

# *December Jefferson Newsletter*

November 30, 2011

Dear Parents,

Happy Holidays! I can't believe I'm saying that as we just finished up with parent conferences a couple of weeks ago. Thank you to every family that was able to participate. **We had our best turnout ever...313/315 student conferences.** This is truly amazing. What does this mean? It means that the Jefferson community is focused on learning and building strong relationships, and that the school staff along with parents is partnering to ensure that every child is a successful learner. Thank you for this incredible support.

This support means that students will experience success at school. We will be celebrating this success today at our November Learning Celebration (formerly called the High Five Assembly). We are changing the assembly a bit to focus our recognition on what each student is doing well rather than choosing to honor only for the high 5 characteristics. We know each student has different strengths so we want to take the time to honor those differences. Thank you so much for joining in with us for this celebration of learning. Thank you as well to our front office team for calling to invite every child's family.

It is so important to take time for our families. Time with family is precious, and we need to treasure each day. Thank you to everyone who brought their families to our PTO Pastries for Parents event. The turnout was wonderful, the food delicious, and it was great to see families enjoying time together. Thank you to the Jefferson PTO for sponsoring this event. Thank you to Tina Gallon and her children (Josiah, Caleb and Chloe) for putting together the morning treats.

**Families' coming together for fun is what the PTO is hoping to have happen today, Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.** The PTO and Jefferson Staff will be hosting a McTakeover. It's a great opportunity to see the staff doing some different type of work (we love it). So.... come enjoy a great meal. If you can't make the event, stop by the office to see Michelle to purchase a coupon book for \$5. We hope to see lots of Jefferson families. Other PTO events include the evening book fair on Tuesday and Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm in the library.

The first trimester ends today report cards will be coming home on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The report cards are truly a celebration of your child's learning and success over these past few months. Please take a few minutes to review the report card with your child and take time to celebrate. If you have any questions about the report card please contact your child's teacher.

Finally, thank you so much for all of your support with your child's education. I am thankful each day for the opportunity to work with such caring children and families. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to support your child or family. Enjoy this holiday time with your families.

Happy Holidays,

*Michelle Olsen*

## CALENDAR NOTES

Jefferson 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade General Music and Strings Concert at Jefferson Elementary on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm.

Jefferson & Franklin Band / 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Concert at Jefferson Elementary on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Jefferson, Roosevelt & Franklin 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Strings Concert at Roosevelt Elementary on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the gym.

The First Trimester ended on November 30<sup>th</sup> and report Cards will be coming home on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The report card is designed to communicate about your student's achievement and how your student is progressing toward meeting standards. We are committed to improving our communication and we welcome parent suggestions.

Holiday Sing-A-Long Assembly on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the gym.

Winter Break: There is no school for students December 19<sup>th</sup> thru January 2<sup>nd</sup>. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## JEFFERSON INFORMATION

Congratulations to the students in Mrs. Schmid's 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom for bringing in the most peanut butter for the Lions peanut butter drive. They have won a catered lunch.

Congratulations to the winners of the Grand Lodge Americanism Program 2011-2012 Essay Contest:  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Hope O'Connor                      3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Alyssa Dailey-Morse

Thank you to all Jefferson students/families for raising \$1,874.13.

### Congratulations to Triathlon Winners:

Principal for the day: Talon Roloson

Music teacher for the day: Emma Olsen

PE teacher for the day: Mercedes Shimko

\*Each person listed above also won a stuffed Jefferson Wolf and a Jefferson Sweatshirt.

Box Tops and soup labels are being collected by every classroom. These are turned in on the last day of each month. The top class from grades Kindergarten thru 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> win an extra recess. Thank you for your support. Ask grandparents and friends to save theirs as well. All of the proceeds benefit our students.

Title 1 Notification: Parents have the right to request specific information of staff in a Title 1 school who works with their child. This information includes:

- whether the teacher has met state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade level(s) and subject area(s) in which the teacher provides instruction;
- whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or conditional certification;
- the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and other graduate certification or degree;
- and, the field of discipline of the certification and /or degree.

The information must also disclose whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, the paraprofessionals' qualifications. (Section 1111 (h) (6) (A), ESEA.) Guidance, C-6.

Winter is here: Remember bad weather can happen at any time. When extreme weather, snow, and ice are in the forecast there is always the potential for school closures and delays. If it is necessary for Port Angeles schools to close or open two hours late, that information will be broadcast on KONP 1450-AM, and also available on the school district web site, as early as possible. Parents are encouraged to stay tuned to one of these sources for the latest updates on school start times.

