



Principal's Corner

Welcome Back Jaguar Families!

I am delighted to welcome you back to another fantastic year at Jefferson. This year marks my sixth year as principal at Jefferson and I am so happy to be back with this great staff, our wonderful students, and supportive parents.

We have a few new staff to welcome to our Jefferson community. In our front office, please welcome **Tish Forsyth** our new Administrative Assistant. Our newest Educational Assistants include **Christa Ames**, **Dana Guenther**, and **Alyssa Puppig**. **Heidi Johnson** is our new counseling assistant who will be working with students in and out of the classroom. And our newest teachers are **Dana Monroe** (Art) and **Holly Deffenbacher** (Intermediate Life Skills).

I wanted to recognize the many excellent staff members celebrating their first or tenth or twentieth year at Jefferson so please check out the Staff Bulletin Board and see how long your favorite staff member has been at Jefferson. Who do you think has been here the longest?

Please make a point to come to our **Curriculum Night** on **September 20th**. This is a **parents-only** event. Parents will have the opportunity to attend up to two sessions with teachers. This is to accommodate our parents with multiple children at Jefferson. Prior to going down to classrooms, all parents are asked to join us in the gym so I can introduce staff and talk with you all about new policies and processes we are implementing at Jefferson to make sure all students feel safe, valued, and included. Please don't miss this important night.

Our staff is energized and ready for a brand new school year. Let's make it a great one!

Go Jaguars!

Melissa

Message from the JPAT President

On behalf of the Jefferson Parents and Teachers (JPAT) board, I welcome everyone back to another fun and exciting year!

Jefferson has a wonderful sense of community thanks in no small part to the involvement of so many individuals who take the time to give what they can to the school. Whether that means chaperoning a field trip, reading with kids in the classroom, dropping off muffins or flowers for Teacher Appreciation Week, or heading up one of JPAT's major fundraisers, all of that energy works together to help make this a great place to educate our children.

JPAT puts on a wide variety of community-building events each year and also raises significant funds to support activities like the many Jefferson clubs, 4th and 5th grade band, the 5th grade musical, new recorders, art supplies, a Jaguar mascot costume (look for Mrs. Harder wearing it at events this year!), an OBOB coordinator for 3rd-5th graders, field trips, lots and lots of hand sanitizer, and other educational enhancements.

Are you new to the school, or thinking about getting involved in JPAT for the first time this year? All are welcome!

Everyone has busy lives. JPAT works because people give what they can in the ways that work best for them. Keep an eye on the listserv for opportunities to help. It's a great way to meet other families and get to know what Jefferson is all about. Want to learn more? Come to one of our monthly meetings or contact me with any questions at muranelson@gmail.com.

I hope to see you all at the first JPAT meeting of the year on October 9th.

Go Jaguars!

Camille Nelson
JPAT President

Mark Your Calendar

September

20 Curriculum Night, 6-7:30 pm

24 Dine Out—The Old Spaghetti Factory

October

5 2-Hour Early Release, 12:40 pm

9 Jefferson Java, 5:45 pm, Library

9 JPAT Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library

10 WB2S Day

29-30 Dine Out—Pastini

31-Nov 2 NO SCHOOL (Grading/Conferences)

JPAT BOARD

PRESIDENT: CAMILLE NELSON
VICE PRESIDENT: REBECCA BADGER
SECRETARY: JILL STEIN
TREASURER: POLLY WEGNER

Help Wanted

Most of Jefferson's beloved annual traditions are volunteer-run. Jefferson Parents and Teachers (JPAT) needs your help!

- Book Fair (Fall and Spring)

Schedule delivery & pick up of merchandise; coordinate volunteers

- Carnival (February)

2-3 co-chairs to learn the ropes and take over the 2020 Carnival.

- Fifth-grade Musical Costume Chest Organizer (April-May)

Fun & easy job for a fifth-grade parent. Clean, mend, onsite storage of costume collection.

- Family Math Night (March)

Work with teachers and staff to plan a math-focused family night on or around Pi Day. Publicize event, organize volunteers, oversee set-up and clean-up.

