



Jefferson School

Home of the Wildcats

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February 10, 2020

Dear Jefferson Families,

February is a month full of kindness and showing others you care. Valentine's Day is this Friday. MJPPFA will be back to school this Tuesday, February 11th to sell Valentine's Day Candy Grams. So, send your child to school with cash so they can purchase a sweet treat and write a note for a friend.

Another way to show others you care is through random acts of kindness. February marks Random Acts of Kindness Month, with one week designated as Random Acts of Kindness Week (2/16 - 2/22). Check out <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/> for inspiration and ways to make those around you smile. I encourage you to choose a few random acts of kindness during this month and participate along with Jefferson School in spreading care. Here's a few ideas:

- Lend a helping hand when you see someone struggling with a heavy load.
- Send a card to a friend you have been thinking about.
- Give your pet extra attention for the day.
- Create a care bag for someone in need.
- Help pick up trash.
- Give a stranger a compliment.
- Leave a generous tip.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming MJPPFA meeting. It will take place on Friday, February 21st at 9:00am at Dynamic Nutrition (738 N. Central Avenue, Unit A). If you have not attended a MJPPFA meeting, I highly encourage you to come and learn about the organization and help make decisions for both Jefferson and Monticello schools.

Again, we truly appreciate your continued support. Please read the Jefferson Times on a weekly basis and visit our website at <https://www.jeffersonschooldistrict.com/jefferson>.

Sincerely,
Alyssa Wooten
Principal



February 7, 2020

Dear Jefferson School District Parents, Guardians and Community Members:

In 2013, the state of California adopted a new formula for funding public education called the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). As part of the LCFF requirements, school districts must develop, adopt, and annually update a three-year plan called The Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). The LCAP describes goals, actions, services, and expenditures that meet state and local priorities in serving students. This new system is designed to provide more local control over spending to help all students achieve at high standards, provide schools with exceptional climates, and involve parents and the community as active participants in student learning. Districts are required to develop the LCAP and update the plan annually, utilizing community input.

As part of our district's continuing effort to acquire students, parents, guardians and community input on the LCAP, Jefferson Elementary School District will hold community forums to gather feedback from you to incorporate into the plan. At the forum you will have the opportunity to provide input on conditions of learning, student achievement, and student / parent engagement. Over the past few years, Jefferson Elementary School District has implemented a number of efforts to address these areas, but we know more work needs to be done.

You are invited to attend Jefferson Elementary School District Community Forums for Parents, Guardians, Community Members, Students, and Staff. There are two meeting locations and times to choose from on Tuesday, February 25, 2020:

- 3:30 – 5:00 pm, at the Tom Hawkins School Library
- 6:00 – 7:30 pm, at the Monticello School Multi-Purpose Room

If you have any questions, please contact me at (209) 836-4531 or ssteen@jsdtracy.com.

Sincerely,

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KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Jefferson School District

**Transitional Kindergarten/ Kindergarten
Orientation and Priority Registration
2020—2021 School Year**

DATE:
Wednesday, February 26, 2020

TIME:
Orientation begins promptly
at 3:30p.m- 5:00 p.m.


LOCATION:
Your home school-
* Anthony Traina
* Monticello
* Tom Hawkins

BRING:
Your incoming TK/K
student(s)

Parents -
will attend an orientation to learn
about the TK/K program,
the school & priority registration
Students-
will visit the classrooms
Teachers-
will evaluate TK/K readiness

*Incoming TK students must be born on
9/2/15- 12/2/15

*Incoming Kindergarteners
must be 5 years old on or before
9/1/2020 (born on or before 9/1/15)
to enroll in Kindergarten



For more information please contact your
home elementary school or visit
www.JeffersonSchoolDistrict.com
or call the Jefferson School District Office
at 209-836-3388



MJPFA's *Valentine Candy Gram Sale!*

Send some love to your teachers, friends or entire class!!

Look for the Candy-Gram table at lunch time on:

Friday February 7th

Tuesday February 11th

Make sure to bring your money! Candy grams will be sold for \$1.00 each!

They will be delivered on

Friday February 14th!



MJPFA & SweetArts Bakery are teaming up to sweeten up your Saturdays this February!

Come support the MJPFA and a small local business at the same time!!
Grab your family and friends and get your one of a kind cupcakes, cookies or even Tillamook ice cream.

