

November Jefferson Newsletter



Dear Parents,

It is almost November and hard to believe that Thanksgiving is around the corner. October has been a busy month at Jefferson. This month we remembered former student, Theo Nelson, on the one year anniversary of his death by completing his playground memorial. The memorial is on the playground, next to the slide area. It was made possible by community donations. Theo's classmates from last year met with me, Ms. Chang, and Theo's family for a time of sharing. I would encourage you to take time to view the playground tribute with your family.

Teachers participated in a learning day on Friday, October 8th. We were fortunate enough to hear Dr. JoAnn Deak, a psychologist and educator. She shared with us the latest in brain research and how that affects boys and girls differently. She shared strategies that we can use in the classroom to help all students be successful. She calls teachers, "Neurosculptors of Children". A quote that stuck with me was, "**Every interaction a child has, during the course of a day, influences the adult that child will become.**" We will continue to use our learning from this day as we design instruction for our students.

Also, it is almost November already, which means conference time. Each teacher will be doing conferences on Friday, Nov. 12th, and Monday, November 15th. Conferencing is a chance for us to work together to help your child be successful at Jefferson. Teachers look forward to learning more about each student and how they might work successfully with each family. This is also an opportunity for teachers to share how your child is doing in terms of academics, behavior, work skills, and homework. Please bring any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss. If you are unable to attend your conference time, please call the office at 457-4231 so we can notify the teacher. **Our goal is to have 100% of our families participate in a conference to hear about their child's learning.**

Next, a big thank you to this year's managers of our Books and Beyond Program: parents, **Christine Amsdill and Gretchen O'Brien**. The students are receiving prizes for each level they complete. I want to thank local businesses for their generous donations. These businesses want to partner with us to encourage and motivate students to read at home. When you visit these businesses please let them know how much their donations are appreciated. **The businesses are: Star Video (free movie rental), William Shore Memorial Pool (pool passes), AppleBees Restaurant (free meal certificate), and Laurel Lanes (free game of bowling).** Also, the **Masonic Lodge** is donating two bikes to be given away in February.

Finally, I want to thank each and every student and their family for their incredible support of our Triathlon Fundraiser. Our main goal is to raise money to support the Accelerated Reader Program, to fund field trips, enrichment clusters, special assemblies, library books, technology, and teacher learning grants. We set a goal of raising \$4,000 by October 29th. I said I would color my hair purple and gold if the students met this goal. As of today, students have brought in almost \$3,500 so it looks like I'll be sporting some colorful hair in the near future. Students can continue to turn in their donations through Monday, November 1ST. The triathlon will occur on Friday, October 29th between 8:30 and 10:00am. Please see your child's teacher for their exact time.

Again, thank you so much for allowing us the opportunity to partner with you in the education of your child(ren). We are excited about getting to know each child and family so that we can work together to help each student be successful at school.

Michelle Olsen

Michelle Olsen, Principal

CALENDAR NOTES

Veteran's Day Assembly, Wednesday, November 10th in the gymnasium at **8:30am**.

There will be NO school on the **Veterans' Day Holiday — Thursday, November 11th**.

We will hold **Parent-Teacher Conferences** on **Friday, November 12th** and **Monday, November 15th**. There will be NO school for students on conference days.

School picture retakes are scheduled for **Monday, November 22nd** from **8:00-11:30am**.

Thanksgiving Holiday: Please note that there is no school for students on **Thursday, November 25th** and **Friday, November 26th**.

JEFFERSON INFORMATION

School Board Policy about school meals: There must be an accurate daily accounting for all meals (free, reduced, and full price). When a student exhausts the funds in his/her meal account, he or she will continue to receive meals for up to a maximum of ten dollars (\$10.00) in unpaid meals. For students in grades K through 6, once the unpaid account reaches ten dollars, the student will be provided a sandwich and a carton of milk, unless the student pays in cash or until the account has been brought up to date. Please feel free to check on your child's food service account by calling Cheryl at 565-1936.

How to Pay for School Meals Online: Log onto the school district's website: www.portangelesschools.org. Under the "Students" tab, click on "Food Services". Under "Food Services", there is a link that will take you to "Menus", "Make Online Payments", "Access Current Job Opportunities" and other important food service information. Follow the easy to use online instructions for setting up a student account. You will need First Name, Last Name and Student ID Number (the first five letters of the last name and the first three letters of the first name – i.e. Thomas Jefferson would be "JEFFETHO"). Please call the Food Service Office at 565-1941 if you have any questions or need assistance.

Volunteers Needed: If you enjoy working with students in reading or math, we need you. We are looking for adults who would like to work with individual students in these areas. Please call Coya Erickson at 457-4231 for more information.

PTO NEWS

First of all a huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and students who made Open House and School Pictures such a success, we appreciate all your hard work!

So far, we have raised just about \$3500 of our Fun Run goal of \$4,000.00. Great work everyone! Let's make a big push towards the finish and achieve our goal! Keep track of our progress on the thermometer outside the lunch room entrance. Thank you!

The popular Scholastic Book Fair will be held during the second week of December and we could use lots of volunteers for this very fun event. There are morning, afternoon and evening times available as well as set-up and take down shifts. Also, Scholastic will have an informative training session for Book Fair volunteers on Wednesday, November 10th at 9:30am. Volunteers are encouraged to attend, more details to follow.

The next PTO meeting is **Tuesday, November 9th** from 6:30-7:30pm. Childcare continues to be provided by DECA students from PAHS. Thank you DECA! Remember, the decisions made at these meetings directly affect the activities & programs we can offer our students so please attend if you can! Bring a friend and win a prize...come and have fun with your PTO!

