

Jefferson February Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Wow! It just seems like we started January and here we are to February. I hope you all enjoyed some fun times with your family during our snow week. I know my own kids loved sledding, making snow forts and building snowmen but were starting to get tired of the snow by Friday. We were all glad to be back to school on Monday. As you know January is our month for doing mid-year assessments on every student. We will be finishing up those assessments over the next week. Please take a few minutes to ask your child about the assessments. Teachers will be using the data from these assessments to plan next steps in their instruction. Please see your child's teacher for more information.

Yes, that means we are midway to state testing which will be here soon for students in 3rd thru 6th grade. The state test is called the Measurement of Student Progress (MSP). The assessments measure how well students understand the grade level standards in each content area. Students in these grades will take the following MSP assessments: **3rd Grade:** Math/Reading, **4th Grade:** Math/Reading/Writing, **5th Grade:** Math/Reading/Science, **6th Grade:** Math/Reading. More information along with a testing schedule will be going out to parents of students in 3rd thru 6th grade. **The testing window is April 25th thru May 17th. Please make sure your child is here each day.**

Enrichment clusters are scheduled to begin Friday, May 11th. We are changing things a bit this year. **Our theme for cluster time is: "World Travels"**. Students in 1st thru 6th grade will have the opportunity to choose four different countries to learn about over the four weeks of clusters. Each week students will learn about the history, culture, geography, language, and other exciting aspects of their chosen country. So get your passports ready for a whirlwind trip around the world. Would you like to be involved? Do you have knowledge about a country to share with students? We need your help to make our clusters a success. We need leaders and assistants so please email me at molsen@portangelesschools.org or call me at 565-1911 if you are interested.

Students are continuing to learn and practice effective effort. Effective effort means: 1) time to do the job well 2) focus without distractions 3) using different strategies. **The component we will be learning about in February is: Resourcefulness.** This means students identify and know where to go and whom to ask for help when they are confused. We will help students think about different places/people they can get help from at school and home. Take a few minutes as a family to talk about where you as parents seek help when you are confused. Review with your child resources they can access for help at home and in the community (library, city services, etc).

Finally, I want to take just a moment to thank each and every parent for your wonderful support of the learning at Jefferson. Support is felt by your kind words, notes of thanks, conversations to share an idea about learning, fundraising or safety, volunteering in a classroom or for a special event. Jefferson is a great place to learn because of our partnership with you. Thank you again to the Jefferson PTO (our Jefferson Parents) for your unwavering commitment *to supporting learning opportunities for all Jefferson students. It's been an amazing year so far!*

Sincerely,

Michelle Olsen
Jefferson Principal

CALENDAR NOTES

There will be no school in observance of the Presidents' Holiday on **Monday, February 20th**.

Jefferson/Hamilton 6th Grade Bands Concert on **Wednesday, February 29th at 7:00pm** at Jefferson Elementary.

JEFFERSON INFORMATION

Jumping for a Healthy Heart: We are kicking off Jump Rope for Heart in February. This is an opportunity for our kids to have fun and help others by participating in a special community service program to raise money for the American Heart Association. We are joining in the fight against our nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers - cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

Jefferson Elementary is participating in the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart program! This is a special community service program to raise funds for the American Heart Association. Jump Rope for Heart is a nationwide event that helps students learn about the benefits of regular physical activity and heart health while raising funds to fight heart disease and stroke. The money our school raises will fund potentially lifesaving research and will support programs that help people in our community. Most people don't realize that the roots for cardiovascular disease in adults often begin in childhood from age 10 and even younger. That's why it's important to make changes now to help your children and other family members. Eat healthy foods, stay physically active, and live tobacco-free.

Your child will be bringing a packet home with a Participant's Sponsor Form. Please take time to read through the packet carefully. The Jump Rope event is February 11th from 10:00-12:00 at Roosevelt.

"Rowing to London": Jefferson students, staff, and families are attempting to row to the 2012 Summer Olympics. Our goal is to reach London by the end of the school year. Along the way we are visiting colleges and universities with crew teams. Many of the crew coaches and crew members have sent us letters of encouragement and crew team souvenirs.

As of January 23rd, we have rowed over 2,821,000 meters. We have reached Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois and are now headed for Purdue University. When we eventually reach the east coast, crew members from Oxford University will help us cross the Atlantic Ocean by adding their workout meters to our total.

Remember, family members who row, either on the water or on an indoor rowing machine (erg), may contribute their meters to our project. Just send me a note or an email!

Happy rowing!
Mrs. Winn, Physical Education
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PTO NEWS

We would like to thank everyone that came out to watch Gnomeo and Juliet for the 2nd family **Movie Night** at Jefferson on Thursday January 26th. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their time for this family event!

Jefferson PTO Family Skate Night at Olympic Skate Center is scheduled for Thursday, February 9th from 5:30-7:30pm. Jefferson students will skate for free. Jefferson family members 7th grade and older wanting to skate would pay **\$3.00 for skate rental if they'd like to skate. Helmets and pads encouraged. Skate at your own risk.** All students are required

to have an adult present to skate. This will not be a drop-off event. Hope to see you there! *If school gets canceled or delayed, this event will be canceled.*

Yearbooks: There will be a page dedicated in the yearbook for the **6th grade students** at Jefferson. If you would like a picture of your child in the yearbook please send a baby photo with your child's name on the back of the photo by March 1st, or you can email a photo to jeffersonptopa@gmail.com please remember to include your child's name. All photos will be returned by March 15th. Order forms will be sent home at a later time to purchase yearbooks.

