



Principal's Corner

Hello Jaguar Families,

I am writing this article following a fun-filled evening with our Jefferson community at the Jefferson Carnival. What a great event! A very special part of the night for me was seeing the dozens of former Jaguars who have moved on to middle school who came to celebrate the carnival with younger siblings. And speaking of younger siblings, it was so lovely to see all of our future Jaguars who came with school-age siblings too. Seeing all of these "generations" of Jaguars had me reflecting on how quickly our children grow into confident young people. I also thought about the importance that six, stable years in elementary school provide our children so they are ready to tackle the academic and social challenges that middle and high school bring. I am honored to be a part of that time with your children. Thank you.

"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." - Maya Angelou

In March, our students will focus on **Creativity** and we have a few special events where that creativity will be center stage. Mark your calendars for **3rd and 4th Grade Fine Arts Night on March 19 at 6:30 pm**. Our 3rd and 4th graders will be performing music they have learned in Mr. Yeh's music class and celebrating their art instruction from Mrs. Monroe with art pieces on display. All of this will happen in the gym, and everyone is invited. On **March 19, 20, and 21** our 3rd graders will open up the **Jefferson Student Store**. All grade levels will be creating fun arts and crafts products to donate to the 3rd graders who will sell these pieces in the Student Store. It is a great opportunity for students to learn about running a business and all money raised will be donated to local and international charities.

When we think of March, we think of spring...and when we think of spring, we think about growth. So what a great month to meet with your child's teacher for **Parent Teacher Conferences**. This year conferences will be held **March 13, 14, and 15** with teachers creating a schedule that allows for ample time to meet with you and prepare for the remaining twelve weeks of school. March is a great time to see how your child is progressing academically and socially and gives us time to intervene as necessary in either category. We hope you reserve time on your calendar to meet with teachers in March.

Have a great month.

Go Jaguars!

Message from the JPAT President

Donating to JPAT is a fantastic way to support enrichment activities at Jefferson. We fund library time, the garden, field trips, assemblies, 4th and 5th grade band, the 5th grade musical, community events like Carnival, and much more! But did you know that there are many other ways to give to the Jefferson community and support our Jaguars?

Did you know that 24% of Jefferson students qualify for free or reduced lunch? That's 1 in 4 students whose families are in poverty. Did you know that there are over 350 homeless students in the Corvallis School District? Some of those students attend Jefferson. While our school community is privileged compared to many others in our town and state, there are still so many families and children in need right here at Jefferson. The needs are great but so are the opportunities to help! Some easy ideas to get started:

- Is your class going on a field trip? Doing a class project with a fee? Donate an extra few dollars with your payment to cover the expense for a student who may not be able to afford it.
- Pay for an extra set of school pictures or a Jaguar T-shirt for a student in need. Your child's teacher can facilitate this.
- When you get valentines for your child, consider donating an extra box to Mrs. Yoba for students who may not be able to afford them.
- When you buy books for your children at the book fair, consider donating money for a child in need to pick out a book. Mrs. Yoba can get your donation to the right kid.
- Does your classroom teacher need extra cleaning wipes, snacks, or classroom supplies? Don't forget to ask Mr. Yeh, Ms. Monroe, Mr. Philips, and the front office if their "classrooms" need anything!
- At the beginning of the school year, consider buying an extra backpack and donating it to your classroom teacher or to Mrs. Yoba.
- Donate gift cards to local grocery stores to Mrs. Yoba. She will get them to families in need. The most useful gift cards are from Winco and Fred Meyer.
- Consider paying off a student's lunch account for a family who struggles financially. Mrs. Harder can help you do this!
- Do you have gently used pants, underwear, socks or tennis shoes (good for P.E.) that you could donate to the school? The front office stocks these for kids who need an extra clothing item or two.
- If you wish to give more broadly, the Corvallis Public Schools Foundation specifically raises money for and funds resources for homeless students and their families. The Foundation funds everything from new socks and warm coats to help with utilities, grocery bills and school support services. Find more information at <https://cpsfoundation.org/>. You can earmark your donation to support students in poverty.

Your child's classroom teacher can always help direct you on how best to give. So can Mrs. Harder or Mrs. Yoba. Together we can support our Jaguars and make sure all our children thrive and grow!

