



Jefferson Times

MARCH 31, 2014

FAMILY EDITION #27

Weekly Events

Monday:

- Minimum Day
- Brian Vest's Birthday

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

- District Band Concert (See Attachment)

Friday:

- Spirit: Pajama Day Part 2

**Critical Thinking
Word of the Week**

INTERPRET

Upcoming Events

April

- 7th → Lissa Gilmore's Bday
- 9th → ASB Meeting
 - 8th grade Bulldog Project Assembly @ 2pm
- 10th → PFA meeting @ Monticello 8:30am
- 11th → Spirit: Fiesta Day
 - Fiesta Dance 6-8pm
 - 5th Grade Field Trip: Haggin Museum
- 14th → Intent to Return forms sent home
- 15th → GATE testing
 - Machone Hicks' Bday
- 17th → Intent to Return Forms due
- 18th-25th → SPRING BREAK
- 20th → Steve Anzo's Bday

A Note from the Principal...

Hello Jefferson Parents –

We started SBAC testing last week with our 5th and 8th grade students. It was a smooth beginning to our testing season. This week, we have several more classrooms that will be in the computer lab throughout the day taking the SBAC. This is the field test and is only testing the test. We do not get any reporting of student results as they are not monitoring individual student results. This field test helps the test determine which questions are valid and reliable and helps the school determine logistics for test administration. It is a learning experience for us all.

Don't forget that Monday is a minimum day and students are dismissed at 1:00pm.

GATE applications are due to the district office on Tuesday!

On Thursday, we are having our district wide band concert. Come to Hawkins Gym at 6:30pm to hear our students perform a variety of musical selections.

We are finishing out our week with pajama day on Friday!

Our lost and found collection is growing! Stop by and look through the tables and racks of jackets and clothes if your child is missing anything!

We hope everyone has a great week! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Jennifer Tilton

Be Responsible
Do Your Best Each Day - Think Before You Speak

JEFFERSON CREED

Put Others First - Avoid Conflict



District Band Concert

APRIL 3, 2014

6:30 PM

HAWKINS SCHOOL

ENJOY AN EVENING OF BEAUTIFUL MUSIC PERFORMED BY:

HAWKINS SCHOOL ADVANCED BAND

JEFFERSON SCHOOL SYMPHONIC BAND

TRAINA SCHOOL ADVANDED BAND

March 13, 2014

Dear Jefferson Families:

Our school is one of many in the country participating in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Field Test this spring. Schools in 22 states will administer the online assessment in mathematics and/or English starting this March.

The Smarter Balanced assessments are a key part of implementing our new academic standards and preparing all students for success in college and careers. When the assessments become operational in the 2014-15 school year, they will provide an academic checkup by measuring real-world skills like critical thinking and problem solving. In addition, they will provide information during the year to give teachers and parents a better picture of where students are succeeding and where they need help. This practice run of the assessments will be used to evaluate the testing software, ensure the quality of assessment questions, and evaluate the effectiveness of the assessment administration and training materials. It also provides teachers and students at our school an opportunity to preview the types of questions that will be part of the Smarter Balanced assessments and practice test administration procedures.

For our school, students in 5-8 have been selected to take the Field Test in English/Language Arts and Math. The assessment will take place March 18 – April 17, 2014, and will take six to eight hours of your child's time. The assessment will be administered over multiple days. Participation is confidential, and your child's grades will not be affected.

If you would like more information about Smarter Balanced, please visit the Smarter Balanced website at <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>. If you have any questions regarding your child's participation, please contact Jennifer Tilton at jtilton@sjcoe.net or (209) 835-3053.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Tilton". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jennifer Tilton
Principal