

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. 6th grade students just returned from three days at Olympic Park Institute at Lake Crescent where they participated in hands on outdoor science education. I have to tell you that this time together was powerful for not only learning, but building relationships student to student and student to adult. I am so thankful that our PTO organized and sponsored this amazing opportunity for us. Stay tuned for pictures and reports that will be coming out soon. Thank you again to the Jefferson PTO, the Jefferson staff, and the 6th grade teaching team for supporting this once in a lifetime event. I know this year's 5th grade students are already excited about their time for OPI. More information will come out to 5th grade families in April 2012.

November also means conference time. Each teacher will be doing conferences on Wednesday/Thursday, November 9th/10th. 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 **Christine Amsdill** this year's manager of our Books and Beyond Program. The students are receiving prizes for each level they complete. I want to thank local businesses for their generous donations. These businesses 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 March. In addition, students are also receiving a free popcorn pass as a level prize from the Jefferson PTO. Once a month we will have a special popcorn day where students can redeem their pass for a bag of popcorn.

A school wide focus we have this year is on effective effort. We translate this to mean, "Work Hard...Get Smart". There are six components of effective effort: time, focus, strategies, resourcefulness, use of feedback and commitment. It's not enough just to try hard. Last month we talked about **time. It takes time to do a job or assignment well. More often than not rushing through something produces a product that is less than satisfactory. Take time to show your best work.** The next component is **focus. This means concentrating only on the task at hand so that you understand completely what needs to be done, and that you give it your undivided attention.** These components can also be reinforced at home which creates a powerful foundation for your child's learning.

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 many different programs/activities at Jefferson like: Accelerated Reader Program, field trips, enrichment clusters, Tears of Joy Puppet Theater, Pacific Science Center, 6th Grade OPI Camp, OPI Science Day at Jefferson, Family Swim/Movie/Roller Skating nights, Young Writer's Conference, 4th grade Swimming Lessons, magazine subscriptions for every classroom, library books, technology equipment, safety equipment, and teacher learning grants. We set a goal of raising \$3,000.00 by November 1st. I said I would color my hair a crazy color or two if we met this goal. As of today, students have brought in almost \$1,200.00.

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, Monday, November 7th in the gymnasium at **1:15-2:00.**

We will hold **Parent-Teacher Conferences** on **Wednesday, November 9th** and **Thursday, November 10th**. There will be NO school for students on conference days.

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

Thanksgiving Holiday: Please note that there is no school for students on **Thursday, November 24th** and **Friday, November 25th**.

JEFFERSON INFORMATION

School Arrival Time: **Students should be arriving on campus no earlier than 7:45am.** There is no adult supervision available until 7:45am. Once students have arrived at school, we ask that they either eat breakfast right away or head to the playground so we can ensure that all students are safe.

Dropping Students Off: Please be sure to drop off your child in the back parking lot. Pull forward to the next coned off area so that traffic can continue to flow. Please do not park in this drop off area and **do not double park** and drop your child off in the lane of traffic. If you wish to walk your child inside or to the gate you must park in the lot.

Breakfast: Breakfast is available for all students beginning at 7:45am. We ask that students having breakfast do so when they arrive at school. Children may go out to play after eating breakfast. Breakfast is served until 8:00am.

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.

Friday Food Bags: There will be no Friday Food Bags on Friday, November 11th or on Friday November 25th (no school).

Change in Plans: If you need to make different arrangements for your child after school, please call the office before **1:00pm** to let us know of the change. This gives us time to deliver the pass to your child before the end of the day.

Parents/Guardians: **Please make sure we have Updated Phone Numbers and Addresses.** Your child brought home a Student Registration/Emergency update form. Please check it carefully and add or correct information as needed and return to school as soon as possible. We like to keep our students' records updated.

Guests and Volunteers: Please stop by the office and sign in on the notebook at the counter. Get a badge for the hallways. This lets all staff know you checked in as a guest or volunteer. We want to ensure the safety of students. We appreciate you taking the time to visit our school and your children. Thank you for supporting our students. If you are volunteering, check with the office to make sure your volunteer background check is up-to-date. All volunteers and parents who volunteer in our school or go on field trips must fill out a Volunteer Registration Form. A copy of your Driver's License must be attached. The form must be filled out and processed before you can volunteer. If you have never filled one out, please get one from the office.

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 Mrs. Olsen at 457-4231 for more information.

Bus Transportation: Contact the Pupil Transportation Center at 452-9714 regarding the location of established bus routes. While on the bus, students are required to follow the directions of their drivers and to behave in an orderly and courteous manner at all times. Any misbehavior that distracts the driver, presents a serious hazard to the safe operation of the bus. Misbehavior will warrant written citations for misconduct and may lead to suspension of bus privileges. If it is necessary for a student to take a bus other than the one regularly assigned, a dated note to this effect should be sent to the child's teacher.

School Nurse: A nurse will be in the building for four hours, one day per week. She will be at Jefferson on Thursdays to assist with state mandated screenings and special health concerns.

Illness: When the cold and flu season is upon us, please keep your child home if he or she has a fever or vomiting.

Contagious Conditions: Children with unidentified rashes or with signs of a contagious condition must be excluded from school.

Immunizations: Washington State Law requires that children under 18 years of age must be fully immunized, or exempt from immunizations.

Medication: An authorization for administration of oral medication at school form must accompany all medications.

Lost and Found: The lost and found box is located by the gym area. There are wonderful jackets, shirts, and backpacks that need to go home. Please ask your child to take a look if they are missing anything.

