

# Jefferson Times

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Dear Jefferson Families,

Halloween is right around the corner. As you are aware, a “clowning” phenomenon has been an issue in parts of the country and recently in our surrounding areas. “Clowning” includes dressing up as a scary clown and frightening or harassing people. Clowning can include a wide range of threats from minor to serious. We are seeing this permeate through student gossip as well as on social media. It is creating anxiety and fear in some of our students and causing concerns that "clowning" may occur at school.

With Halloween approaching and many of you planning for costumes, we wanted to be proactive and address this issue. For this year, clown costumes will not be allowed on our campus in order to avoid the unnecessary frightening of students. In addition, I wanted to remind parents about our rules for costumes so you can plan ahead and students will be able to have a positive experience during school festivities.

Costume Guidelines for School:

- No weapons of any kind. (For example, swords, light sabers, axes, guns, blasters, etc.)
- No masks of any kind.
- Costumes may not be vulgar, offensive, or racist.
- No clown costumes may be worn to campus.

I am deeply saddened that pranks and attacks like "clowning" are occurring in our community. We appreciate your support to help our kids have a safe and fun Halloween. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

As always, I appreciate your continued support. We look forward to a successful Parent Teacher Conference week as well as our upcoming Red Ribbon Week and Halloween. Remember, there is no school for students on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> and we are on a 2:00 release schedule Tuesday – Friday due to Parent Teacher Conferences. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions, comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Wooten

Principal

Our school offers breakfast in our school cafeteria from 7:30-8:00am. Our school cafeteria also offers 2<sup>nd</sup> chance breakfast at recess. Breakfast is \$1.50 and includes milk and/or juice as well as food items. Questions, please call Debbi Rogers @ 209-839-8759

## ~ VOLUNTEER INFORMATION ~

Our school nurse has to administer the risk assessment questionnaire in person; our district nurse (Tina) will be available the last Wednesday of every month from 3:00 to 4:00 in the student services office. Anyone needing a TB test can drop in during that time for her to administer the questionnaire. Please come in when you get your first reminder 3 months before it expires, so that you have enough time to obtain a test should you not pass the questionnaire.

**The dates will be:**

**October 26, and November 30**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Mrs. Robertson (Oct.17<sup>th</sup>)



### **Red Ribbon Week**

**Monday, 10/24:** "Don't let drugs interfere with your game." - Wear sports apparel

**Tuesday, 10/25:** "Be a Hero not a Zero. Say no to drugs." - Dress up like a superhero or wear clothes with superhero logos

**Wednesday, 10/26:** "I'm CRAZY about me. That's why I choose to be drug free." - Rock crazy hair

**Thursday, 10/27:** "Buddy Up Against Drugs" - Dress up as a Twin

**Friday, 10/28:** "Say "No" to getting high, but say "Yes" to Tracy High" - Wear extreme Green and Gold in honor of Tracy High homecoming