



# Jefferson Times

SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

## Weekly Events

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: SSC Meeting at Jefferson in the library @ 3:00

Friday:

## Volleyball Schedule for the week of 9/29/14

Monday: Practice only: 5th - 4:15/ 6th/7th & 8th - 2:45

Tuesday: Game Day: 5th - No GAME/ 6th @ Banta 3:45/ 7th @ Delta Island 3:45/ 8th @ Banta 4:30

Wednesday: Practice only: 5th 4:15/ 6th, 7th & 8th 2:45

Thursday: Game Day: 5th @ Banta 3:45/ 6th @ Hawkins 3:45 /7th @ Banta 4:30/ 8th @ Hawkins 3:45

Friday: Practice Only: 5th @ 4:15/ 6th & 7th @ 2:45

## Critical Thinking Word of the Week

### Conclude

## Upcoming Events

### October

10/6 - Minimum Day

College Week begins

Wear any college

10/7 - Wear your 1st period  
teachers college

Sabu Abraham's birthday

10/8 - Wear UCLA

10/9 - Wear Chico

PFA Meeting

@ Jefferson 6:30 - 7:30

10/10 - Wear your adopted college  
Mr. Fern's birthday

10/13 - Columbus Day

10/14 - Ms. Vinyard's birthday

Board Meeting @ DO

10/20 - Minimum Day

Mr. Pease's birthday

10/24 - THS Homecoming Parade

10/31 - Last Day of the Trimester

## *A note from the principal. . .*

Hello Jefferson Families!

September has quickly passed us by and we are now officially into the fall season!

For afternoon pick-up, the back gate closes at 2:50 each afternoon. Any students who are still waiting for rides will be brought to the office to call home. You can pick up your child at the office at this time. Please remember that all students who are waiting to be picked up or who take the bus are asked to remain behind the gates until they are picked up or the bus arrives.

September is Attendance Awareness Month! It's important that your child be present each day and be on time. When a child misses class time, they are missing valuable instruction and learning. Students who are present and on time to class are more successful in school.

College Week is coming! Be sure and read the attached information about this fun and exciting week!

We have one month left of the first trimester. If you have concerns regarding your child's academic progress, now is the time to contact teachers for guidance and help.

Come out and cheer on our 5th-8th grade volleyball teams on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. They are doing a great job on the courts!

Have a great week! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Mrs. Tilton,  
Principal

FAMILY EDITION #7

Be Responsible

Do Your Best Each Day - Think Before You Speak

## JEFFERSON CREED

Put Others First - Avoid Conflict

# College Week 2014 Poster Contest Rules

## Rules

Posters should be 8.5" X 11" white or colored paper.

Media may be cut paper, pencil, ink or charcoal drawings or any suitable art materials.

**Annual theme must be on the poster. The theme this year is an advertisement to promote your adopted college.**

Name of student, name of teacher, grade level of student, This should be written on the back in the lower right-hand corner.

Posters which do not meet all contest requirements will be eliminated.

All posters should be submitted to the office by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **October 8, 2014** with judging happening on Thursday, October 9, 2014.

Posters should **not** be laminated.

Posters **MUST** be the student's original work.

Winners will receive a beanie from their adopted college.

## Divisions

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Wellesley College (White and Blue)

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Virginia Tech (Burnt Orange and Chicago Maroon)

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: MIT (Grey and Cardinal)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Cal Tech (White and Orange)

## Judging

### 1. Clarity of Message

The message should be simple and direct. Theme – **"Attend My College"**

Points.....0 to 10

### 2. Artistic Merit - The art work should stimulate and spark reaction.

Points.....0 to 5

### 3. Neatness

Points.....0 to 5

## Accuracy

All the university information must be accurate. **Advertising commercial brands is not acceptable.**

**The Personal Statement**  
**Essay Contest**  
**College Week 2014**

The student with the winning essay will receive:

5 <sup>th</sup> Wellesley Blanket	7 <sup>th</sup> MIT Blanket
6 <sup>th</sup> Virginia Tech Blanket	8 <sup>th</sup> Cal Tech Blanket

When applying to college your personal statement is your chance to tell the university who you are and what's important to you. Think of it as your opportunity to introduce yourself to the admissions officers reading your application. Be open, be honest, be real.

