



Jefferson Times

Home of the Wildcats

Jason Strickland, Principal
Angela Hewey, Principal's Secretary

October 14th, 2022

Good Evening Amazing Jefferson Families,

I hope you had a wonderful time at the MJPFA Fall Carnival at Monticello today. This was my first one and I had a blast. We are excited for our 6th graders as they are heading to Science Camp next week. Our students will be leaving on Monday and returning on Friday. We are canceling the following activities for next week: 5th and 6th grade Volleyball practice, ASB Meeting, GATE Toy class, Choir practice, and Drumline practice. We will still hold Math Olympiad practice and Science Olympiad practice for our 5th graders.

Red Ribbon Week (RRW) starts on Monday, October 24th and continues through October 31st. [Here](#) is a website that discusses RRW and the history behind the movement. We will be talking with students all week about "Celebrating Life and Living Drug Free," the theme for RRW this year. In addition, we have the following spirit days:

Monday (Twin/Multiples Day)
Tuesday (Camouflage Day)
Wednesday (Mismatch Day)
Thursday (Denim Day)
Friday (Mustache Day)
Monday, October 31st (Costume Day)

I hope you all can talk to your children about the importance of staying drug free and get them in the spirit for our various dress up days.

I also wanted to mention that Trimester 1 is coming to a close in just a few short weeks. The last day of the trimester is Friday, November 4th. Please check in with your child and in Aeries Parent Portal to ensure they are caught up with their work and prepared for end of the trimester assessments. We do have several intervention opportunities for students, please reach out to your child's teacher for more information or if you have any questions about their classroom progress.

That's all for now. Have a great weekend and GO WILDCATS!!

Take care,

Jason Strickland

Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/17-10/21 6th Grade Science Camp

