



# Thomas Jefferson Middle School

## IB MYP April Newsletter

*Mission: Learning together to understand and improve ourselves, our futures, and our world.*



### Learner Profile Attribute of the Month: Communicators

#### COMMUNICATORS

We express ourselves confidently and creatively. We learn more than one language. We listen to the views of others.



JEFFERSON MS LEARNER PROFILE

In April, our Learner Profile theme was Communicators. It is incredibly important for all of us to express ourselves with clarity and creativity. Our Communicators are for 8th grade: Brisa Herrera Sarmiento, Lucy Giesler, and Gisell Lopez Gomez. Then for 6th and 7th grade: Dolphins - Juwana Ibrahims, Dragons - Miriam Bull Montana, Monarchs - Lea Komlodi, Owls - Elena Wu, Penguins - Timur

Shamsiyev, and Stingrays - Million Tewolde.

[See the larger poster here.](#)

### 2025 SOL TESTING SCHEDULE

#### 6th Grade

May 13th Reading  
May 28th Math

#### 7th Grade

May 13th Reading  
May 15th Civics  
May 29th Math

#### 8th Grade

April 23rd IRW\*  
May 13th Reading  
May 15th Science  
May 29th Math

\*Integrated Reading and Writing

Students should make every effort to be **PRESENT and ON TIME** on testing dates.

### Arts: Frozen Jr.

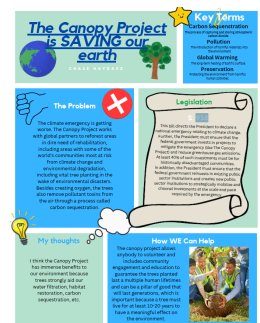


Our performing arts team delivered an amazing performance of Frozen Jr. Our middle school students captured the drama of love and caring between sisters set in a magical land based on. Our

students acted, sang, and danced to bring this play alive for our school community. About 60 students participated in bringing this remarkable production to life.

### Interdisciplinary Learning

Our Science and Civics teachers are combining forces to teach an Interdisciplinary unit focused on Earth Day. Students examine ecological and environmental problems in science and practical solutions. In Civics, students consider what actions citizens could take to influence the public policy process. Then students need to put it altogether in a Canva poster.



### Community Project: Presentation



The Community Project Presentations are due May 7. We have been hosting a parade of bake sales to raise money for the Animal Welfare League of Arlington, Path Forward, Doorways, among other organizations. Students are also painting murals and ceiling tiles to raise international

mindedness and promote peace. The final step regarding the Community is for 8th graders to present to 6th and 7th graders in June.

### Congressman Beyer Town Hall



On April 24, Congressman Don Beyer held a town hall with our entire 7th grade class. Students had written letters to their elected officials in Civics. Now they had the opportunity to ask their congressman about the issues in person. Students asked questions about immigration, climate change, the economy, tariffs, and gun safety. Beyer explained his role in the US

Congress and actions he is taking to address the concerns that students raised.

### SCA Talent Show



Our Student Council Advisory (SCA) hosted a talent show for students to demonstrate their singing, dancing, and musical instrumental abilities in the auditorium. The show was open to any students that wanted to perform. We had incredible

performances in particular with Aaron Evans on the piano, Mariia Sharaievskaya, and Nikko Mayer sung wonderful songs.

### International Night



On April 25 we hosted our annual International Night. We had great food trucks, exhibits from our world language classes and some terrific performances. We started with Mongolian musicians, Bolivian dancers, our own Jazz Band, and Irish dancers. The performances were truly remarkable, and it was great to see so many of our students on the stage.