Please make the appropriate arrangements to ensure your child is being dropped off at 7:30am or later.

Jefferson School District is moving to a new and improved communication system called Loop. You have received messages from this system through email, text and phone calls. We are working through the kinks and have found that you need to download iBook to your iPhone if you want to view PDF attachments from your phone.

Thank you for your continued support. Please continue to read the newsletter on a weekly basis and do not hesitate to contact me at (209) 835-3053 or awooten@sjcoe.net.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Wooten, Principal



FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

KONA ICE – Wednesday, August 30th both lunches

MJPFA Annual Carnival ~ Friday, October 20th Monticello School
3-7:30pm

Be Responsible

Do Your Best Each Day - Think Before You Speak

JEFFERSON CREED

Put Others First - Avoid Conflict

Why Support The Carnival?

All proceeds from the Carnival directly benefit and support your child's education. **Our May 2016 Carnival raised a net of \$21,322!** The MJFPA worked together with Monticello and Jefferson schools to find out how we could use these funds to support the education of our students, which is our primary goal. We granted "Wish List" items requested by teachers and staff, which helped pay for educational programs, field trips, supplies, equipment, books, and much more. **In May of 2016 alone, the MJFPA donated a total of \$10,552 to Monticello and Jefferson schools in "Wish List" items. The remaining \$10,770 of carnival funds were donated during the 2016-2017 school year as listed below.**

May 2016

Monticello received \$3,957 for playground equipment, classroom supplies and equipment, field trip funding, library supplies, among other "wish list" items for classroom use.

Jefferson received \$6,595 to help offset the cost of 6th grade students attending Science Camp and Great America field trips in the Fall of 2016, in addition to covering other educational "wish list" items requested by teachers and staff.

Following School Year 2016-2017

Monticello received \$7,236 to pay for Artist in Residence Program for Kindergarten through 4th grade students, **Jefferson received an additional \$1,960** for 6th grade science camp, and the remaining **\$1,574** of carnival funds were granted through requisitions from both schools for student incentive reward programs and school wide enhancements.

This is only possible with sponsors, donations to your classroom baskets, and volunteers who help make the carnival a great success. We hope that with your support, we are able to continue this for our kids.

You're making a difference!
THANK YOU!!

CROSS COUNTRY SIGN-UPS



FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5 to 14

Be a part of CROSS COUNTRY in TRACY and help represent at Nationals

- Excellent way to get fit
- Improve Running technique
- Great T&F Conditioning
- Build Your Endurance
- Hill Training
- Helps with coordination

Cross Country is one sport that is good training for all sports, whether its Softball, baseball, soccer or basketball
TRACK WILL MAKE BETTER ATHLETES!

BOYS AND GIRLS DIVISION *Parent Volunteers and coaches needed*

KINDER & 1ST GRADE

2ND & 3RD GRADE

4TH & 5TH GRADE

6TH GRADE

7TH & 8TH GRADE

Sign-Ups: STARBUCKS in Red Mapple Village
On Tracy Blvd & Vapico Road

DATE: Tuesday August 29th @ 6pm to 8:30pm

Practice will be every Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs
All Students, Ages 5 to 7 5:00pm- 6:00pm
All Students, Ages 8+ 5:00pm- 6:00pm

Groups

Practice

Work Out Groups

Twice a week

Competition Club

Twice a week

Cross Country

Meets on Saturday

Wear Shorts /loose fitting clothing, T-shirts & Running shoes

TOTAL FEES: \$215.00

Fees includes registration, uniforms, Fundraiser & all 5 NORTH Conference CC Meets.

*Class fees for workout club: \$175.00 which includes registration fee.

REGISTRATION NOTE: you can pre- register using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/mFZ08UlllyezFto2k2>. All students ages 5-14 are accepted. Please use the registration link to register before going to the class location you will be attending.

CROSS COUNTRY Meets Starts in September. There is a Mandatory raffle fundraiser .