10/19 – Minimum Day

10/21 – GREEN & GOLD spirit day

10/24 Twin/Multiples spirit day

10/25 – Camouflage spirit day

10/26 – Minimum day & Mismatch spirit day

Coffee & Conversations w/Principal

8:30am

10/27 – Denim spirit day

10/28 – Mustache spirit day

10/31 – Costume spirit day

11/4 – End of 1st Trimester

Dress Code



JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

ACCEPTABLE TOPS	NOT ACCEPTABLE TOPS
ACCEPTABLE BOTTOMS	NOT ACCEPTABLE BOTTOMS
ACCEPTABLE SHOES	NOT ACCEPTABLE SHOES

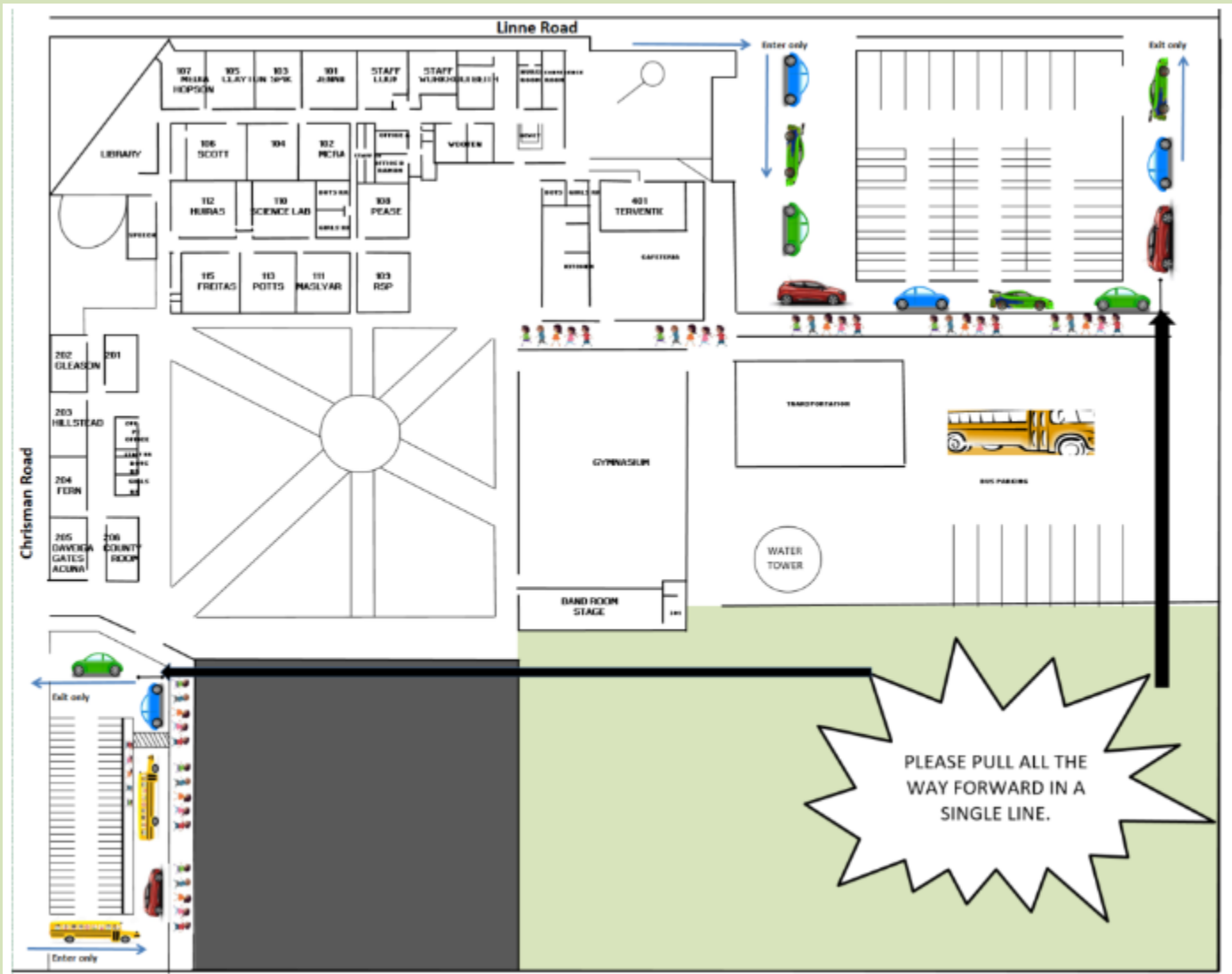
Attendance



Every Day Counts

Chronic absenteeism is a serious problem on our campus. Many students are absent or tardy on a regular basis and this has a huge impact on their learning. We want you to join us in making school attendance a high priority for your family. Remember, school is your child's first and most important job. Please support them by getting them here on time and scheduling appointments and vacations outside the school day.

Drop Off/Pick Up





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Know the Dangers of Fentanyl

With Halloween approaching it is more important than ever that parents inspect all candy and treats being provided to their children. Brightly-colored fentanyl, referred to as rainbow fentanyl, has been identified as a new trend in the United States by the DEA. Rainbow fentanyl can be found in many forms, including pills, powder, and blocks that can resemble sidewalk chalk or candy. Fentanyl can be disguised in Skittles, mints, and other hard candies. Rainbow fentanyl, like all forms of fentanyl, is extremely potent and dangerous.

Did you know that fentanyl overdose deaths are on the rise in San Joaquin County? Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. Fentanyl-laced drugs and fake prescription pills containing fentanyl are available online and in our communities. People often **don't know** that they are taking fentanyl or how much fentanyl a drug contains. Even in small doses, fentanyl can be deadly.

Too many San Joaquin County residents, including teens, have suffered from overdoses of fentanyl or other synthetic opioids. As part of a collaboration of education, law enforcement, public health, and other organizations, we are coming together to say that **enough is enough**. We need your help to keep youth safe from this dangerous drug. You can help by getting informed and **talking to your student about the dangers of fentanyl and drug use**.

- Just a few grains of fentanyl can be a lethal dose.
- Prescription fentanyl is a powerful medical synthetic opioid prescribed in carefully monitored dosage for extreme pain or end-of-life care.
- Counterfeit pills, obtained on the street or online, can contain deadly doses of fentanyl. They are made to resemble other prescription medications, such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, Xanax, or Adderall. They are available to anyone with a smartphone.
- In San Joaquin County, fentanyl-related overdose deaths among teens ages 15 to 19 increased by 300% between early 2020 and the first half of 2021. This age group has the second-highest rate of emergency department visits for fentanyl-related overdoses when compared to all other age groups, according to the most-recent data available.
- Providing drugs causing a fatal overdose may result in criminal prosecution.
- Signs of a fentanyl overdose include difficulty waking up, slowed breathing, confusion, and blue or pale lips and fingernails.
- If you think someone is overdosing, call 911 immediately. (Under state law, a person overdosing and the person calling for help are protected from legal trouble.) If available, administer Naloxone, a life-saving medication to reverse the effects of opioid overdose. It is available free to the public at [San Joaquin County Public Health Services](https://www.sjcopioidsafety.org).



Fatal dose of fentanyl.

The lethal potency of fentanyl and its easy availability increases the already risky behavior of recreational drug use. There is no such thing as a safe street drug, and it is dangerous to misuse prescription drugs. Be aware. Be informed. Be safe. Learn more about opioid use, where to get help, and the Fentanyl is Forever awareness campaign at www.SJCopioidsafety.org.

Coffee and Conversation with the Principal

Wednesday, October 26
8:30am Jefferson Cafeteria

6:30pm Virtual ([Zoom Link](#))

Come join Mr. Strickland
and hear about all of
the amazing things
happening at Jefferson.





JEFFERSON ART SHOW CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

- Art must be submitted by January 5, 2023
 - One entry per person.
- First & last name on the back, along with grade level.
 - Drop off art to Mrs. Gleason (rm 202)
or Mrs. Robertson (in the library).
 - 2D art must be no larger than 22" by 34".
 - 3D art must be no bigger than 24" in any direction.
- Any art medium can be used - pencil, paint, charcoal, ink, paper mache, etc.
- Art Show Exhibit open to the public - Jan. 11, 2023,
3:30-6:30

Contact Mrs. Gleason with any questions: sgleason@jsdtracy.com

NOTE: Up to 5 winners from each grade will have their art submitted to the Haggin Art Museum's Annual Children's Art Show in Stockton, CA!

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