



Principal's Corner

Hello and Happy February!

This month marks the official halfway point of the school year, and our students will soon be celebrating their 100th day of school. Families will be receiving their child's mid-year progress report this week as well. When reading through the progress report, please note that your child is not expected to be excelling in all areas and that there are standards which have yet to be covered in the classroom. And as always, remember that if you have questions about your child's progress, their teacher is the best resource to help with those concerns.

February is the month that we focus on friendship at Jefferson. Our staff made a commitment at the start of the school year to focus our attention on relationships with our students, our parents, and our colleagues. February a good reminder of that commitment as we endeavor to teach our students about creating and sustaining friendships with others. Friendship in elementary school can be a tricky thing. Children fall in and out of friendships regularly and sometimes that journey needs a little guidance. Our behavior and counseling staff are here to help children navigate friendship or problem solve if necessary. Mrs. Yoba and Mrs. Pattieshaw are always available for students to speak with and have lots of resources at their disposal to help children through those friendship ups and downs. Please encourage your child to seek them out if they need friendship help.

Thanks to JPAT, we have lots of opportunities for our Jaguars to have fun with their friends in the month of February. On Friday, February 8th, we celebrate our first annual Dance of the Decades. Students are encouraged to participate in our dress up day on Friday — dress in any decade style that you like — and then to return to school at 6:30pm with their friends to dance to decades of awesome music expertly mixed by our own DJ Mr. Yeh. On Friday, February 22nd, it's time for the annual JPAT carnival. Be sure to get a wristband and join us for a fun night of games and prizes...and friends. It will be awesome.

It is a short month, but let's make it a great one. Go Jaguars!

"Walking with a friend in the dark, is better than walking alone in the light." - Helen Keller

Melissa

Message from the JPAT President

2019 is off to a strong start for Jefferson Elementary and JPAT!

We had a very successful Direct Donation Drive this fall and met our goal with over \$11,000 in donations. A big thanks to everyone who contributed. A super big shout out to **Gabi Snyder** and **Laura Power**, who chaired the DDD to success this fall! Thanks for all your work!

The next big fundraiser coming up is the Jog-A-Thon on February 12th and 13th. I love the Jog-a-Thon! It's such a fun event. If you haven't volunteered to count laps before (and of course if you have), I would encourage you to volunteer for a slot. The kids have such a great time and their enthusiasm is contagious. We have also added some incentives for the kids in meeting lap goals for this year. On offer: teachers in tutus, extra recess, gum days, and lunch with Mrs. Harder! Come cheer on our Jaguars as they run around the gym!

Money raised from the DDD and the Jog-A-Thon contributes to creating an enrichment-filled experience for our kids at Jefferson. JPAT money funds the garden, 4th and 5th grade band, the 5th grade musical, after school clubs, field trips, assemblies, and so much more! Check out the updated Jefferson Activities and Clubs website to find out more about these great opportunities for your Jaguars. https://jefferson.csd509j.net/?page_id=65

JPAT volunteers run nearly 20 community-building events, fundraisers, and committees each year, so the organization relies on new people to participate and help to keep these important activities going year in and year out. Volunteering to chair an event, committee, or fundraiser is a great way to get to know other Jefferson parents and staff. It also increases your family's involvement with the community. It feels great to know that your efforts helped to deepen the connection between students and staff, or contributed to the enrichments JPAT provides to all Jefferson students through its fundraising activities.

If you appreciate all that JPAT contributes to Jefferson, please consider getting involved. It takes an active community of parents to keep these programs going, and the time commitment is often smaller than you might imagine.

If you'd like to learn more about what's involved in chairing or volunteering for any of JPAT's activities, feel free to contact me (muranelson@gmail.com) or Volunteer Coordinator Amy Mayfield (amykmayfield@gmail.com). Information is also available on the JPAT pages of Jefferson's website.

Hope to see you all at one of our great February Events: OBOB Battles (Feb 4-22); Dance of the Decades (Feb 8); Jog-A-Thon (Feb 12-13); and Jefferson Carnival (Feb 22).

Go Jaguars!

Camille Nelson
JPAT President

Mark Your Calendar

February

- 1 NO SCHOOL
- 6 WB2S Day
- 8 Dance of the Decades, 6:30-8pm
- 10 Wildlife Steward Work at the Creek, 11am-1pm
- 12-13 Jog-a-thon
- 12 Jefferson Java, 5:45pm, Library
- 12 JPAT Meeting, 6:30pm, Library
- 15 Box Tops for Education collection day
- 18 NO SCHOOL (President's Day, possible weather make-up day)
- 20 Dine Out - Sky High
- 22 Carnival, 6-8pm

March

- 1 2-Hour Early Release 12:40pm
- 6 WB2S Day
- 10 Wildlife Steward Work at the Creek, 11am-1pm
- 12 Jefferson Java, 5:45pm, Library
- 12 JPAT Meeting, 6:30pm, Library
- 13 NO SCHOOL (possible weather make-up day)
- 14-15 NO SCHOOL (conferences)
- 20 Dine Out - Papa's Pizza
- 25-29 NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)

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Jefferson Elementary
Presents

Dance
of the
DECADES

FEATURING MC MR. YEH

Friday, February 8th
6:30pm-8pm

Light snacks will be served.