PTO NEWS

First of all a huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and students who helped make Safeway Back to Schools Receipt Collecting, Open House, School Pictures and Movie Night such a success, we appreciate all your support! Thank you to the following volunteers: Beth Crabb for Friday Food Bags, Leslie Briggance for the weekly copying and Tracy Baker for the Books and Beyond Popcorn Events.

With the help from many volunteers we were able to collect over \$5,200.00 in receipts with the **Safeway 10% Back to Schools** ESCRIP program. Thank you to everyone who helped collect and input receipts. Without our support we couldn't have done so well. Don't forget if you haven't linked your Safeway card thru Safeway's ESCRIP website please do so by visiting www.escrip.com and signing up today. Jefferson's group ID # is 8563536.

So far, in the first 2-1/2 weeks, we have raised just under \$900.00 towards our Fun Run goal of \$4,000.00. Great work everyone! Let's make a big push towards achieving our goal! Fun Run is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1st. We are still in need of volunteers, if you are interested please contact Christine Amsdill at Jeffersonwolvespto@gmail.com. You can keep track of our progress on the poster outside the lunch room entrance. Thank you!

The popular **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held during the first week of December, mark your calendar for this wonderful event. Book Fair dates will be December 5th thru December 9th. Watch for more information coming home with these dates and times.

It's time for....a McTakeover!!! Come to our local McDonald's on Wednesday, November 30th 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. If you are interested in volunteering to work this event please contact Terri Guerrero at Jeffersonwolvespto@gmail.com.

Science Fun – The PTO is excited to have the opportunity to bring back Pacific Science Center on Wheels. The event will be on “Blood and Guts (Anatomy)” and is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd.

You can stay updated with events and information 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.

The next PTO meeting is **Tuesday, November 8th** from 6:30-7:30pm in the School Library. 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!

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 October:

Mrs. Erickson (Kindergarten): TRISTAN DEVAULT, KEONTE GLOVER, KEVIN JOHNSON II, CLAIRE NEVARIL

Mrs. Prince (Kindergarten): KATLYNN CRABB, BRIAN GALLEGOS FIGUEROA, BRENNAN MURPHY, ZEV MYERS, COLTON ROMERO, JUSTYCE SOISETH

Ms. Chang (1st Grade): INDIA BIASELL, IMAN BRYARS, JAVEN DESCALA, LILLIAN HALBERG, JOSEPH HILL, ABIGAIL SANFORD, DAYTON WILLIAMS

Mrs. LeBlanc (1st Grade): ANDREW CHIPMAN, OSKAR HURD, BENJAMIN LARSON-ALEXANDER, EMMALYN MORRIS, OSCAR RUIZ, JORDYN SIMPSON-MATHENY

Mrs. Hainstock (2nd Grade): JEREMY EDWARDS, EMI HALBERG, BRUCE JOHNSON III, BRYNN LINDE, JOSEPH SPURGIS, MICHAEL STEPHENS JR, ABIGAIL STUTE

Mrs. Mattie (2nd Grade): KELSEY ALEXANDER, SIERRA BURKETT, CALEB MCLARTY, ABIGAIL MOORE, KIERA O'BRIEN, JOSEPH OWENS, BRIAN SHIMKO JR

Mrs. Lindley (3rd Grade): DYLAN ABERNATHY, KIERRA ALEXANDER, AMBER JOHNSON, CARMA LANGMACK, KENNETH OMAN

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

Ms. Kraft (4th Grade): DESTINEY ATTWOOD, MADISON BALLOU, LOGAN CRABB, TRINITY GLORIA, JOSHUA HILL, TREY KITCHENS, DRAKE LACY, BAYLEE LINDE, LEVI OMAN, BONNIE OWENS, LEVI PEABODY, DAVID SEGOVIA-STONE, FRANCIS SHERLEY

Mrs. Wolfley (4th Grade): NACIA BOHMAN, AMISHA COOK, TRINADEY COVILLE, SETH ELLWOOD, CHELSEA FOWLER, COLE LANGMACK, JESSICA MCGOFF, ADAM MOORE, JAYMISON MORRISON, TALON ROLOSON, TAYLOR SOBOLOSKI, JAI-LYNN TAYLOR, BETHLEHEM VALENTINE, LOGAN WALKER

Ms. Biasell (5th Grade): DEVIN BATCHELOR, ALIVIA CARVELL, LISA COOK, ALYSSA DAILEY-MORSE, ERICK EDWARDS, MADELYNNE JONES, STUART KOEHLER, PHINEAS LYNN, NATHANIEL MISHLER, CIARA OLEA, EMILEE PALMER, KAYLEE RICKEL, MACKENZIE SPURGIS

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

Ms. Bauman (6th Grade): COLBY BOE, NICOLE BROWN, GAVIN COLLINS, MAARIYAH DUGAN, JOSIAH FULLERTON, HANNAH HENDRICKSON, AIDAN HIGBEE, ALIYAH JOHNSTON, SHEKINAH JONES, TYLER LARRABEE, MACKENZIE MURPHY, OWEN NEVARIL, MERCEDES SHIMKO

Mr. (Lancaster 6th Grade): HUNTER ELLWOOD, MICHAEL EMERY, MIRANDA FRERICHS, HAYLIE GOUDIE, HEATHER HENDRICKSON, SHARON JACOBSON, ALLIYA KREIDER, ISABELLA MONGER, DIEGO MURILLO, PHOENIX POWELS, SEBASTIAN TOLLE-MEYER