**A couple of tips:** Read the prompt carefully and be sure to respond to all parts. Use specific, concrete examples to support the points you want to make.

### Instructions and Prompt

- Respond to **one of the** prompts using a minimum of 250 and a maximum of 300 words.
- Stay within the word limit as closely as you can. A little over — 312 words, for example — is fine.
- **Essays are due to the office by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2014**

### Prompt

- How would your friends characterize you? Look at yourself from the outside.
- Have you ever struggled for something and failed? How did you respond? Have you experienced a feeling of disappointment and dissatisfaction of yourself?
- What are the most important extracurricular or community activities? What made you join these activities?

### Tips and Techniques

#### Start early.

Allow time for reflection, thoughtful preparation, and revision.

#### Compose your personal statement in a word-processing program.

#### Write in a natural style.

Present your information and ideas in a focused, thoughtful and meaningful manner. Support your ideas with specific examples. A personal statement that is simply a list of qualities or accomplishments is usually not persuasive.

#### Proofread.

Proofread Two More Times: Careless spelling or grammatical errors, awkward language, or fuzzy logic will make your essay memorable—in a bad way.

#### Solicit feedback.

Your personal statement should reflect your own ideas and be written by you alone, but others--family and teachers--can offer valuable suggestions. Ask them to tell you what they think you're trying to convey. Did they get it right?

# Take Note...

MJPFA News:

## **JEFFERSON:**

Representative wanted! The Monticello-Jefferson PFA is looking for a volunteer from Jefferson School to come join the MJPFA Board of Executives and be an active voice for Jefferson School in our fundraising and planning efforts. No prior experience necessary. Please contact MJPFA President Tina Bender if interested at [momtosix@gmail.com](mailto:momtosix@gmail.com)

## **Measure J Citizens' Oversight Committee Seeking One Member**

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the first Jefferson Citizens Oversight Committee was established. The six current members are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Nicole Riley, Chairperson	2015
Jennifer Couch, Secretary	2015
Peggi Johnson, Vice-chair	2015
Chris Potts	2015
Kelly DeLong	2016
Terry Thomas	2016

There is currently one position available on the Citizens Oversight Committee. Please contact Grace Merritt at the Jefferson District Office for an application if you are interested in applying - [gmerritt@sjcoe.net](mailto:gmerritt@sjcoe.net) or 209-836-3388.

The Committee will meet at least quarterly and is responsible for overseeing Measure J bond projects and funds.

## GATE – OLSAT Testing Fall GATE Testing

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) testing is open to all third through eighth graders who have not taken the OLSAT 8 in the past three years. The two possible ways to qualify for GATE for 2014-2015 will be through the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT) or through the teacher recommendation / portfolio process. The OLSAT test will be given to eligible 3<sup>rd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> graders in October and eligible 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders in April. Testing will occur after school at your child's school site. The testing schedule can be found below. Parents are responsible for student transportation. If you would like your child to participate in the upcoming GATE testing, please contact the school office and ask for a GATE application or go to the Jefferson School District Website ([www.jeffersonschooldistrict.com](http://www.jeffersonschooldistrict.com)).

The application can be found under Academic Programs, Gifted and Talented, GATE student application or click: <http://www.jeffersonschooldistrict.com/site/default.aspx?pageid=53>

The application must be completed and returned to the school office by October 10, 2014.

### Testing Schedule:

- ◆ Tuesday, October 14 GATE Testing at Hawkins (includes Jefferson 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders)
- ◆ Wednesday, October 15 GATE Testing at Traina
- ◆ Thursday, October 16 GATE Testing at Monticello (includes Jefferson 5<sup>th</sup> Graders)

If you have any questions, please contact Student Services at (209) 836-4531.