HOME CROSS COUNTRY MEETS ARE LOCAL.

For More Information Please Call ,Text (209) 276-5312, email: Fundamentalys@gmail.com or Log-on to

WWW.5NORTHTRACK.COM

Curriculum and Instruction Provided by Fun-Damentals Youth Sports

TRACY HIGH CHEER CLINIC

JOIN THE TRACY HIGH CHEER TEAM FOR A NIGHT OF FUN & LEARNING!!!

Wednesday Sept. 6, 2017 from 5:30pm-8:00pm
@ Tracy High School – Main Gym

The cost is \$40.00 per participant and includes:

- Cheer Clinic T-Shirt
- Pizza Dinner
- Instruction in Cheer Technique, Motions, Jumps, & Stunting.
- Half-Time Routine (in a novice, intermediate, or advanced group)
- Half-Time Performance and Free Entrance (with paid adult) to the THS Varsity Football Game on Friday September 8, 2017.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM (front&back) & RETURN WITH PAYMENT TO:

- The Tracy High Bookkeeper by 8/25/17,
- A Tracy High Cheerleader by 9/1/17, OR
- The day of the clinic for same-day registration (beginning at 5:00pm).

Shirt sizes will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

LAST NAME (only 1 form per-household required): _____

T-Shirt Sizes Available: YS, YM, YL, AS, AM, AL, or AXL

Participant #1 NAME: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Participant #2 NAME: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Participant #3 NAME: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone#: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

Referred By: Kaydence Ramirez (Name of Cheerleader or Group referred by)

PLEASE COMPLETE ATHLETIC RELEASE FORM ON BACK – POLICY # IS REQUIRED!

For Questions Contact: tracyhighcheer@gmail.com

TRACY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC RELEASE FORM
Athletes will NOT be allowed to practice or perform without this form

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ Grade: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ CITY/ZIP: _____

Emergency Phones: Hm _____ Work _____ Cell _____

My student has my permission to participate in the following activity at Tracy High School during the 2015-16 school year (please indicate name of sport):

Fall Sport: CHEER CLINIC Winter Sport: N/A Spring Sport: N/A

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENT

**PHYSICAL
NOT REQUIRED
FOR CHEER CLINIC**

(Heart Disease, Diabetes, Epilepsy, Kidney, Convulsions, Hepatitis, Other)

INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

Our personal health or group insurance is adequate to pay for and reimburse us for medical, dental, hospital and surgical expenses that may be incurred due to injuries that may result from participation in the activity. I will continue this medical coverage in force through the time of the activity. I will promptly notify the school in the event insurance coverage changes. (Various types of insurance may be purchased through the school including Tackle Football, School Time Insurance or Full Insurance. Forms are available in the Tracy High School Athletic Office).

Name of personal insurance company

Policy or Group Number

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

CONSENT AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize the Tracy Unified School District and its authorize representatives to obtain or provide reasonable medical and/or emergency treatment for my child if he/she becomes ill or injured while participating in the extra- curricular activity. I agree to release and hold harmless the District and its representatives from any and all liability resulting from such injury and/or treatment. (See California Education Code Sections 35330 and 49407. I understand that this authorization is given in advance of any required diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care and provides authority and power to the aforementioned agent(s) to give specific consent to any and all such diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care which a licensed physician or dentist may deem necessary. I understand that the Tracy Unified School District, its employees and its Board assume no liability of any nature in relation to the transportation or treatment of the said minor. I further understand that all costs of paramedic transportation, hospitalization, and any examination, X-ray, or treatment provided in relation to this authorization shall be my responsibility.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

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, 2017-June, 30 2018			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	22,311	1,860	430
2	30,044	2,504	578
3	37,777	3,149	727
4	45,510	3,793	876
5	53,243	4,437	1,024
6	60,976	5,082	1,173
7	68,709	5,726	1,322
8	76,442	6,371	1,471
Each additional person:	7,733	645	149

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