Just a reminder to continue turning in **Books and Beyond** sheets. Remember, 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>.

Don't forget **Jefferson 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, February 7th 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 January:

Mrs. Erickson (Kindergarten): ROGER BURWASH, TRISTAN DEVAULT, KEONTE GLOVER, PEYTON GUTHRIE, ANTHONY MCGOFF, CLAIRE NEVARIL, MYERLI OSORIO, BAILEY ROBINSON, TITUS RUIZ

Mrs. Prince (Kindergarten): KALYX BUTTOCOLLA, DALLAS DUNNING, DEIA EVERT, CAIDEN GREEN, JAXSON HICKLIN, KADEN LANCASTER, BRENNA MURPHY, ZEV MYERS

Ms. Chang (1st Grade): MARCEDEZ AMSDILL, INDIA BIASSELL, IMAN BRYARS, JAVEN DESCALA, ASTRID JARVEGREN-UECKER, JULIAN JONES, HAILEY MEYRICK-BAAR, KAEDEN MURPHY, ABIGAIL SANFORD, TORI WARD, DAYTON WILLIAMS

Mrs. LeBlanc (1st Grade): WESTON ALWARD, NATHANIEL BISCHOF, CHLOE COREY, DAVIS HUETER, OSKAR HURD, ETHAN JACKSON, BRIANNA JESTER, EMMALYN MORRIS, EMERY PYLE, OSCAR RUIZ, JORDYN SIMPSON-MATHENY, KIARA TURNER, SARA WILSON

Mrs. Hainstock (2nd Grade): NATALEE AMSDILL, COLTON CANNON, JEREMY EDWARDS, BRUCE JOHNSON III, EMMA LINDBERG, SOPHIA MURRAY, EMILEE REID, MICHAEL STEPHENS JR, HUNTER WITT

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

Mrs. Lindley (3rd Grade): JORDON ABBOTT, KIERRA ALEXANDER, MARISSA BAKER, TAYLER HUGER, AMBER JOHNSON, KENNETH OMAN, KYRA RICKEL, RIANNE RODOCKER, JORDAN TACHELL

Mr. Murphy (3rd Grade): SIERRA BALLOU, TYLER COLLINS, CALEB COREY, DAMEON HALL, HAILEY LABREC, TESSA LOWEN, EMMA OLSEN, DANIEL ROULLO, NATALIE SCHMIDT, MOLLY SCOFIELD, GRACELYN SMITH

Ms. Kraft (4th Grade): MADISON BALLOU, PHILIP BISCHOF, JOSIAH COREY, TRINITY GLORIA, TREY KITCHENS, BRYSON MORRIS, OLIVIA NEVAIL, LEVI OMAN, BONNIE OWENS, LEVI PEABODY, FRANCIS SHERLEY

Mrs. Wolfley (4th Grade): NACIA BOHMAN, AMISHA COOK, MASON HAPSBURG, COLE LANGMACK, GARRETT LATIMER, JESSICA MCGOFF, RYNE MERRITT, ADAM MOORE, JAYMISON MORRISON, EMMA MURRAY, TALON ROLOSON, TAYLOR SOBOLOSKI, BETHLEHEM VALENTINE

Ms. Biasell (5th Grade): MARKELL BARK, DEVIN BATCHELOR, ALIVIA CARVELL, LISA COOK, DEVAN EASTMAN-PITTAM, ERICK EDWARDS, JOELYNNE JEWELL, MADELYNNE JONES, STUART KOEHLER, RYLEE LAWRENCE, RYLAN MACDONALD, NATHANIEL MISHLER, EMILEE PALMER, KAYLEE RICKEL, TANNER SPRINGSTUN, ISAAC WALKER

Mrs. Schmid (5th Grade): ALISSA BAKER, CHRISTINE BEIRNE, LEVI BURDINE, LEAH BURWELL, IAN COLLINS, JOSEPH DAVIS, CALEB GREEN, GAVIN GUERRERO, OM KATARIA, SARAH MENDEZ, ZOE MERRILL, HOPE O'CONNOR, SUMMER OLSEN, CALEB OLSON, AEVERIE JOE POLITIKA, PAYTON SCHMIDT, SETH SCOFIELD, SKYLER SULLIVAN, TRISTIAN TURNER, HAYLEE WARD

Ms. Bauman (6th Grade): NICOLE BROWN, GAVIN COLLINS, MAARIYAH DUGAN, ALIYAH JOHNSTON, TYLER LARRABEE, OWEN NEVARIL, MERCEDES SHIMKO

Mr. (Lancaster 6th Grade): PAULINA CRAWFORD, HUNTER ELLWOOD, MICHAEL EMERY, HAYLIE GOUDIE, HEATHER HENDRICKSON, SHARON JACOBSON, ISABELLA MONGER, DIEGO MURILLO, CAMERON RICHARDS, SEBASTIAN TOLLE-MEYER