

Jefferson January Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a great winter break with your family. Are you ready to have the kids back at school? I've seen several parents and children around town over the last week. Most parents are happy for the regular routine to get started again, but surprising me were the student responses: "I've missed school so much." "I can't wait to be back at school to see my friends." "I miss doing my job each day." I'm ready to head back as well, but have enjoyed the time I've had with my family. The Olsen family loved being together for Christmas. We traveled a bit to Puyallup and Gig Harbor for family Christmas dinners, but stayed in town for the rest of the break spending time doing family activities: hanging out with friends, games, ice-skating, going to the movies, reading, cooking, etc. I hope you made some special memories with your families too.

January is a busy month of learning for our students as well as a busy month of assessments. Every child will be assessed this month to see how well they are mastering the grade level standards. We will use the assessment data to monitor student progress, celebrate student success, and plan for next steps of instruction. Parents can also use this information to identify skills that can be given additional practice at home. Please see your child's teacher for more information.

Have you made a New Year's Resolution? Why not think about making one about reading? Research shows that reading with your child for 20 minutes a night dramatically improves their reading ability. Each book your child reads to themselves or to you can be marked down on the Books and Beyond tracking sheet. Each child that turns in six sheets will receive a special medal at our June assembly. Ask your child how many sheets they have turned in so far. We will also be sending home update sheets by the end of the month so you can be aware of your child's current level.

This month we are continuing to learn about what it means to put forth "effective effort". This month we are talking with the students about the idea of using strategies. This means if one approach isn't working to keep trying different ways until you find one that works. We will continue to review the previous components of effective effort such as: (1) time...it takes time to do an assignment or job well, and (2) focus...concentrating only on the task at hand so that you can give it your undivided attention. Take time to talk about how these strategies might be used at home with homework and daily chores around the house. Remember Work Hard...Get Smart!

Finally, we continue to be blessed with a large number of parent and community volunteers. Our students are so fortunate to be supported in their learning by so many caring people. Thank you to all of you who give your time each and every week. However, **we do need more volunteers**. Please consider volunteering one time a week. Call me at 457-4231 to discuss the choices available. We have before, during and after school times.

Sincerely,

Michelle Olsen

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CALENDAR NOTES

Parent Education Classes (Parenting with Love and Logic) begin on **Wednesday, January 11th from 6:00-7:40pm in the library.** Classes continue through February 22nd. Childcare is provided. Instructor is Beth Clifford. Call to register as space is limited.

There will be no school in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on **Monday, January 16th.**

PTO Popcorn Day is Thursday, January 26th. Popcorn sold for just 25 cents during lunch and lunch recess.

Thursday, January 26th is PTO movie night at 6:30 in the gym. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and pillows. Popcorn and other snacks will be sold. Movie will be announced soon. Children must be accompanied by parent.

Friday, January 27th is designated as a Teacher Work Day and is intended to give staff members an opportunity to address a wide range of tasks that typically come at the end of the semester (the first half of the school year). **Students will not be in school on the 27th of January.**

JEFFERSON INFORMATION

Congratulations to our Jefferson students who participated in the Elks Hoop Shoot contest on December 31st: Nacia Bohman, Chase Cobb, Skyler Cobb, Seth Ellwood, Gavin Guerrero, Raegen Henry, Rylee Lawrence, Aiesha Mathis, Emma Olsen, Summer Olsen, and Aeverie Politika, **1st place winners:** Chase Cobb, Gavin Guerrero and Summer Olsen. **2nd place winners:** Seth Elwood and Nacia Bohman. **3rd place winner:** Raegen Henry. Students who placed first will go onto districts in Sequim this weekend.

Winter is here:

Reminder that 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**

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

Just a reminder that **School Photo Retakes** will be taken on Friday, January 6, 2012. This is for pictures that were photographer error. Original prints or CD's will need to be returned if you want retakes for this reason. Students who were absent when school pictures were taken at the beginning of the school year may also have their photos taken at this time. Look for forms the first week of January if your child will need retakes.

Students are doing a great job turning in their **Books and Beyond** sheets. Keep up the great work. Remember, that it's not just the students that can turn in sheets; parents are also encouraged to turn sheets in for reading that is done. Reading sheets are available and can be downloaded from the Jefferson PTO website thru the PASD website at <http://www.portangelesschools.org/jefferson/PTO.html>.

Scholastic Book Fair took place December 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th. We would like to say THANK YOU to Tracy Allan for continuing to coordinate this event and all the volunteers who help her out working this event.

Thank you to everyone who helped support the **Jefferson McTakeover** and all the volunteers that came out and worked the event. Jefferson school raised **\$887.53** from Coupon book and Food sales and 10% of the total sales were donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

You can show your school spirit by ordering Jefferson Apparel. **Apparel Orders** are placed the last Friday of each month.

Remember, you can stay updated with events and information that are 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, January 10th from 6:30-7:30pm. Hope to see you there, remember childcare is provided.

Thank you Jefferson community for your continued support!