For more information:

Amy Mayfield, JPAT Volunteer Coordinator
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Direct Donation Drive Kickoff

Hey, Jaguars! Thanks to everyone who stopped by our table at the Back-to-School Potluck Thursday evening. We're off to a strong start with our **Direct Donation Drive (DDD)**.

- The DDD is one of Jefferson's largest fundraisers, and our goal this fall is to raise **\$10,000**.
- All donations will directly support Jefferson programs such as JAG band, 5th grade musical director, OBOB coordinator, and funding for over **16** clubs at Jefferson.
- Donations can be made anytime via **credit card** at <https://jefferson.csd509j.net>. Select FUNDRAISERS from the JPAT drop-down menu and then click "Donate" to give securely through PayPal. **Check** donations should be made out to "JPAT" and placed in the secure white mailbox just inside the school doors.
- Any amount helps. If you're able, consider donating the money you would've spent this year on school supplies. And all donations are tax deductible!

Laura Power and Gabi Snyder
DDD co-chairs

Box Tops

Last school year, Jefferson families collected nearly \$900 in the Box Tops for Education program! Please continue to collect Box Tops to raise funds for Jefferson.



For lists of participating products, please visit www.boxtops4education.com. Box Top coupons can be placed in the red collection box which you will find in your child's classroom. (To keep the program running smoothly, we would really appreciate a quick check of Box Tops to make sure they have not expired.)

Just a reminder, the Labels for Education program has been discontinued. We are unable to submit Labels for reimbursement. This does not affect the Box Tops for Education Program in any way. Please continue to clip Box Tops!

Thanks again to all who participated last year. We look forward to another successful year of fundraising!

Sarah Bastian, Erin Wallace, and Kim Graham
Box Tops Committee

Dine Out

Please support JPAT by eating out at local establishments on designated days throughout the year. The first Dine Out of the year will be at the **Old Spaghetti Factory on September 24th**. Mark your calendar for other upcoming Dine Outs:

Oct. 29-30: Pastini
Nov. 14: Papa's Pizza
Dec 11: Block 15
Feb 20: Sky High
March 20: Papa's Pizza



Stay tuned for additional dates and locations!



Our Jefferson community has a strong tradition of walking, biking and rolling to school. We often fill the bike racks and many parents and children enjoy a morning and afternoon walk to and from our neighborhood school. It is not unusual to have over 70% of our Jefferson community participate in the WB2S Days.

In order to reinforce this healthy choice and to encourage others to participate in finding alternatives to driving to school, the Walk and Bike to School Committee (WB2S) celebrates one Walk and Bike to School Day each month during the school year. The dates for the 2018-2019 school year are: October 10th, November 7th, December 5th, January 9th, February 6th, March 6th, April 3rd, May 1st, and June 5th. We hope to see you roll in with your Jefferson friends on our WB2S Days!

We encourage everyone to participate regardless of where you live. Here are some ideas of how you can celebrate WB2S Days at Jefferson:

- We encourage families that live close to the school to walk, bike or roll to school instead of hopping in the car and driving.
- For families who live far from the school, we encourage you to network with families that live closer to the school and walk, bike or roll to Jefferson with friends.
- Although 27th Street between Circle and Arthur will not be closed to on-street parking, please make every effort to park at least a block away from the school in honor of the event.

Each WB2S day the WB2S volunteers will welcome students and hand out healthy snacks and stickers or tattoos. In the spirit of friendly Jaguar competition, Mr. K's third grade class will calculate which classrooms have the highest percentage of walkers, bikers and rollers each WB2S Day. Please help keep this healthy tradition alive at Jefferson by walking, biking or rolling to school on the first Wednesday of each month!

If you are interested in volunteering on WB2S days with handing out participation slips, bringing healthy treats, or contributing ideas or talents to keep the days safe, festive, and fun, please contact one of us.