Camille Nelson
JPAT President

Mark Your Calendar

March

- 1 2-Hour Early Release 12:40pm
- 1 Kindergarten Registration Open
- 1 Transfer Requests Open
- 4 Literacy Night, 6pm
- 6 WB2S Day
- 6 Kindergarten Information Night, 5:30pm
- 10 Wildlife Stewards Work at the Creek, 11am-1pm
- 12 JPAT Meeting, 6:30pm, Library
- 13 NO SCHOOL (possible weather make-up day)
- 14-15 NO SCHOOL (conferences)
- 19 3rd/4th grade Fine Arts Night, 6:30pm, Gym
- 20 Dine Out - Papa's Pizza
- 25-29 NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)

April

- 3 WB2S Day
- 14 Wildlife Stewards Work at the Creek, 11am-1pm
- 19 2-Hour Early Release 12:40pm
- 25 1st/2nd grade Fine Arts Night, 6:30pm, Gym

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Dine Out

JPAT's March Dine Out fundraiser is Tuesday, March 20th at Papa's Pizza. Papa's has graciously agreed to give us 50% of the proceeds from the entire day! Eat pizza and support JPAT all at the same time. Papa's prefers that you bring in a printed flyer (available online at: <https://www.papaspizza.net/locations-3rd-street-covallis-or/>). Don't stress if you forget the flyer though, as it is also acceptable to simply mention Jefferson Elementary at the checkout.



Please join your fellow Jaguars on Wednesday, March 6th for our monthly Walk/Bike To School Day! We will see you bright and early and be sure to stop by our table to get your participation slip. As always, bike to the right side of the road and keep in a straight, single-file line. Be sure to have your helmet securely fastened and both hands on the bike. Walk, bike, or roll safely to school, and we look forward to seeing you the morning of the 6th!

Also I want to shout out a great big thanks to our walk and roll band, the Outlyers. The band is made up of some very excited and dedicated parents Karen DeWolfe, Ted Hart, and Jeff Ginalias. Big thanks!

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

A Message from the Wellness Committee

Last month we suggested some resources for parents to navigate screen time with kids. Here are a few of the most common “best practices” for families to consider:

- **Create “Technology-Free Zones”** – Establish zones in your house where you don’t allow electronics, for example at the dining room table.
- **Use Parental Controls** – Monitor what your children are viewing on TV and online. You can protect kids from explicit content by using the parental controls.
- **Set Aside Times to Unplug** – Set aside times for the entire family to become unplugged from technological devices. You also might consider a longer digital detox for the entire family.
- **Talk to Kids About the Dangers of Too Much Screen Time** – In an age-appropriate manner, explain how violent video games, movies, and images can be harmful to kids. Discuss how you can work together as a family to address the risks.
- **Encourage Other Activities** – Kids easily grow dependent on technology for entertainment. Encourage your children to become involved in activities that don't involve screens. Get your child to play outside, read a book or play a game.
- **Don’t Allow Screen Media in Your Child’s Bedroom** – This includes hand-held devices that many children use late at night, which can interfere with their sleep.

There are lots of ways to manage screen time with kids. These are just a few ideas you may want to give a try.

The Wellness Committee

Notes from the Office

- It is that time again! We will be donating all lost and find items on March 22nd at 2:00pm. We have a lot of great coats and other items in lost and found right now! Take a minute to stop by and check it out! **All items not claimed by March 22nd will be donated to Vina Moses.**
- Franklin’s Spring Open House is Wednesday, March 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Art News

Jojo has been busy! So far Jojo has traveled to France, Mexico, Egypt, Scandinavia, and China.

- K: Studied the art of Jim Dine and learned water color painting techniques. You can ask your artist what a 'pit stop' is.
- 1st: Artists learned about cherry blossom trees in China and studied how to draw trees and paint cherry blossoms. Ask your artists how to create value by tinting a color.
- 2nd/3rd: Artists took a virtual trip to the Beijing Opera to study the Peking Opera masks. Ask your artist what colors and type of lines represent their personality.
- 4th/5th: Artists studied the ancient art of Chinese Brush Painting. Dating back to 4000 B.C.E., Chinese Brush painting focuses on brush techniques, the artist's energy, and minimalism. Canvases should be 1/3 form and 2/3 space. Ask your artist how they created value using water color paint.

Save the date for 3rd/4th grade Fine Arts Night on March 19th!