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 October:

Mrs. Erickson (Kindergarten): DAVIS HUETER, HAILEY MEYRICK-BAAR, HALO NEWMAN-LYNCH, CHRISTIAN REGIN-OLSEN, WANBLI ROBIDEAU JR, KIARA TURNER, TORI WARD, REILLEY WHITAKER, DAYTON WILLIAMS

Mrs. Prince (Kindergarten): WESTON ALWARD, INDIA BIASSELL, KAITLYN BUSCH, ANDREW CHIPMAN, JAVEN DESCALA, LILLIAN HALBERG, OLIVIA HENRY, JOSEPH HILL, LENNON JOHNSON, JULIAN JONES, KAEDEN MURPHY,

Ms. Baird (1st Grade): JACOB ADKINS, AARON EDMISTON, SAMANTHA HEUSTIS, BRADLEY LILLEY, ELISE MANN-LINENKUGEL, MICHEALA MARTINI, CALEB MCLARTY, ABIGAIL MOORE, MICHAEL STEPHENS JR, BRIAN WEST

Ms. Chang (1st Grade): REYA ADKINS, GAVIN BEAUDRY, KAI BRIGGANCE, SIERRA BURKETT, JOSHUA BURNHAM, VICTORIA FLORES, EMI HALBERG, JAYLYNN HOFER, AUSTIN IGO, BRUCE JOHNSON III, EMMA LINDBERG, SOPHIA MURRAY, KIERA O'BRIEN, ANDREA SANFORD, AIDAN WILKINSON

Mrs. Hainstock (2nd Grade): LACEY BAKER, JEROME BUCHANAN, SAGE RAINI CHURCH-SCHERER, CALEB COREY, KATELYN DANIELSON, TAYLER HUGER, LILY KENFIELD, CARMA LANGMACK, ALAN ORDONA, COLTON REITSMA, RIANNE ROBERTS, KIANA ROBIDEAU, JAMES WILLIAMS

Mrs. Mattie (2nd Grade): DAMEON HALL, AMBER JOHNSON, HAILEY LABREC, CORIANDER LILLEY, AMY NAVA, EMMA OLSEN, KENNETH OMAN, DANIEL ROULLO, NATALIE SCHMIDT, MOLLY SCOFIELD,

Mrs. Lindley (3rd Grade): NACIA BOHMAN, AMISHA COOK, KATRIN GOUDIE, RAEGEN HENRY, JOSHUA HILL, COLE LANGMACK, KAITLYNN LAU, JAYMISON MORRISON, EMMA MURRAY, OLIVIA NEVARIL, EZRA NORTHERN, LEVI OMAN, TALON ROLOSON, KORIN URTEZUELA, BETHLEHEM VALENTINE, DALE WILLIAMS II

Mr. Murphy (3rd Grade): JUSTICE DAVIS, SETH ELLWOOD, GRACE GOSSAGE, EMILEE HUFF, TREY KITCHENS, BAYLEE LINDE, AIESHA MATHIS, JESSICA MCGOFF, ADAM MOORE, LEVI PEABODY, BRENDEN ROLOSON-HINES, TAYLOR SOBOLOSKI, JAI-LYNN TAYLOR

Ms. Kraft (4th Grade): TRISTIAN BARY, DEVIN BATCHELOR, LEVI BURDINE, LISA COOK, GAVIN GUERRERO, RACHEL HENDRY, MADELYNNE JONES, STUART KOEHLER, RYLEE LAWRENCE, SCOTT NEWMAN, SUMMER OLSEN, CALEB OLSON, AEVERIE JOE POLITIKA, LATISHA ROBIDEAU, PAYTON SCHMIDT, SKYLER SULLIVAN, HAYLEE WARD

Mrs. Wolfley (4th Grade): TYSON BEAUDRY, LEAH BURWELL, DIMITRI CAWYER, ALYSSA DAILEY-MORSE, JOSEPH DAVIS, NATHANIEL DRAKE, HANNAH HEUSTIS, HOPE O'CONNOR, CIARA OLEA, MARK SECOOLISH, DEVAN TULLY, ISAAC WALKER

Ms. Biasell (5th Grade): RYAN EICHBERG, MICHAEL EMERY, FREJA JARVEGREN-UECKER, LIAM JOHNSTON, TYLER LARRABEE, ISABELLA MONGER, OWEN NEVARIL, GABRIELLA ROMERO

Mrs. Schmid (5th Grade): GAVIN COLLINS, ZION PATRICK DAVIS, MAARIYAH DUGAN, HALAINA FERGUSON, JOSUE GALLEGOS, HAYLIE GOUDIE, HOLDEN HAPSBURG, AIDAN HIGBEE, DAMIANA LILLEY, CAMERON RICHARDS, CHLOE ROCKWELL, TRU WIGGINS

Ms. Bauman (6th Grade): CALEB ASHER, HAILEY BALFOUR, TYRUS BECKETT, KAITLYN BERGH, SARA BISS, BRANDON COOK, NICOLE EICHBERG, KOLTON HELVEY, MONROE LUCAS, ANDREW OMAN, ALEXANDRA PEABODY, NOAH SOBOLOSKI, DEVUN WAHLSTEN, MARIN WILLIAMSON

Mr. Lancaster (6th Grade): AIDAN ABBOTT, DAIMON BATCHELOR, ABRIANA BUCHANAN, JOSHUA BURDINE, CADEN CROZIER, JONATHON HOWARD, TIMOTHY LORENTZEN, EMILY OLSON, KYLEE REID, KOBEN TEMRES, KAYTLIN TURNER, ADRIENNE WHITLOCK