Jesse Wegner jesse.wegner@gmail.com
Karen DeWolfe dewolfekaren@hotmail.com
Erik Haluzak Propriis@gmail.com
WB2S Co-chairs

September Tasting Tables Featuring Zucchini

Mark your calendars! This month at Tasting Tables (during the week of September 17th) children at your school will have the chance to try locally grown zucchini! Volunteers at each school will be handing out samples of zucchini salad at the Tasting Table in the cafeteria. Be sure to ask your child how she/he liked it! The zucchini was grown right here in Corvallis at Gathering Together Farms!



If you have questions about the Corvallis Farm to School program, please contact Cassidy Radloff (Cassidy@CorvallisEnvironmentalCenter.org), Program Manager

A Message from Our Librarian

The school year is off and running and I'm excited to start meeting with classes in the library beginning Monday, September 17th!

The library cannot run smoothly without the fantastic work of volunteers. Several teachers have communicated their need for classroom and library volunteers through their class newsletter so hopefully you have already expressed interest through them directly. I want to provide a little more information about what being a library volunteer typically looks like. The students come to the library for 30 minutes once a week with their class. I'm asking that volunteers commit to 45 minutes in order to help with shelving books after the class leaves and to allow time to get comfortable with the computer program.

Roles and responsibilities for weekly volunteers:

- Check in class books while I read aloud to students
- Check student accounts to see if they can check out
- Help students search for books using the computer and/or iPad
- Check out books to students
- Shelf books after checking in

If this is something you are interested in, then I need to hear from you!

In addition, OBOB will be kicking off in October and I look forward to having some volunteers help during our lunchtime practices. More on OBOB in the October JagWire.

If you are unable to help during a class or OBOB, that's ok! There are always other ways to lend a hand in the library. We have books to repair and other projects going on that I'd be happy to have assistance with.

Please email with your name, phone number, child's name, child's teacher, and what you'd like to do to support our library. I look forward to your help, ideas and experience. I will be at Curriculum Night Thursday, September 20th with sign-up sheets and to answer any questions.

Kathryn Melvin, Jefferson Librarian

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Mr. Yeh's Music Corner

Hello Jaguars,

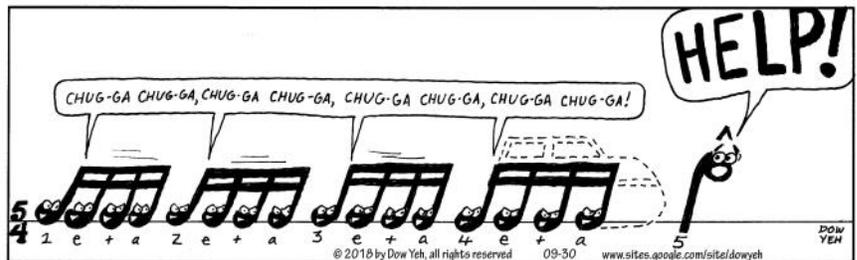
Welcome to another year of music. I am really pleased to introduce my student teacher, Krystina SanGiovanni, who goes by "Ms. S" in music class. She was here last year doing a practicum in my music class and has started the first few weeks with me. She will be returning winter term to do full-time student teaching. She is actually a Jefferson Elementary alumnus from around 2006. She has an excellent singing voice and will be a wonderful addition to our music classes. Welcome "Ms. S"!

Cheers,
Mr. Yeh

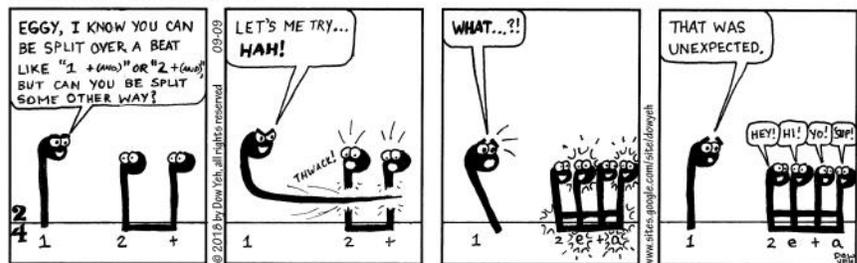
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