

Jefferson Times



This week of March 02, 2015 at a glance...

| Monday: 3/9 | Tuesday: 3/10 | Wednesday: 3/11 | Thursday: 3/12 | Friday: 3/13 |
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| Minimum Day 7th/8th—NO practice | Board Meeting @ DO Practice 2:45 - 4:00 | Practice 2:45 - 4:00 | PFA meeting @ Monticello @ 8:30 Practice 2:45 - 4:00 | Spirit—mismatch day Birthday: Mrs. Lopopolo |

A Note from the Principal:

Dear Jefferson Families—

We are officially in the final third of the school year. The third trimester will go by quickly so don't blink!

Our 6th graders had a successful week at Science Camp! Thank you to our fabulous 6th grade team for all their hard work on this trip.

We are heading into our testing season in a week. Students will be testing online in their core classes. Please send a pair of headphones with your child to use for the testing.

Have a great week. As always, feel free to contact me with any comments or concerns.

Thanks,
Jennifer Tilton

Critical Thinking Word of the Week

EXPRESS

MJPEA NEWS

Carnival Information attached

Next Meeting:
March 12th @ Jefferson

Grade Level Testing
Please remember to bring a pair of headphones or earbuds for testing on the chromebooks this week.

Upcoming Events

February:

3/17: Spirit - Wear Green

3/31: Birthday: Mr. Vest

March:

4/2: Spirit - Sports Day

4/3 - 4/10 : Spring Break

4/13: Minimum Day

4/14: Progress Reports mailed

4/17: Bow Tie/ Tutu dance

Be Responsible
Do Your Best Each Day - Think Before You Speak

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Put Others First - Avoid Conflict

March 6, 2015

Dear Jefferson Families,

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP, which has replaced the Standardized Testing and Reporting, or STAR Program, is the new state academic testing program. CAASPP is a system intended to provide information that can be used to monitor student progress. CAASPP includes computer adaptive tests in English–language arts and mathematics as well as paper-based tests for science.

Last year, most students participated in a computer-based field test. This practice run of the test, though no scores were provided, allowed students to experience computer-based testing and new types of questions. In addition, the field test also helped evaluate how well districts technology systems could meet the demands of computer-based tests, and determine what resources teachers and schools would need to better prepare students for future assessments.

Lessons learned from last year’s field test will help ensure a successful, full launch of the CAASPP system this school year. In moving forward, students will take the test in **grades 3 – 8** from **March 16, 2015 to April 24, 2015**. To learn about the types of questions on the computer-based test, you and your child can view the practice test online at the California Department of Education (CDE) Smarter Balanced Practice Test Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>.

Following the spring 2015 testing, students will receive individual score reports. Student score reports will be sent home to parents and will include an overall score, a description of the student’s achievement level for English–language arts and mathematics, and other information. It is important to note that these scores cannot be compared to scores that your child previously received on the STAR Program tests because this test is based on the new Common Core State Standards, involves different types of test questions, and will not be reported using the STAR Program reporting categories.

New this year, students with disabilities who previously took the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) will participate instead in a field test of the new Alternate Assessment in ELA and mathematics. Like the CAASPP ELA and mathematics assessments, the Alternate Assessment will be aligned to the Common Core Standards. Students will not receive scores for the Alternate Assessment field test in 2015.

If you would like more information, please visit the Parent/Student tab of the CDE CAASPP Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/>. If you have any questions regarding your child’s participation, please contact Jennifer Tilton at jtilton@sjcoe.net or (209) 835-3053.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Tilton
Principal



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Abuse
Resistance
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Jefferson 5th grade DARE students are holding a book drive to help give children the gift of reading. Our goal is to collect 3,000 books which are appropriate for K-5. Books must be in excellent condition. Books can either be given to their teacher or the office. Teachers should keep track of how many books they collect. The drive ends in 9 weeks. Teachers who collect in their classrooms can send me an email when they have some books that they want me to come and get from their rooms. We are also looking for money donations for shipping the books to their destinations.



MJPFA News:



*SAVE THE DATE! The 2015 Monticello- Jefferson Carnival will be held on Friday, May 8, from 3pm-7:30pm at Monticello. With games, prizes, food and entertainment, it is sure to be a great time for all!

*Carnival Volunteers Needed! If you are interested in organizing an event or just volunteering at a game booth for an hour, we need your help! Please contact Alexis Imperial Bobis at alexis.[imperial@gmail.com](mailto:alexis.imperial@gmail.com) and let us know how you can help.

The Monticello- Jefferson PFA would like to let you know that the final Box Top collection date for our 2015 MJPFA Box Top fundraiser will be Friday, February 27. Help us reach our goal of \$2,000!



The Sister City Association of Tracy & youth Exchange Program

Annual fundraising dinner will be on March 14th. It will be at the Tracy Community Center. Tickets are \$35 each. You can call Nicole Riley @ 612-7063.





Auditions

Tracy Repertory Theatre presents

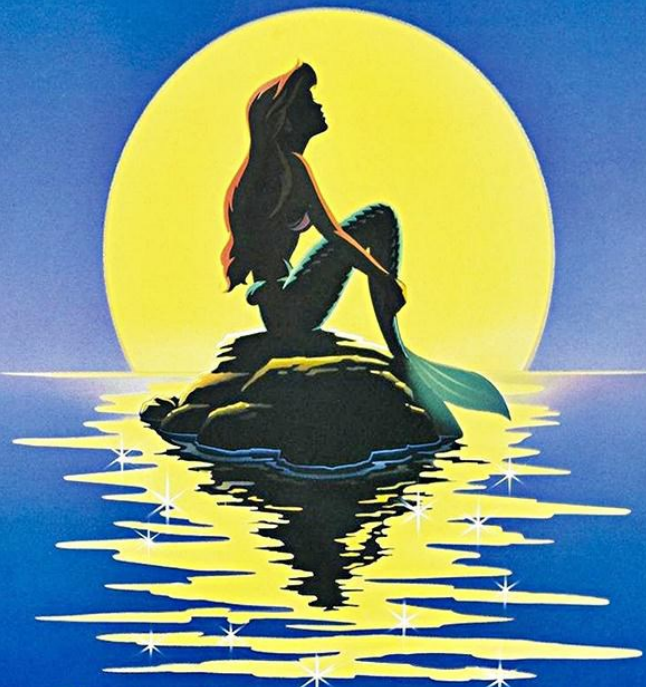
Disney

THE LITTLE MERMAID



Saturday, March 28th - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31st - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



The Grand Theatre Center for the Arts

715 Central Avenue Tracy, CA 95376

For more information, go to www.tracyrep.org

TRACY HIGH CHEER TEAM 2015-2016 DATES

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR 2015-16 TRYOUTS

Thursday March 12th @ 6:00pm
THS – EB Theater

TRYOUT PAPERS DUE

Friday March 27th 3:00pm

TRYOUTS

March 31st, April 1st, & April 2nd 5pm-8pm
THS- Main Gym

Important Dates for 2015-2016 Team:

Parent Meeting: April 3rd

Uniform Fittings: April 6th

Cheer Camp: June 17th – 20th

For More Information Please E-mail:
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