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 December:

Mrs. Erickson (Kindergarten): ROGER BURWASH, TRISTAN DEVAULT, BENJAMIN FRISBIE, ALIYAH HOSKINS, ANTHONY MCGOFF, CLAIRE NEVARIL, BAILEY ROBINSON, RAE SKERBECK

Mrs. Prince (Kindergarten): KATLYNN CRABB, DALLAS DUNNING, DEIA EVERT, CAIDEN GREEN, JAXSON HICKLIN, ERIN HOPE, KADEN LANCASTER, BRENNA MURPHY, COLTON ROMERO, ALEXANDER SIFFORD, JUSTYCE SOISETH, GORDON WAHTO

Ms. Chang (1st Grade): MARCEDEZ AMSDILL, KAITLYN BUSCH, ANGELLO CASTILLO, JAVEN DESCALA, KAI FERGUSON, OLIVIA HENRY, JOSEPH HILL, ASTRID JARVEGREN-UECKER, JULIAN JONES, KAEDEN MURPHY, ABIGAIL SANFORD, DAI QUAN TAPIA, TORI WARD, DAYTON WILLIAMS, HUNTER WRIGHT

Mrs. LeBlanc (1st Grade): WESTON ALWARD, NATHANIEL BISCHOF, ANDREW CHIPMAN, TREY HILL, OSKAR HURD, HALEY PETTY, OSCAR RUIZ, JORDYN SIMPSON-MATHENY, KIARA TURNER, SARA WILSON

Mrs. Hainstock (2nd Grade): NATALEE AMSDILL, MADDILYN DELLINGER-RODOCKER, JEREMY EDWARDS, BRUCE JOHNSON III, EMMA LINDBERG, ELISE MANN-LINENKUGEL, SOPHIA MURRAY, JOSEPH SPURGIS, MICHAEL STEPHENS JR, HUNTER WITT

Mrs. Mattie (2nd Grade): KELSEY ALEXANDER, SIERRA BURKETT, JOSHUA BURNHAM, JOEL DAY, WYATT DUNNING, AARON EDMISTON, CHEYANNE GREEN, ABIGAIL MOORE, ANESSA MURPHY, KIERA O'BRIEN, JOSEPH OWENS, BRIAN SHIMKO JR, CARLSON WAHTO, AMY ZHU

Mrs. Lindley (3rd Grade): TAYLER HUGER, AMBER JOHNSON, KENNETH OMAN, ALAN ORDONA, RIANNE RODOCKER

Mr. Murphy (3rd Grade): SIERRA BALLOU, TYLER COLLINS, CALEB COREY, KATELYN DANIELSON, RYLAN JESTER, HAILEY LABREC, TESSA LOWEN, EMMA OLSEN, MADISON PETERSON, NATALIE SCHMIDT, MOLLY SCOFIELD, KRISTINA SHUMWAY, GRACELYN SMITH

Ms. Kraft (4th Grade): HALEY AHLGRIM, MADISON BALLOU, PHILIP BISCHOF, LOGAN CRABB, TRINITY GLORIA, JOSHUA HILL, TREY KITCHENS, DRAKE LACY, OLIVIA NEVAIL, LEVI OMAN, BONNIE OWENS, LEVI PEABODY, BRENDEN ROLOSON-HINES, DAVID SEGOVIA-STONE, FRANCIS SHERLEY

Mrs. Wolfley (4th Grade): NACIA BOHMAN, AMISHA COOK, JUSTICE DAVIS, SETH ELLWOOD, CHELSEA FOWLER, RAEGEN HENRY, COLE LANGMACK, GARRETT LATIMER, AIESHA MATHIS, JESSICA MCGOFF, RYNE MERRITT, ADAM MOORE, JAYMISON MORRISON, EMMA MURRAY, EZRA NORTHERN, TALON ROLOSON, TAYLOR SOBOLOSKI, JAI-LYNN TAYLOR, BETHLEHEM VALENTINE

Ms. Biasell (5th Grade): DEVIN BATCHELOR, GARRETT BURROW, LISA COOK, COREY DANIELSON, DEVAN EASTMAN-PITTAM, ERICK EDWARDS, LAUREN HOPE, JOELYNNE JEWELL, MADELYNNE JONES, STUART KOEHLER, SAWYER LARSEN, CIARA OLEA, EMILEE PALMER, TANNER SPRINGSTUN, MACKENZIE SPURGIS, ISAAC WALKER

Mrs. Schmid (5th Grade): LEAH BURWELL, IAN COLLINS, JOSEPH DAVIS, CALEB GREEN, GAVIN GUERRERO, OM KATARIA, SARAH MENDEZ, SCOTT NEWMAN, HOPE O'CONNOR, SUMMER OLSEN, CALEB OLSON, AEVERIE JOE POLITIKA, PAYTON SCHMIDT, SETH SCOFIELD, TREVOR SHUMWAY, SKYLER SULLIVAN, TRISTIAN TURNER

Ms. Bauman (6th Grade): NICOLE BROWN, GAVIN COLLINS, ZION PATRICK DAVIS, MAARIYAH DUGAN, HANNAH HENDRICKSON, ALIYAH JOHNSTON, OWEN NEVARIL, CHELSEA SANDERS, MERCEDES SHIMKO

Mr. (Lancaster 6th Grade): HUNTER ELLWOOD, MICHAEL EMERY, MIRANDA FRERICHES, HEATHER HENDRICKSON, SHARON JACOBSON, ELIZABETH JEWELL, ISABELLA MONGER, CAMERON RICHARDS, AUTUMN SHELDON, SEBASTIAN TOLLE-MEYER, TRU WIGGINS