There could once again be mornings when a two hour late start is initially announced and, as a result of deteriorating weather, is later changed to a full school closure. In the event of a two hour late start Jefferson students will begin school at 10:05am. Please do not drop your student off at school early on late start days. The additional time necessary to get students to school safely is also provided to staff for their safe arrival to work. Supervision will be in place on late start mornings for Jefferson students beginning at 9:45am. If we are on a late start schedule there will be no morning Kindergarten or preschool classes and no breakfast service.

Weather conditions can vary greatly across our school system. Parents are encouraged to use their own discretion in determining if it is safe and/or appropriate for your family to be traveling to school. Student absences on late start days will be excused, and students will be provided ample opportunity to make up missed work. The safety and welfare of students, parents and staff is our primary concern during poor weather conditions. Here is what to do if we get snow or ice.

Listen to radio **KONP 1450am**

Listen to Seattle area TV (Channels 4, 5, & 7).

Go to PASD website **[www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org)**

**Winter Clothing:** The cold weather is here. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather — they are required to be outside during recess! We recommend that students dress in warm, comfortable school clothes according to the wintry weather conditions. Please have your children wear a warm coat, hat, and gloves so when they go outside to recess they are warm.

## **PTO NEWS**

The students had a great time this year with **Fun Run**. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped out with this event. Thank you to Christine Amsdill for coordinating Fun Run. The students raised \$1874.13 and all awards were presented on November 2, 2011.

Pacific Science Center's **Science on Wheels** presented Blood and Guts (Anatomy) on November 1st. This was such a fun and exciting day for the kids, staff and volunteers. Everyone involved expressed that they had such a great time. We would like to say THANK YOU to everyone that made this day such a success!

We would like to say THANK YOU to Michele Hayman the entire Jefferson Staff and all the volunteers that helped to make picture day happen!

**Books and Beyond** is going very well; THANK YOU to Christine Amsdill for her dedication and hard work making sure the charts and prizes are up to date. Keep turning in those sheets!!!

**Pastries for Families** were held on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> with a packed house! A wide variety of breakfast items and many healthy options were also included. Thank you to the volunteers who helped and a huge THANK YOU to Tina Gallon for coordinating the Pastries for Families event.

**It's time for....a McTakeover!!!** Come to our local McDonald's on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm and see some Jefferson teachers, staff and PTO members work at McDonald's. You should also have received a coupon book order form in student mailings. We will also be selling coupon books during the event. A portion of all food sales during our McTakeover and a portion of all coupon book sales will be donated to Jefferson Elementary PTO. McDonald's will also make a 10% donation of our McTakeover sales to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Western WA and Alaska.

**Scholastic Book Fair will take place on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.** Students will preview books on the 5<sup>th</sup> and will be able to purchase books on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. We have evening hours available on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for families to come in and make purchases. Look for more information and a preview flyer for this event soon. We would like to say THANK YOU to Tracy Allan for continuing to coordinate this event.

Don't forget to order your Jefferson Apparel. **Apparel Orders** are placed once a month, get your orders in to receive your apparel by the date indicated on the order form.

Remember, you can stay updated with all the events and information that is going on by visiting the PTO page thru the PASD website <http://www.portangelesschools.org/jefferson/PTO.html>, thru Facebook at Jefferson Wolves PTO, and the PTO Bulletin board outside of the library.

**Our next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm.** Hope to see you there, remember childcare is provided.

Thank you Jefferson community for your continued support!

# **PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

**Perfect attendance:** A student's attendance is an important factor in their success and learning achievements. To encourage students to make every effort to be here every day and on time, we are acknowledging students with no absences and no tardies. Congratulations to the following students for having perfect attendance during the month of November:

**Mrs. Erickson (Kindergarten):** ROGER BURWASH, MYERLI OSORIO

**Mrs. Prince (Kindergarten):** DALLAS DUNNING, BRIAN GALLEGOS FIGUEROA, JAXSON HICKLIN, ERIN HOPE, KADEN LANCASTER, BRENNA MURPHY, ZEV MYERS, ALEXIS-RYLEY PRICE, COLTON ROMERO

