



Jefferson Times

APRIL 14, 2014

FAMILY EDITION #29

Weekly Events

Monday:

- Intent to Return forms sent home
- Staff vs. 8th Grade Basketball Game @ 3:15

Tuesday:

- GATE testing
- Machone Hick's Birthday
- Board Meeting - 6:30 @ District Office

Wednesday:

Thursday:

- Turrets/Disabilities Assembly @ 2pm
- Intent to Return forms due

Friday:

- NO SCHOOL
- SPRING BREAK BEGINS!!!

Critical Thinking Word of the Week

DISTINGUISH

Upcoming Events

April

18th-25th → SPRING BREAK

20th → Steve Anzo's Bday

23rd → Administrator's Day

28th → Minimum Day

May

1st → Earth Day Celebration

2nd → Spring Carnival

@ Monticello

→ Spirit: Celebrity Day

2nd → STAR Testing

(5th/8th grade - science only)

5th → STAR Testing

(5th/8th grade - science only)

7th → Open House

8th → Jump/Hoops for Heart

9th → Spirit: Hawaiian Day

→ Water Rally

14th → ASB applications available

15th → Pops Concert 6:30 in gym

A Note from the Principal...

Dear Jefferson Families –

Spring has sprung! This warm weather is a welcome change!

Week four of SBAC testing begins this week. Our 8th grade students will be finishing their testing this week.

We are starting this week off with a bang as the staff take on the 8th graders in our annual staff vs student basketball game on Monday at 3:15.

On Tuesday at our school board meeting two of our fabulous Jefferson staff members will be honored as Employee of the Year. Delma DaVeiga is being honored as our certificated employee of the year. Ms. DaVeiga has been teaching P.E. at Jefferson for 10 years. She pushes our students to lead healthy, active lifestyles! Bertha Ramon is being honored as our classified employee of the year. Mrs. Ramon supports our English Language Learners and helps them be successful in school. These two wonderful women will be honored on April 15, 2014 at 6:30pm at the Jefferson School District Board meeting.

We are ending our week with a special assembly about individuals with disabilities, specifically Turrets. This assembly will be led by one of our Jefferson parents!

There's no school on Friday, April 18th. This is the beginning of our Spring Break. School resumes on Monday, April 28th. Enjoy your vacation!

I 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

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Put Others First - Avoid Conflict

COME AND ENJOY QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY AND A DELICIOUS...

Spaghetti **DINNER**

Includes Spaghetti, Salad and Dinner Roll

Date: Friday, May 2nd, 2014

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Place: Monticello Cafeteria
1001 Cambridge
Tracy, Ca 95377

Tickets: \$8.00 per person **IN ADVANCE**
\$10.00 per person **AT THE DOOR**



All Proceeds Will Benefit MJPPFA, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!!

Please fill out the bottom portion with your details and return before April 18th, 2014

Family's Last Name		Your Student's First and Last Name	
Your Student's Grade	Your Student's School	Your Student's Teacher	
Contact Telephone	E-mail		
Amount of Tickets: _____ X \$8.00	What time will you be dining in?		Will this be take out?
Total Amount Due: _____	___ 5:30 PM ___ 6:00 PM		___ Yes
Please make all checks to: MJPPFA	___ 6:30 PM ___ 7:00 PM		___ No
			Pick up time: _____



We are looking for more parent volunteers for the carnival on Friday, May 2nd. We need more parent volunteers to work the game booths from 3 to 4pm. If you can't help at that time, we also need parents to help from 5 to 7:30 pm with the cake walk, dunk booth, jumpers, and food concession stands.

If you have already signed up to volunteer, thank you so much!! But we still need a lot more parent volunteers to make it a successful carnival for our kids.

To sign up please contact Sandy Ruiz at alsandvruiz@gmail.com, or (209) 481-4439 as soon as possible. You can also turn in the bottom portion of this flyer to your child's teacher.

Please cut and return the bottom portion to your teacher or the Monticello office by Friday, April 11th

CARNIVAL VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

Volunteer Name(s) _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Student(s) Name _____ Teacher _____

Please check one:

- Yes, I can definitely help from 3 to 4pm!
- I can help a little longer! Sign me up for two hours.
- Sorry, I can't help from 3 to 4pm, but would like to help at a different shift.

On behalf of the students at Monticello & Jefferson Schools THANK YOU for your help!!



Jefferson School District
Is now Accepting Applications for
Measure J School Bond Citizens Oversight Committee

The District is seeking members from the following categories:

- *Representative from a Business Organization*
- *Representative from a Senior Citizen Organization*
- *Parent with Child(ren) Currently Enrolled in District*
- *Representative from a Taxpayer Organization*
- *Parent Representative from a District Support Organization*
- *Representative from Agricultural/Farming Industry*
- *At-Large Member of the Public*

The Committee will meet at least quarterly and is responsible for overseeing Measure J bond projects and funds.

Applications are available at:

Jefferson School District
1219 Whispering Wind
Tracy, CA 95377
and www.jeffersonschooldistrict.com

*Call Superintendent's Office at 209-836-3388 for more information.
All applications must be received by May 30, 2014 by 4:00 p.m.*

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,

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

Jennifer Tilton
Principal