



October 2022

Good Day TJ Families,

Jog-A-Thon—What a success! Our families were able to raise over \$21,000! That will help us complete so many projects that were on the TJ list. Since the kiddos were so successful, they earned a CRAZY reward. I will be on the roof in my PJs with my pillow and blanket when students arrive at school on Pajama Day, October 28th.

Safety—The bus loop, directly in front of the office, is for buses, after-school child care vans, district vehicles and safety personnel only. This is a no parking/stopping/waiting/dropping zone for parents, carpools or any other business during drop off and pick up times. Please do not drive into the loop from 7am-8am or 12:30-2:30 as those are times we need to keep the lane clear. In addition, do not park across Central Park Drive. It is a “no stopping any time” zone. Our drop off lanes are two of the fastest in the district. Please utilize the primary and kinder parking lots and the neighboring lots to support our children safely.

Character Trait Assemblies—Self-control is this month’s Character Trait. Children who earn this award are exhibiting emotional and body awareness and/or practicing safe play. Some are making huge progress towards this goal. We celebrate growth and achievement at TJ and these assemblies help us recognize hard-working kiddos. Last week, we worked on lunchroom expectations and I shared with students how to act appropriately while eating, walking to the blacktop and playing after. Finally, I was able to meet with many grown ups last week to share these same social strategies. We chatted about safety and procedures on campus and how our systems work at TJ. These wonderful volunteers will be helping our students before and after school as well as in the lunchroom and at recess. Watch D.O.G.S. are any cleared volunteer, so if you too want to support our campus in this way, I can meet with you to show you the ropes. Everyone is welcome to join this team!

Donations—We could still use the following items:

- used/popped bike tires (to bounce little feet at the base of the classroom chairs)
- small trinkets on Amazon (see Charlene, our School Secretary for links)
- non-perishables for our Canned Food Drive
- pennies as staff acknowledgments

Creative Painting Need—I have a project for someone that is handy, artsy and/or likes to paint. If you think you can get creative with some existing cement, call or email, I will share the details.

School Site Council and English Language Advisory Committees—We would love to welcome parents to apply to join these two valuable committees. The first allows you to give input as to how we plan our funding and programs. The second is for bilingual families as we need folks to help us give input on how we support students who speak two languages. Again, reply to this email or call the office.

Digital Devices—Student smart watches and cell phones should not be used during the school day. We are finding them very distracting and need your help. Students/Parents are calling and texting during the school day and they are ringing during instruction. We ask that you remind your students to use them within the parameters set.



Communication—The school website is now updated, thanks to Mrs. Balao! Also, TJ PTC and site social media accounts are adding content weekly. I did decide to discontinue the Blog as this newsletter, the website, social media and teacher communication felt like the right amount of detail without overwhelming you. If you prefer in-person communication, you may stop by and ask a question or make an appointment to see me. I welcome feedback. Here are all of our offerings:

- Facebook - **RCSD Jefferson** and **Thomas Jefferson PTC**
- Instagram - **rcsdjefferson** and **tjptc**
- Twitter - **RCSDJefferson**
- Website - <https://thomasjefferson.rcsdk8.org/>

Calendar—This is a busy month for TJ

- Oct 19 - Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct 17-21 - Book Fair in the Library; Parents can visit the Book Fair on Wednesday after school
- Oct 21 - Character Trait Assembly: 9:10am and 1:15pm for this month's chosen students
- Oct 27 - Picture Retake Day
- Oct 27 - TJ Fall Fest: 5:30-7:30, see PTC communication for all the details
- Oct 28 - Pajama Day for ALL students and staff, Mrs. D on the school roof in her PJs 7:15-7:45am
- Oct 31 - No School: Staff Development Day
- Nov 1 - No School: Staff Development Day
- Nov 4 - Last Day of Trimester
- Nov 9 - Rubio's Dine and Donate
- Nov 10 - Report cards are emailed home
- Nov 11- No School: Veterans Day
- Nov 14-Nov 18 - Conference Week: Early Dismissal at 11:24 for K-5 (TK regular time)

Book Fair—Not only can families shop after school on Wednesday, October 19th, lemonade and popcorn also be for sale by Student Leadership. Sign up for the eWallet today to make your child's purchasing even easier!

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/parent-how-it-works.html?fairID=5176271>

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