Library News

OBOB

Teams completed the school battles for Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) last week, and our winning school team, The Radical Readers, is off to the Regional Battles in Newberg, OR on March 9th! We wish them the best of luck as they represent our school! All 16 teams did a fantastic job, and the 70+ students who were part of the club showed how their commitment and determination paid off during the intense battle rounds! Way to go!

Read Across America Day & Early Literacy Night – Monday, March 4th

Monday March 4th is **Read Across America Day!** During the school day, volunteer readers organized by the Corvallis Rotary Club will be stopping by classrooms for a special story time. In the evening, Kinder, First & Second Grade families are invited to attend **Early Literacy Night** at Jefferson. Have a reading “date night” with your child. Come to the Jefferson Library to bond over a love of reading. Discover new good fit books, learn about literacy tech apps, and create games and activities to take home. Parents will stick with their child throughout the evening playing games and practicing skills with them. For questions about Early Literacy Night, please contact Liz Miller at elizabeth.miller@corvallis.k12.or.us

Have you stopped by the library lately? Come on in and check out the great new rotating displays that a few fourth graders and I put together! The displays are part of a physical improvement grant the library received from JPAT! Thank you Camille, Polly, and all of JPAT for your continued investment in the Jefferson Library!

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Mr. Yeh's Music Corner

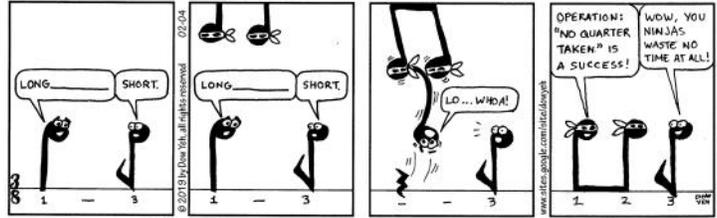
Dear Jefferson Community,

Spring is around the corner! 3rd and 4th grade are preparing for their Fine Arts Night on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 6:30 p.m. in the Jefferson Elementary gym. Here's what's happening in music class:

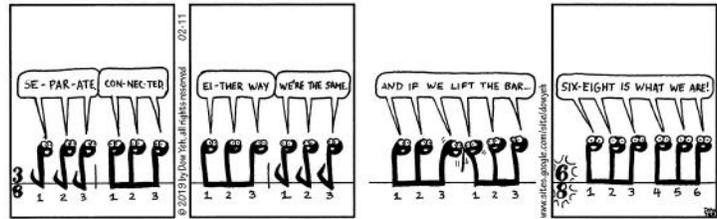
- K - Ms. S, the student teacher, has been working on music concepts through songs and games, like "This is What I Can Do" and "Three Little Muffins."
- 1st - We have been doing some more note reading. Ask your kids about "sol" and "mi" (pronounced 'me').
- 2nd - We have been doing songs from around the world by continent. We started have been to N. America, S. America, and Africa.
- 3rd - We have been preparing to play recorders for Fine Arts Night with Ms. S. 3rd grade is a general introduction to recorder where we learn basic technique and simple songs.
- 4th - We have been working on recorder karate. Students have mastered songs and earned belts. We will perform the songs for 3rd/4th grade Fine Arts Night.
- 5th - We are doing auditions and preparing for the 5th grade musical, "Alice in Wonderland, Jr."

Cheers,
Mr. Yeh

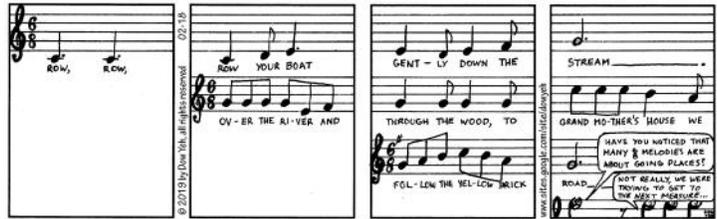
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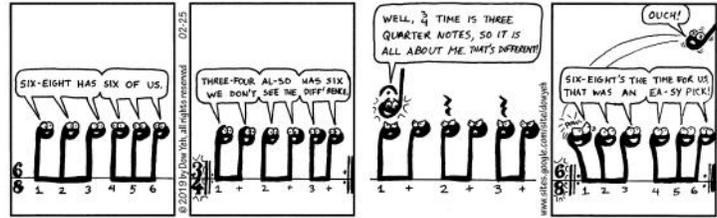
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