



Jefferson Times

APRIL 7, 2014

FAMILY EDITION #28

Weekly Events

Monday:

- Lissa Gilmore's Birthday

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

- ASB meeting after school
- 7th/8th grade Bulldog Project Assembly 2pm

Thursday:

- PFA mtg. 8:30am @ Monticello

Friday:

- Spirit: Green and Gold
- Green and Gold Dance 6-8pm
- 5th Grade Field Trip: Haggin Museum
- Progress Reports mailed home

Critical Thinking Word of the Week

REVIEW

Upcoming Events

April

14th → Intent to Return forms sent home

15th → GATE testing

→ Machone Hicks' Bday

→ Supplemental Pay Due

17th → Intent to Return Forms due

18th-25th → **SPRING BREAK**

20th → Steve Anzo's Bday

23rd → Administrator's Day

28th → Minimum Day

→ STAR Testing begins

May

1st → Earth Day Celebration

→ Intradistrict Enrollment Opens

2nd → Spring Carnival @ Monticello

→ Spirit: Celebrity

7th → Open House

8th → Jump/Hoops for Heart

9th → Spirit: Hawaiian Day

→ Water Rally

A Note from the Principal...

Dear Jefferson Families –

April showers bring May flowers! I hope you have all been keeping dry throughout the rain this past week!

We are entering week three of SBAC testing. Our testing continues to go smoothly and our technology is working well. Our students have been doing a great job of taking these tests seriously.

This week we have the privilege of having the Tracy High Bulldog Project present to our 7th and 8th graders. The THS Bulldog Project was developed by a Hawkins alumnus. It is centered around how to help incoming high school students be as successful as possible in high school. This is a great opportunity for our 7th and 8th graders as they hear from peers on how to be successful in high school.

The MJPPFA is meeting on Thursday, April 10th at 8:30am at Monticello. We are always looking for new parents to come and get involved.

On Friday, our 5th graders are headed to the Haggin Museum in Stockton. They will have the opportunity to view the current art on display.

Progress reports will be mailed home on Friday. Be on the lookout for them over the week-end and early next week. Be sure and contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns about their grades.

Friday's spirit day is Green and Gold Day! Students with ASB cards can join us at the Green and Gold dance on Friday evening from 6-8pm. Students must be dropped off by 6:15 and picked up by 8:15.

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

Jennifer Tilton
Principal

Be Responsible

Do Your Best Each Day - Think Before You Speak

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Put Others First - Avoid Conflict

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Intradistrict Open Enrollment for the 2014-15 School Year

Some of you may wish your child/children to attend one of our schools rather than their assigned or current school. In an effort to possibly accommodate these wishes, the district has in place board policy 5116.1, which allows you to complete an intradistrict attendance request form. These forms are available at all four school sites, the district office and www.jeffersonschooldistrict.com. Please return your completed form to any school site or the district office **between May 1 and May 15**.

Intradistrict 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 monitoring. Families will be notified of the decision the first week of June.

If you are interested, a copy of the board policy 5116.1 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.

Public Viewing of Pilot Math Curriculum

The Jefferson School District currently is participating in a pilot of two math publishers - McGraw Hill and Houghton Mifflin. Public review and input is an important step in curriculum selection. Parent feedback is highly valued. Samples from both publishers will be on display in the District Board Room throughout April and May. The Board Room is located at District Office at 1219 Whispering Wind Drive. Open viewing hours will be every Friday from 8:30am-4:00pm. You can also schedule an appointment to view the materials by contacting Christina Orsi at 209-836-4531.

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,



Jennifer Tilton
Principal