



Jefferson School

Home of the Wildcats

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Dear Jefferson Families,

It's Superbowl weekend and that means some competition! A little friendly competition might be a good thing, and according to research, healthy competition has benefits for students. Parents.com explains that competition can help children learn skills they will use throughout their lives. Furthermore, it is explained how adults can encourage healthy competition, resulting in students: asking to participate in the activity again, being able to win and lose gracefully, learning new skills and want to better themselves, and enjoying their improved self esteem. Below are a couple of short articles, worth reading, about healthy and friendly competition, and the benefits for our children. <https://latinamoms.com/2018/01/benefits-healthy-competition-for-kids/>; <https://www.learndash.com/4-ways-to-encourage-healthy-competition-among-students/>;

MJPFA will be busy this month with their Valentine's Candy Gram Sales. Information will be coming soon. Send your child to school with cash to purchase Candy Grams on Friday, February 7th and Tuesday, February 11th. MJPFA will have a table during lunch for students to purchase their sweet treats for others.

Our semi-formal dance is taking place on Friday, February 7th from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the cafeteria. The theme is Masquerade, so start making your masque for the night of fun. Students must have an ASB card to attend the dance.

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

Jefferson

PHOTOS

~Needed for the YEARBOOK~

If you have photos from the following:

- Red Ribbon Week
 - Band
- Sports (volleyball & basketball)
 - DARE
 - Winter Program
- Award Assemblies

You may email photos to Ms. Gates at jgates@jsdtracy.com

OR

Upload photos to:

<https://www.hjeshare.com/eShare/index.html>

School code is: Wildcats7500

OR

Or through the app Herff Jones eShare

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/herff-jones-eshare/id511291680>

on your phone:





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!**

SweeatArts 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”



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.



Many of you have noticed the new check-in/check-out system in our office last year. Anyone coming in to visit or volunteer must first check in at the office using the new *Ident-a-Kid* system. Please bring your license with you, as it is REQUIRED for check-in to our campus. The system will scan driver's licenses and a background check is performed against the national sex offender registry prior to receiving a visitor badge. A visitor badge will be printed for you when you visit the campus. This system is also used to generate a tardy pass to the student when the student is tardy. It is also used for when students are leaving early and when students return from appointments. We welcome any feedback or questions you may have.



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 209-833-9300 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:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Personal Days▪ Going shopping▪ Visiting Relatives▪ Student's Birthday▪ Oversleeping▪ Childcare by the student at home | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Car Trouble▪ Vacation▪ Family moving from one home to another▪ Cutting school |
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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)

ILLNESS AND SCHOOL MEMO

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF						
I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
						
Oral temperature of 100°F or higher.	Within the past 24 hours.	Within the past 24 hours.	Body rash with itching or fever.	Itchy head, active head lice.	Redness, itching and/or "crusty" drainage from eye.	Hospital stay and/or ER visit.

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...						
Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication (i.e. Tylenol, Motrin).	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals.	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours.	*Free from rash, itching, or fever. Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school.*	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse.	*Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school.*	*Released by my medical provider to return to school.*

***To return to school, a doctor's note must be provided to the school nurse stating the date of return.**

STEPS TO REDUCE ILLNESS						
Drink plenty of water, eat a healthy variety of foods, and get at least 8 hours of sleep every night.	Get a flu shot.	Wash hands frequently using soap and water for at least 20 seconds.	Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into the elbow.	Keep children at home if they are sick. Separate sick family members from others.	Ensure parent emergency contact information is correct.	Call your doctor for: <i>high fever, prolonged illness, respiratory problems, or other severe symptoms.</i>