This bakery also carries both Keto friendly and gluten free options.

How it works:

Stop by SweetArts any or every Saturday this February and show them this flyer. A percentage of your purchase will be given back to the Monticello Jefferson Parent Faculty Association!!

When:

Every Saturday in February
February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
Store Hours: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



****Must present this flyer OR a picture of this flyer at time of purchase!****

SweetArts Bakery is located in downtown Tracy at 1020 B. St, Tracy CA 95376.

Voted "Best of Tracy 2017, 2018 & 2019" and
"Best of San Joaquin 2017, 2018 & 2019"



Date

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I am writing to share very important information about an event that will take place in Spring 2020: The U.S. Census. The census is a count of all people living in the U.S. and takes place every 10 years. It is simple and confidential to complete. For the first time, you can respond online. You will receive a unique identifying number in the mail, which will allow you to fill out the online form beginning in March 2020. It will ask questions about your household such as how many people reside in your home, date of birth, race, and sex. Here are some things you should know:

Your identity remains anonymous. Any personal information you provide on the census form is protected by law and cannot be shared with anyone or any other federal agency. Regardless of your immigration status, the information cannot be used against you or to invade the privacy of you or any members of your family.

The Census is important. The Census is important because it helps to decide how much federal money our schools will get over the next ten years, and how much money our state will get for our parks, neighborhood improvements, public health, transportation, and many other programs and services.

The Census is safe. All the data collected through the census is protected under Title 13 of the U.S. Code. Records are confidential for 72 years by law. All U.S. Census Bureau employees swear a lifetime oath to protect respondent information. The U.S. Census will never share a respondent's personal information with other government agencies. Data is only released in summary tables; no individual records are released. The penalty for wrongful disclosure is up to 5 years imprisonment and/or a fine of \$250,000.

What do you need to do? When you receive your identifying number in the mail, complete the short and easy form online. If you don't have a computer at home, you can use one at a library or at a location in your community clearly identified Census Questionnaire Assistance Center.

Your kids count, so make sure to count them when you fill out the census form in Spring 2020!

Sincerely,

Principal



What You Need to Know About the Census

Every 10 years, people across the country and in California fill out the Census in order to have an accurate count of all people in the United States. The Census determines California's federal funding for important community services that help support our families and fair share of representation in California and Washington D.C.

The next Census is in Spring 2020. Let's ensure all Californians are counted so we can put those resources to good use here at home!

Census Key Dates

Starting in mid-March 2020, each household will get a letter in the mail. It will explain the different ways you can fill out the Census. If you don't receive a letter, you can still go online or call to fill it out. Be sure you include any person living in your household, family or not.



Why All Californians Should Take the Census

The Census is safe, protected and confidential. The Census helps determine how much money California receives for important programs and services. When you fill out the Census, you help your community get its fair share of money.



BUILD BETTER ROADS AND SCHOOLS



FUND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



CREATE JOBS



IMPROVE HOUSING

Information collected as part of the 2020 Census cannot be shared by other governmental agencies or used against you in any way. California is different and diverse. ALL Californians count. Take the Census.

How to Complete

Every person in the country is required to fill out the 2020 Census form. Luckily, you have three ways to respond.



MAIL: Request a paper Census form in English or Spanish that can be mailed back to the U.S. Census Bureau.



PHONE: The Census can be completed by phone in 13 languages.



ONLINE: For the first time, the Census form will be available to complete online in 13 languages.

Video and printed guides will also be available in 59 non-English languages, and there will be a video in American Sign Language, plus a printed guide in braille. Whichever you choose, just make sure you fill out the form!



¿Por qué le debe importar el Censo?

Cada 10 años, el Censo cuenta a todas las personas que viven en los Estados Unidos. Los resultados del Censo determinan cuántos fondos federales recibirá California para los servicios que apoyan a nuestras familias y comunidades. También determinan el número de representantes que nuestro estado tendrá en el congreso de los EE. UU.

El siguiente Censo se realizará en la primavera del 2020. Asegurémonos de que se cuenten todos los californianos, para que tengamos los recursos que merecemos.

Fechas clave del Censo

A partir de mediados de marzo del 2020, cada hogar recibirá una carta por correo. La carta le explicará las diferentes maneras en que puede responder al Censo. Si usted no recibe la carta, aún puede participar el Censo en línea. Asegúrese de incluir a todas las personas que vivan en su hogar, ya sean familiares o no.



