



Principal's Corner

Welcome to January and 2020!

Happy New Year, Jefferson families! I hope you all had a happy, healthy, and safe winter break. I enjoyed having quiet days of reading, walking my dog, and spending time with my family. I reflected during the break on how grateful I was to have some time to reconnect with loved ones without the presence of schedules and time constraints. Our Jefferson staff have shared winter break stories of travels, hosting family, and many days of pajamas and Netflix binging! We are rested, enthusiastic, and looking forward to January with our Jaguars!

It is a new year and a new decade, so I wondered if I should make some extra amazing resolutions?! I mentally scrolled through my usual list of more sleep, exercise, etc., but I decided to include one I have never considered. For years, I have been asking my own children: "How was your day?" when I saw them at the end of each day. By extension, I find myself asking our Jaguars: "How is your day?" I realized this sort of inquiry did not always elicit the most engaging conversations with my own children. As an educator, I am always seeking new ways to positively impact my relationships with students, and self reflection and effective communication are important aspects of that goal. In response, I have found alternative openers which may spark more interest and shared a few below.

What was the funniest thing that happened today?

Did anyone do anything nice for you?

What was the nicest thing you did for someone else?

Who made you smile today?

What new fact did you learn today?

Who brought the best food in their lunch today? What was it?

What challenged you today?

If one of your classmates could be the teacher for the day who would you want it to be? Why?

If you had the chance to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?

Who do you want to make friends with but haven't yet? Why not?

What is your teacher's most important rule?

Does your teacher remind you of anyone else you know? How?

Tell me something you learned about a friend today.

What is one thing you did today that was helpful?

When did you feel most proud of yourself today?

What rule was the hardest to follow today?

What is one thing you hope to learn before the school year is over?

Which person in your class is your exact opposite?

I wish you all the best in 2020! I look forward to many engaging conversations with our Jaguars!

Take care,
Jennifer

Message from the JPAT President

Dear Jaguars,

Welcome to a new year and a new decade! January always feels like a fresh start, a time to take stock and assess what is really important in our lives. One of the things important to me is Jefferson Elementary and our Jaguars!

Thank you all for your Direct Donation Drive (DDD) donations. The preliminary total raised to support programs at Jefferson is **\$9372**, with a few more matching donations still on the way. Thanks to Gabi Snyder and Laura Power for all their work on the DDD.

The other major fundraiser for JPAT, the Jog-A-Thon, will be coming up in February. Please consider donating and volunteering to count laps for the Jog-A-Thon. It's such a fun event and the kids have a blast. Join us for our next JPAT meeting, January 14th, 6:30-7:30pm in the Jefferson Library.

I hope you all have a happy and healthy new year!

Camille Nelson
JPAT President

Mark Your Calendar

January

- 1-3 NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)
- 14 JPAT Meeting, 6:30pm, Library
- 20 NO SCHOOL
- 24 Carnival, 6-8pm
- 27 Dine Out - Applebee's
- 30-31 NO SCHOOL

February

- 5 WB2S Day
- 7 Dance of the Decades, 6:30-8:00pm
- 11 JPAT Meeting, 6:30pm, Library
- 11 Dine Out—Tacobore
- 17 NO SCHOOL (possible weather make-up day)
- 28 2-hour early release, 12:30pm

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Mark Your Calendars for Two Fun Events!

Carnival: January 24, 6:00-8:00pm

Join the fun at Carnival on Friday Jan. 24th from 6pm-8pm. Kids love this event and look forward to it every year. It's a fun way to build community for all Jefferson families. There will be games, prizes, bounce houses, face painting, balloon animals, food, and so much more!

Tickets will go on sale starting Tues Jan. 21st. Volunteers are always needed so keep an eye out for signups.



Dance of the Decades: February 7, 6:30-8:00pm



If you are interested in helping to coordinate this event or volunteering to help with setting up, running the food/drink table, or cleaning up, please contact Kristy Johnson at kristy.johnson09@gmail.com.

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Flyers are not to be distributed in the restaurant or within the perimeter of the parking lot.
Doing so will result in a voided event.



Mr. Yeh's Music Corner

Hello Jefferson Community,

We're plugging along in music class!

3rd and 4th grade will be starting recorder--more information on that to come. Recorders will be provided by the school for use in school, but I may have the option for students to check out recorders to use at home. Please be patient and encouraging!

5th grade is doing a short piano unit before starting the 5th grade musical this year: Madagascar, Jr. Hooray!

Cheers,
Dow

PIANO (p) MEANS SOFT AND FORTE (f) IS LOUD. HOW DO I CHANGE FROM SOFT TO LOUD?

YOU CAN DRAW A CRESCENDO (C) FOR A SHORT INCREASE IN VOLUME OR WRITE 'CRESC.' FOR A LONG ONE.

SO SOFT AND...WE'RE LOUDER!

CRESCENDOS...ARE FUNNY!

In the Hall of the Mountain King apologies to Edvard Grieg

Grad-u-al-ly crescen-do, cre-sen-do, cre-sen-do, music sound-ing louder so much louder o-ver TIME!

pp *f*

WHAT DO I DO IF I WANT TO GO FROM FORTE (f) TO PIANO (p)?

THAT WOULD BE A DECRESCENDO ALSO KNOWN AS A DIMINUENDO (D).

AN ECHO IS A GOOD EXAMPLE.

ECHO! ECHO! ECHO! ECHO!

NOW...I GUESS YOU CAN DIMINUE INTO OUT OF EXISTENCE!

WE'VE REACHED ZOO COMICS! HOORAY!

LET'S CELEBRATE WITH A DIMINUENDO!

YEN!!! WOO HOO!!! WOOT! OH YEAH! YES! HURRAY!

OK, A DIMINUENDO MAY NOT BE THE BEST WAY TO CELEBRATE.

YA THINK? *STG#*

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