Jefferson Times

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A note from the Principal ~

Dear Jefferson Families,

This week, October 26th through 30th is Red Ribbon Week. This was mentioned in last week's newsletter, however we feel this week is extremely important and would like to reiterate the goals of Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is to be part of a National Campaign to spread awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs. We plan to build awareness and encourage students and parents to take the "Red Ribbon Pledge" and be part of a drug free America. Below are the parent and student pledges for you to refer to when talking with your child (from redribbon.org).

Parent Pledge

- 1. As parents and citizens, we will talk with our children and the children in our lives about the dangers of drug abuse.
- 2. We will set clear rules for our children about not using drugs.
- 3. We will set a good example for our children by not using illegal drugs or medicine without a prescription.
- 4. We will monitor our children's behavior and enforce appropriate consequences, so that our rules are respected.
- 5. We will encourage family and friends to follow the same guidelines and keep children safe from substance abuse.

Student Pledge

- 1. I pledge to stay in school and learn the things that I need to know.
- 2. I pledge to make the world a better place for kids like me to grow.
- 3. I pledge to keep my dreams alive and be all that I can be.
- 4. I please to help others and keep myself drug free.

Our week will be full of activities to promote a drug free lifestyle. The spirit days for Red Ribbon Week are as follows:

Monday, October 26th – "I'm too <u>bright</u> for drugs": Wear neon Tuesday, October 27th – "Give drugs the <u>boot</u>": Wear Western clothing Wednesday, October 28th – "Choose to <u>sock</u> it to drugs": Wear crazy socks Thursday, October 29th – "Be <u>red</u>-y to say NO": Wear extreme red Friday, October 30th – "Scare off drugs": Wear a costume

There is a video contest for all students to participate in. They must create a video using their phone, tablet, or computer. The guidelines are as follows:

- Must include this year's theme: "Respect Yourself. Be Drug Free."
- Must be no longer than 90 seconds.
- Can be done individually or in groups.

Be creative. It can be a song, poem, skit, commercial, or speaking your heart to the camera. Anything goes, just as long as the overall message is to be drug free. Submit videos to Mr. Freitas at <u>rfreitas@sjcoe.net</u>. All videos are due by Wednesday, October 28th at 9:00 pm. The top 3 winners will receive a prize as well as have their videos displayed in the morning announcements.

We look forward to a successful week and appreciate your support in connecting our discussions at school to home. Jefferson School will continue to promote a drug free lifestyle during Red Ribbon Week and throughout the entire year.

Furthermore, this Friday is the end of Trimester 1. Report cards will be handed out at Parent Teacher Conferences, which will be taking place the week of November 16th! The 7th/8th grade conference letters with your scheduled times were mailed out on 10/22/15. Please be on the lookout for it. The 5th and 6th grade teachers are using online systems to schedule the conferences this year. Information from the teachers will be coming home soon.

Feel free to contact me at any time by visiting the office, emailing me at <u>awooten@sjcoe.net</u> or calling the school at (209) 835-3053. I appreciate your support and continued communication.

Alyssa Wooten, Principal

TB Testing for Volunteers:

To help volunteers comply with the requirement to have a TB clearance, we are hosting a one day opportunity for volunteers to come in and receive the clearance at no cost. It will be held on **Tuesday**, **October 27** from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:00PM on a drop in basis at the District Office in the board room. Volunteers will complete the Risk Assessment Questionnaire which will then be evaluated by a Registered Nurse who will issue a Certificate of Completion if it determined that no risk factors exist. This certificate will be valid for four years. If a person is identified with risk factors, they will need to obtain a TB test from a medical professional at their own cost.

<mark>~ VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION ~</mark>

10/26 – 10/30 5th & 6th Grade Tournament @ Hawkins School

> **10/27 – 10/29** 7th Grade practice @ Jefferson 2:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Be Responsible Do Your Best Each Day - Think Before You Speak

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Put Others First - Avoid Conflict

Students must wait **ON CAMPUS** while waiting to be picked up. We do not want students waiting in the park or on the sidewalk. Parents please pull up along the sidewalk on Glenbriar Drive and refrain from making U-turns or crossing the street to pick up your child. We truly want to make sure your child is safe.

7th graders please make sure you turn in your permission slip and money to Mr. Spikes for your field trip to Venture On Challenge Course on November 6, 2015

Weekly Information

Monday: 10/26 ~ Minimum Day, 1:05 release Tuesday: 10/27 ~ Choir Room 4, 7:00-7:30 a.m. Wednesday: 10/28 ~ Kono Ice @ Yasui Park ASB MEETING Thursday: 10/29 ~ MJPFA Family Fun Night @ Round Table Pizza, Raley's Shopping Center 4 – 9 pm

Friday: 10/30 ~ End of 1st Trimester **ASB Costume Dance** @ 5:30 in the HAWKINS GYM

~ WORD OF THE WEEK ~ <u>"FACILITATE"</u>

facilitate

verb fa·cil·i·tate \fə-'si-lə- tāt \

- 1. To make (something) easier
- 2. To help cause (something)
- 3. To help (something) run more smoothly and effectively

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Full Definition of *FACILITATE* transitive verb

- 1 To make easi
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- 2. Help bring about < facilitate growth>



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Jefferson 'Wildcat Pride' Order Form 2015



T-SHIRT <u>BLACK - \$15</u>
ADULT
SIZE QTY.
S (34-36)
M (38-40)
L (42-44)
XL(46-48)
*2X(50-52)
*3X(54-56)

- We suggest ordering a size larger if concerned about how sizes run.
- Please order with care. Custom apparel cannot be exchanged or returned.

*XXL Sizes Add \$2.00 XXXL Sizes Add \$3.00

Total Items Ordered: __

Total Amount Remitted(\$):

Teacher Name:

Student Name:

Please submit order form & payment by November 13th to the office. We accept personal checks or cash Please make checks out to 'Jefferson School'

Current 8th Graders: Are you interested in becoming a member of one of

Tracy High's Academy Programs?

Derforming Arts Academy?

International Baccalaureate Honors Program?

<u>Agricultural/Scientific Academy</u>?

For more information please attend:

THS Academies Information Night

Thursday, November 19, 2015

6:30PM

Tracy High School Cafeteria

315 E. 11th Street

Applications will be available on the THS website on 11/5/15, applications will be available at the Information Night

Academy Coordinators and Staff will make presentations and answer questions—what are these academies all about, how to apply, what can you expect and is one of these programs right for you? There are a limited number of Intra District seats for students who do not reside in the Tracy High zone. Applications will be available on the THS website after 11/5/15. Questions? Please contact:

Emily Williams, Administrative Assistant, ewilliams@tusd.net.