¿Por qué todos debemos de participar en el Censo?

El Censo ayuda a determinar cuánto dinero recibirá California para programas y servicios que ayudan a su comunidad. Cuando usted responde al Censo, ayuda a que su comunidad lo que le corresponde. Estos fondos ayudan a:



**CONSTRUIR MEJORES
CARRETERAS Y ESCUELAS**



**FINANCIAR PROGRAMAS COMUNITARIOS PARA
PERSONAS MAYORES, NIÑOS Y FAMILIAS**



CREAR TRABAJOS



MEJORAR VIVIENDAS

El Censo es seguro y confidencial. La información que se junta a través del Censo 2020 no puede compartirse con otras agencias gubernamentales y no puede usarse en contra suya.

California es diferente y diversa. TODOS los californianos cuentan. Participe en el Censo.

Formas de Responder

Todas las personas que viven en el país tienen la responsabilidad de llenar el cuestionario del Censo 2020. Usted puede elegir una de tres maneras:



POR CORREO: Solicite un cuestionario impreso del Censo en inglés o en español, que se debe regresar a la Oficina del Censo de EE. UU. por correo.



POR TELÉFONO: El Censo puede contestarse por teléfono. Estará disponible en 13 idiomas.



EN LÍNEA: Por primera vez, el cuestionario se puede contestar en línea. Estará disponible en 13 idiomas.

Las guías impresas y en video estarán disponibles en 59 idiomas además del español y habrá un video en el lenguaje de señas americano, además de una guía impresa en braille. Usted decide como quiere participar, pero asegúrese de llenar el cuestionario.

FAQs:

- Every ten years the U.S. Census Bureau counts every person in the U.S., and this will be the first census to rely heavily on online responses.
- The census counts everyone living in the United States, regardless of immigration status.
- The census does not ask about immigration status.
- California schools receive over \$7 billion in federal funding, which is impacted by a complete and accurate census count. Census numbers are used to allocate, monitor, and evaluate education programs.
- Participating in the 2020 Census ensures that you and your communities have fair representation. The 2020 Census will determine the number of representatives California has in the U.S. House of Representatives and the number of votes we have in the Electoral College. Census data will also be used to redraw State Assembly and Senate boundaries.
- The 2020 Census is safe and secure.
- The Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about individuals, households, or businesses even to law enforcement agencies. (Title 13 of the U.S. Code)
- Census information can only be released after 72 years. (Title 44 of the U.S. Code)
- All U.S. Census Bureau staff take a lifetime oath to protect your personal information, and any violations come with a penalty of up to \$250,000 and/or up to 5 years of prison.
- A Census worker will never ask for donations or money, a full social security number, any type of funds on behalf of a political party, your mother's maiden name, credit card numbers, or full bank account numbers.
- Census workers have a Census Bureau I.D. badge with name, photo, Department of Commerce watermark, and date of expiration.

If a student misses 2 days of school per month, they are missing over 10% of their school year!

The importance of daily school attendance must start at home, stressing the value of a consistent educational experience. It is vital for the Jefferson School District to build on this value, maintaining an essential partnership between school and home, to ensure punctual daily school attendance is a priority. Absent work completed at home is not a sufficient substitute for the quality instructions received while present in class.

Should your child need to be absent, California Education Code allows **EXCUSED** absences for the following reasons:

- Illness
- Medical/Dental Appointment
- Quarantine
- Funeral of Family Member
- To spend time with student's immediate family member who is an active duty member of the uniformed services.
- Participation in religious exercise

Please call the school at 209-835-3053 if your child is absent for ANY REASON.

The parent/guardian of the student must phone or send a note to clear any of these excused absences. The answering machine is activated after school hours for your convenience, and is checked at the start of the next school day. Failure to excuse your students' absence will result in a recorded truancy on the student's permanent record.

Being absent for any of the following reasons will result in an **UNEXCUSED** absence:

- Personal Days
- Going shopping
- Visiting Relatives
- Student's Birthday
- Oversleeping
- Childcare by the student at home
- Car Trouble
- Vacation
- Family moving from one home to another
- Cutting school

Education Code 4820: Students shall be classified as truant if absent from school without a valid excuse three full days in one school year, or tardy or absent for more than any 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on three occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof. Such students shall be reported to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 48260)