Please feel free to bring a snack to share.

Volunteers are needed to help decorate, set up, serve snacks, and clean up. If you would like to help or for more information please contact Kristy Johnson at kristy.johnson09@gmail.com.

(Previously 'Sock Hop')

A Big Thanks!

JPAT thanks Kristen Gose, Jefferson parent (and Jefferson graduate!), for helping the organization complete its annual tax returns. Thank you for your generosity and good cheer!

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Dine Out
Sky High, Feb. 20

Eat out at Sky High on Wednesday, February 20th, and 10% of proceeds will go to JPAT! In order to qualify for the donation please mention Jefferson Elementary School to your waiter or waitress. Thanks for your support!



A big thank you to all the participants in the January Walk/Bike to School Day! We had a lot of fun and had another fantastic turnout. We saw great participation with over half the school walking or biking to school. Great job Jefferson! Congratulations to the students and parents who participated and helped to make this a fun and active day at Jefferson Elementary. We look forward to seeing you next month!

Our next Walk/Bike to School Day will be Wednesday, February 6th. See you then!

As always, be extra careful whenever you're riding in rainy conditions and be sure to have some lights on your bike if it is not fully light out yet. And any type of reflective outerwear is always a good idea!

Jesse Wegner, Karen DeWolfe & Jeff Ginalias
WB2S Co-Chairs

Jefferson Jog-A-Thon 2019 February 12th and 13th

Would your student like to see Mrs. Harder in a tutu? Or Mr. Phillips? How about all the teachers? Our annual Jog-a-thon is coming in just a few short weeks, and we have some new, fun incentives for our classes this year. This is our biggest fundraiser, but more importantly, one that the students feel a pride in creating. The money raised helps fund a variety of programs that sustain our school community, including band, Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB), the 5th grade musical, and over 16 additional clubs. And the students have a blast participating in it!

Class goals:

1. If at least 50% of class meets or exceeds their lap goals: class gets a gum day.
2. If at least 75% of class meets or exceeds their lap goals: class gets extra recess.
3. Class with highest percentage of students who meet or exceeds lap goal gets lunch with Mrs. Harder.

School goals:

1. If at least 8 classes have 50% of students meet or exceed lap goal: Mrs. Harder wears a tutu for the day.
2. If at least 11 classes have 50% of students meet or exceed lap goal: Mrs. Harder and Mr. Philips wear tutus for the day.
3. If all 15 classes have 50% of students meet or exceed lap goal: ALL teachers wear tutus for the day.

Jog-A-Thon is a super fun volunteering opportunity. The kids truly enjoy this event, and especially seeing their parents, friends, and community come to cheer them on. Most sessions are only 45 minutes - but come for one or two sessions, or as many as you like. At least ten volunteers are needed for each class. Sign up is available at: <http://signup.com/go/rLAbhfg> or contact Meagan Johanson at nutmeagan27@gmail.com. This event is a blast, and we couldn't do it without you!

Jefferson Carnival February 22



Come join the fun at the carnival!

This year's carnival will be held Friday Feb. 22nd from 6pm-8pm. La Rockita will be serving food. Join us for games, prizes, bounce houses, face painting, balloon animals, and so much more!

Box Tops

Keep bringing in Box Tops, Jaguars!! The next turn in date is Friday, Feb. 15th. The class with the most Box Tops will win a popcorn party! Please check for expiration dates!! Expired Box Tops will not count for your class!



Library News

Great job Jefferson OBOB Teams!

Our School OBOB Battles are just around the corner! We have 17 OBOB teams this year and around 75 students participating! Having these large numbers is exciting but it means that we will have an intense battle schedule and we will need many parent volunteers to help as score keepers and time keepers. Here is the Signup Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054aaea82dabff2-volunteers>

Parents are welcome to come watch the battles. The brackets will be updated daily outside the library. The first tournament of battles will start the week of Feb. 4th and will only be for 3rd grade teams. All 3rd grade battles will be held in the library. The top two third grade teams will move on to the main school tournament . All tournaments will be double elimination. (This means a team will have at least two chances to advance before being out of the tournament.) The second tournament will start the week of Feb. 11th. These battles will be held simultaneously in the library and in one classroom (location TBD). Our final battle will be Friday Feb. 22nd.

The winning team of our school battles will go on to compete at the regional battles held Saturday, March 9th in Newburg, Oregon. Parent transportation is required. This is an all day event. More details will be given to the winning team and their families.

OBOB! OBOB! READ! READ! READ!

