



Principal's Corner

Welcome to September!

This month has begun with a lot of enthusiasm for the start of school! Returning Jaguars are excited to be back at Jefferson, and our new Jaguars are meeting new friends and learning about our school.

We have new staff members to celebrate coming to Jefferson this year. Kelley Dixon and Hilary Lindsey have joined our second grade and kindergarten teams, respectively. We have welcomed Nicki Bezanson, Kyia Duvall, Lily Huston, Gennett Johnson, Clifford Kirkpatrick, Caitlin Sorensen and Sarah Talvi Duncan as our new educational assistants. Michelle Park is our new school counselor. We also excited to welcome Jody Miehl and Amanda Williams to Jefferson as our mental health therapist and skills trainer.

We hope to see you at Curriculum Night on September 18th. This is an opportunity for parents/guardians to receive an overview of what their student(s) will be learning this year at Jefferson. After we gather in the gym, your student's teacher will offer two, thirty-minute sessions in their classroom. The event is designed to accommodate parents/guardians only. Please join us for this informative evening.

Looking forward to a great year!

Jennifer

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 ukuleles, art supplies, an OBOB coordinator for 3rd-5th graders, field trips, funds for classrooms, 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! I enjoyed seeing you all at the potluck on September 12th and hope to see some new faces at the first JPAT meeting of the year on October 8th. The meeting is from 6:30-7:30pm in the Jefferson library. Free childcare is provided. Sometimes I bring chocolate.

Go Jaguars!

Camille Nelson
JPAT President

Mark Your Calendar

September

- 12 Direct Donation Drive Kick-Off
- 12 Back to School Potluck, 6-7:30pm
- 18 Curriculum Night, 6:30-8pm

October

- 2 WB2S Day
- 4 2-Hour Early Release, 12:30pm
- 8 JPAT Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm, Library
- 30-Nov. 1 NO SCHOOL (Grading/Conferences)

JPAT BOARD

PRESIDENT: CAMILLE NELSON
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JPAT Volunteers Needed

Hello Jefferson Families,

As the new JPAT Volunteer Coordinator, I look forward to working with any and all willing to keep our wonderful events going this year. Helping to coordinate an event is a wonderful way of supporting our students and school.

We currently need help with the following:

- Book Fairs – 2 people
- Carnival – 1 person
- Dine Out – 1 person
- Teacher Appreciation Week – 1 person
- Dance of the Decades – 1 person
- Reader Board Updater – 1 to 2 people

If any of these interest you, please contact me!

Warm Regards,

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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 JPAT from the PARENTS drop-down menu and then click "Donate to JPAT" 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, and all donations are tax deductible!

Questions? Feel free to email Gabi at gabisnyder@gmail.com.

Laura Power and Gabi Snyder
DDD co-chairs



On Wednesday, October 2nd, we will be kicking off another exciting year of Walk and Bike to School. The band will be back! We encourage anyone who would like to join the band to reach out to our committee, or show up with an instrument. Volunteers are also welcome to help hand out snacks, stickers, and tattoos to our participants, and join the Stoke Zone where we celebrate our walkers and rollers.

Jefferson Elementary has often seen 70% participation in Walk and Bike to School Day. Let's hit 80% this year. There are many ways to participate. You can park and walk from Cloverland Park, bike from home, scooter, skateboard, rollerblade, cartwheel. Getting our students outside and exercising has been scientifically proven to improve their concentration in class. It also helps reduce traffic and congestion on the road.

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.

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!

Other WB2S dates: Nov. 6th, Dec. 4th, Jan. 8th, Feb. 5th, March 4th, Apr. 1st (no joke!), May 6th, and Jun. 3rd.

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

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WB2S Co-chairs

Library Volunteers Needed

The school year is off and running, and I'm excited to start meeting with classes in the library beginning Monday, September 16th!

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 include:

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

Other library volunteer opportunities include our Fall and Spring Book Fairs! These are really fun, high energy events that kids get very excited about reading. More on the book fairs in the October JagWire.

In addition, Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) will be kicking off in October and our program will look a little different this year. As our OBOB club continues to grow (we had over 75 kids last year), we will need at least three parent coaches (one for each 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade group) at our weekly lunchtime practices in order to allow our OBOB program to be successful. More on OBOB in the October JagWire.

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 on Wednesday, September 18th with sign-up sheets and class schedules and to answer any questions.

Thank you,

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Notes from the Office

Community flyers are now shared on the Corvallis School District website! Learn about programs, sports, and opportunities in our community. Please visit the community flyers page for all current flyers: <https://www.csd509j.net/departments/communications/community-flyers/>