**Ms. Chang (1<sup>st</sup> Grade):** MARCEDEZ AMSDILL, KAITLYN BUSCH, LILLIAN HALBERG, OLIVIA HENRY, JOSEPH HILL, JULIAN JONES, KAEDEN MURPHY, ABIGAIL SANFORD, DAI QUAN TAPIA, TORI WARD, DAYTON WILLIAMS

**Mrs. LeBlanc (1<sup>st</sup> Grade):** WESTON ALWARD, ANDREW CHIPMAN, SAYLAH COMMERTON, ETHAN JACKSON, HALEY PETTY, JORDYN SIMPSON-MATHENY, KIARA TURNER

**Mrs. Hainstock (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade):** NATALEE AMSDILL, KIRA COMMERTON, MADDILYN DELLINGER-RODOCKER, JEREMY EDWARDS, EMI HALBERG, BRUCE JOHNSON III, EMMA LINBERG, EMILEE REID, JOSEPH SPURGIS, MICHAEL STEPHENS JR, HUNTER WITT

**Mrs. Mattie (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade):** KELSEY ALEXANDER, SIERRA BURKETT, JOSHUA BURNHAM, JOEL DAY, AARON EDMISTON, ABIGAIL MOORE, ANESSA MURPHY, KIERA O'BRIEN, JOSEPH OWENS ,BRIAN SHIMKO, JR, AMY ZHU

**Mrs. Lindley (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade):** JORDAN ABBOTT, KIERRA ALEXANDER, TAYLER HUGER, AMBER JOHNSON, CARMA LANGMACK, AMY NAVA-FIGUEROA, KENNETH OMAN, ALAN ORDONA, KYRA RICKEL, RIANNE RODOCKER, JORDAN TACHELL

**Mr. Murphy (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade):** TYLER COLLINS, CALEB COREY, RYLAN JESTER, TESSA LOWEN, EMMA OLSEN, DANIEL ROULLO, NATALIE SCHMIDT, MOLLY SCOFIELD, KRISTINA SHUMWAY

**Ms. Kraft (4<sup>th</sup> Grade):** DESTINEY ATTWOOD, PHILIP BISCHOF, TRINITY GLORIA, JOSHUA HILL, TREY KITCHENS, MAX LARSEN, BRYSON MORRIS, OLIVIA NEVARIL, LEVI OMAN, BONNIE OWENS, DAVID SEGOVIA-STONE, FRANCIS SHERLEY, LESLIE WORTHEY

**Mrs. Wolfley (4<sup>th</sup> Grade):** JESSICA ARNOLD, NACIA BOHMAN, AMISHA COOK, TRINADEY COVILLE ,CHELSEA FOWLER, RAEGEN HENRY, COLE LANGMACK, GARRETT LATIMER, AIESHA MATHIS, JESSICA MCGOFF, RYNE MERRITT, ADAM MOORE, TAYLOR SOBOLOSKI, BETHLEHEM VALENTINE

**Ms. Biasell (5<sup>th</sup> Grade):** MARKELL BARK, LISA COOK, ALYSSA DAILEY-MORSE, DEVAN EASTMAN-PUTTAM, ERICK EDWARDS, STUART KOEHLER, CHARLES KRAUSE, RYLEE LAWRENCE, RYLAN MACDONALD, CIARA OLEA, EMILEE PALMER, KAYLEE RICKEL, MACKENZIE SPURGIS

**Mrs. Schmid (5<sup>th</sup> Grade):** ALISSA BAKER, CHRISTINE BEIRNE, IAN COLLINS, JOSEPH DAVIS, GAVIN GUERRERO, RACHEL HENDRY, OM KATARIA, HOPE O'CONNOR, SUMMER OLSEN, AEVERIE JOE POLITIKA, PAYTON SCHMIDT, SETH SCOFIELD, TRISTIAN TURNER, HAYLEE WARD

**Ms. Bauman (6<sup>th</sup> Grade):** NICOLE BROWN, GAVIN COLLINS, MAARIYAH DUGAN, HODLEN HAPSBURG, AIDAN HIGBEE, MACKENZIE MURPHY, OWEN NEVARIL, MERCEDES SHIMKO

**Mr. (Lancaster 6<sup>th</sup> Grade):** HUNTER ELLWOOD, MICHAEL EMERY, HAYLIE GOUDIE, SHARN JACOBSON, ISABELLA MONGER, DIEGO MURILLO, AUTUMN SHELDON, SEBASTIAN TOLLE-MEYER