Mrs. Melvin
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A Message from the Wellness Committee: Resources for Navigating Screen Time with Kids



Navigating screen time can be a big challenge for families. The questions are endless: How much screen time is okay for kids? What's the difference between video games and TV for the developing brain? Which content is okay for kids of certain ages? What kind of devices should kids have access to? And much more. We do not have a choice about whether or not our kids live in a world dominated by screens and technology, but we do have a choice about

how we engage with it all. Here are some resources available to help families be deliberate in how they approach screen time. Ideas included in these resources include tips for limiting screen time, how to research new content, and ideas for how to talk to kids about screens.

There are no simple answers to managing screen time for kids. What works for one family might not work for someone else's. In any case, it's important for parents to know what resources are available, and to stay involved in how their kids engage with screens.

Screen Time Resources:

[Common Sense Media](#) - Common Sense is the leading independent nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids thrive in a world of media and technology. They empower parents, teachers, and policymakers by providing unbiased information, trusted advice, and innovative tools to help harness the power of media and technology.

[Healthy Kids, Healthy Future](#) - Healthy Kids, Healthy Future is a nationwide program that promotes healthy practices for children that could last a lifetime. They provide tips for reducing screen time, including making the most of screen-free moments. They also offer a screen time reduction tool kit.

The Corvallis School District recommends parents review a report titled, "[Technology and Young Children](#)" issued by The National Association for the Education of Young Children. The report provides guidance on applying the principles of development and learning when considering if, how, and when to use technology and new media with young children.



Mr. Yeh's Music Corner

Hello Jefferson Jaguars!

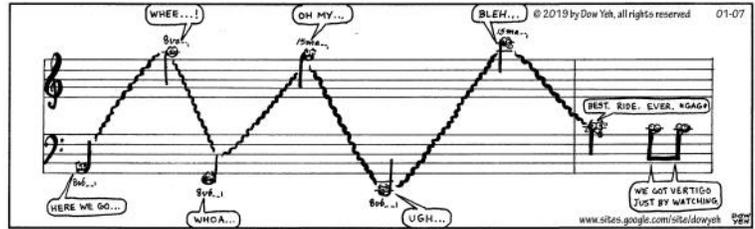
I have an unusual request ... do any of you have any old iPod classics or iPod nanos that you are no longer using? If so, the music program can use them. I would like to have some available for some music listening stations. Please let me know if you are willing to donate one, and I can get you a receipt for tax purposes. Thank you!

In classes, we have been doing the following:

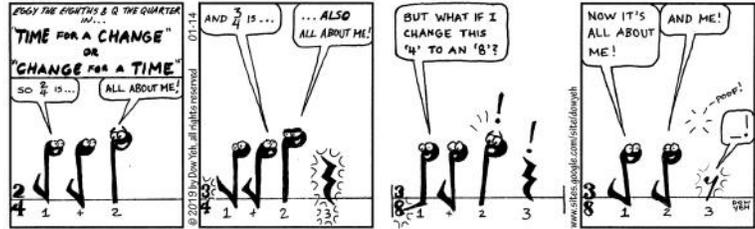
- 5th grade: We are learning piano ... the classes have a friendly competition going over how many songs they can master.
- 4th grade: We have started recorders and are doing "Recorder Karate" where students master songs and earn belts for their recorders!
- 3rd grade: They are learning recorder with Ms. S, my student teacher.
- 2nd grade: We have been learning note reading with the notes so, mi, and la. Ask your students about it!
- 1st grade: We have been doing a lot of partner song games, including "Skip To My Lou", "El Juego Chirimbolo."
- K: They have been learning music concepts through song games like "Farmer in the Dell."

Cheers,
Mr. Yeh

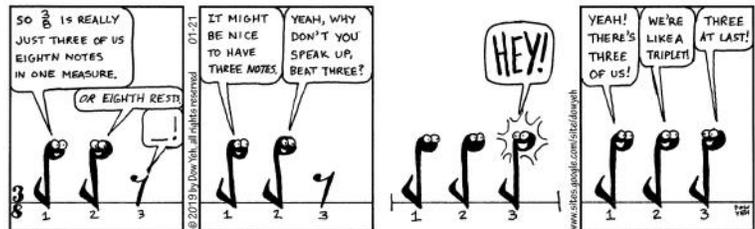
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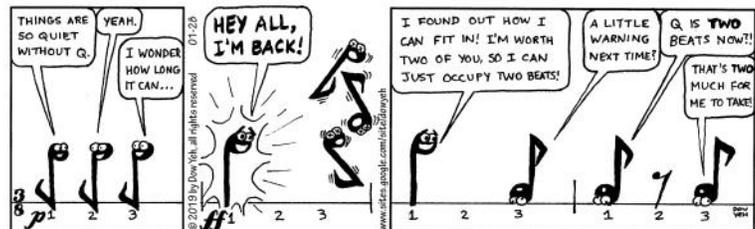
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