



January 2022

Greetings TJ Families,

Character Trait Assemblies—Caring is the Character Trait for January. We created a video showing our R.I.S.E. expectations in a light-hearted way, using staff and students to demonstrate preferred and nonpreferred behaviors. So much silliness! Talk to your children about how they show R.I.S.E expectations daily both on and off campus. Respect, Integrity, Safety and Engagement are our big four. We would love to hear about our students modeling them at home!

Safety—Recently there has been a rash of unsafe behaviors before and after school in the parking lot. Unsupervised children after Kinder release, parents driving around other cars to get to the front of the drop-off line, kids without helmets on bikes (electric, scooters and traditional bicycles) and cars dropping children on Central Park Drive instead of in a parking loop have all been seen and reported. We pride ourselves on a quick and efficient drop off and pick up. Our wait times are half that of other sites. Please do not be the family that creates an accident. We never want to put a child in harm's way. Saving a minute, being late or impatience is not an excuse.

Communication—The school website is updated and TJ PTC along with site social media accounts are adding content weekly. This newsletter, the website, social media and teacher communication are our forms of messaging. You may always make an appointment to see me if you prefer.

- Facebook - **RCSD Jefferson** and **Thomas Jefferson PTC**
- Twitter - **RCSDJefferson**

- Instagram - **rcsdjefferson** and **tjptc**
- Website - <https://thomasjefferson.rcsdk8.org/>

Donations—We could use the following items:

- Ziplocks for the nurse's office (any/all sizes except snack size, zip top preferred)
- Kleenex for the office
- Vacation homes for each teacher (just kidding, wanted to see who reads the newsletter)

Calendar

January 19th – A Touch of Understanding in the MPR for 5th grade

January 20th – Progress Reports

January 23rd – Sami Circuit Kick-off assembly via Zoom, class activities to follow weekly

January 25th – Wild Things Assembly for 2nd Grade

January 27th – Character Trait Assembly: Caring (New Date)

February 10th – Fifth grade fundraising event (planning in the works)

February 13th – No School: Lincoln's Birthday (different from the high school schedule)

February 20th – No School: Presidents Day

February 21st – First day of Starstruck Showcase practice

February 27th through March 3rd – Book Fair

March 20-22 – Fifth grade to Outdoor Ed at Alliance Redwoods

Looking for more information? Check out our TJ School Calendar on the school website and our socials!

Thank you for being a part of Thomas Jefferson! We love our Rising Stars!

Mrs. Deslaurier