

Jefferson Times

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A note from the Principal ~

Dear Jefferson Families,

Recently I read an article regarding how to remove obstacles to learning math; *'Not a Math Person': How to Remove Obstacles to Learning Math* (by Schwartz). Ultimately, the article discusses that what students believe about themselves affects how their brains approach learning different concepts. The more we can motivate, encourage, and show students how to do something, the more they will have the confidence to try new things and inquire when they do not understand. Below are some specific things that we all can do to help students become more confident and comfortable with the unknown (www.education.com):

- Expect and encourage responsibility
- Lead by example.
- Highlight the child's personal strengths and do not identify others as models to be emulated.
- Recognize the child's fears and help develop confidence by encouraging realistic goal setting towards specific achievements.
- Help the child resolve conflicts peacefully

So, continue to encourage and push your child to reach their next goals. Take the time to sit down with them and set some for this upcoming 2016 year! Please do not hesitate to encourage your child to share those goals with the Jefferson staff. Feel free to contact me at any time at awooten@sjcoe.net or (209) 835-3053.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Wooten

Principal

Trimester 1 Awards Assembly

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16th

5th grade – Monticello MPR, 9:00 a.m.

6th – 8th grade – Jefferson MPR, 1:35 p.m.

District Cell Phone Policy **BP 5131.71**

1. The device is turned off at all times on school ground or at school activities from the hours of 45 minutes prior to the beginning of the school day & 45 minutes after the school day concludes.
2. The device is turned off & concealed while the student is riding the school bus.
3. The device is concealed in a location where it is not visible to others.
4. The device may not be placed or stored in a student desk.

PLEASE refer to page 42 of the 2015-2016 Student/Parent Handbook

~ WORD OF THE WEEK ~

“INEVITABLE”

in·ev·i·ta·ble

/in'evidəb(ə)l/

adjective

- 1. certain to happen; unavoidable "war was inevitable" synonyms: [unavoidable](#), [inescapable](#), [inexorable](#), [ineluctable](#), [assured](#), ... [more](#)
antonyms: [uncertain](#)

noun

- 1. a situation that is unavoidable

~ Weekly Information ~

Monday: 12/07 ~ **Minimum Day 1:05 release**

Tuesday: 12/08 ~ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Ms. Gates
Choir in Room #4 – 7:00 a.m.

Board Meeting @ District Office 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 12/09 ~ ASB meeting

Thursday: 12/10 ~ Choir in Room #4 – 7:00 a.m.

Friday: 12/12 ~ **SPIRIT DAY: GREEN & GOLD**
Magic Club in library – 2:35 p.m.

JEFFERSON WINTER CONCERT

Tuesday, December 15th @ 6:30 p.m.
HAWKINS GYM

Jefferson School Student Tours

Students & teachers will be taking
field trips to Jefferson School

5th/6th – Thursday, December 17th

7th/8th – Friday, December 18th

Be Responsible

Do Your Best Each Day - Think Before You Speak

JEFFERSON CREED

Put Others First - Avoid Conflict

Boys-to-Men Conference

Presents:

"Rise Above Adversity"

Overcoming Obstacles on the Way to Success

Saturday, December 12, 2015

Young Men Ages 10-18

The Event is free & lunch is provided!

Registration begins at 9:00AM
Conference and events from 9:30AM-4:00 PM

Fun and interactive activities!

SPEAKERS and CELEBRITY GUESTS cover topics such as:

- ✦ Speak Your Truth
- ✦ Pathway to Manhood
- ✦ Redefining Leadership
- ✦ Overcoming Obstacles
- ✦ Personal Power
- ✦ Career Exploration

Fax Registration to 209.740.4047
Or Register online at www.sowaseedcf.org

Call 209.229.4559
For more information

Location: Kimball High School 3200 Jaguar Run, Tracy Ca 95377

Sponsored By:



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Pre-Registration (Space is limited)

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Grade: _____

Email: _____

Phone: () _____

Address: _____

Referred by: _____

- I understand that all participants are expected to display a positive attitude and treat everyone with respect.
- I authorize my son to participate in the Boys-to-Men Conference
- I understand that my son may be videotaped or photographed and images may be used for promotional purposes

- Ethnicity: (Check all that apply)
- Native American
 - White/ Caucasian
 - Pacific Islander
 - Hispanic or Latino
 - Middle Eastern
 - Black/ African American
 - Other (Describe) _____
 - Asian

School: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Participant Signature: _____

Chips for Kids

The California Highway Patrol invites you to support the CHPs for Kids Toy Drive. New, unwrapped toys can be brought to any CHP office. For the Tracy area, toys can be brought to the Tracy Area CHP office, 385 W. Grant Line Rd, (209) 835-8920, or to one of the locations listed below from November 1st to December 18th, 5 p.m.

The toys will be distributed to families in need on December 19, 2015 - from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at:

Merrill F. West High School Cafeteria
1775 W. Lowell Ave.

Walmart
Tracy Ford
Tracy Unified School District Transportation Department



Brighter Christmas Food Drive is here!

The ASB members decided to do a competition again this year. We will be collecting and counting cans/boxes by grade level. The grade level with the highest percentage of cans will earn 500 class of the year points, 2nd 300, 3rd 200, and 4th 100.

We hope every student will bring in at least one item. Grade levels need to have an average of one can donated per student in that grade level to earn any COTY points.

We are also going to have a school wide incentive. Mrs. Wooten has agreed to have a pie (whipped cream) to the face if we collect 2000 cans as a school.