



Thomas Jefferson Middle School

IB MYP Sept-Oct Newsletter

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



Monthly Learner Profile Attributes: Balanced and Caring



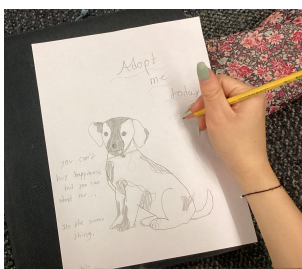
We want to recognize the following students for being caring. In 8th Grade the winners are Sylvia Montcalm, Eyob Berhanu, and Brenton Young. In

7th grade the winners are the Dragons - Lillian Fasil, Monarchs - Laine Cestaro, and Penguins - Baria Aberha. In 6th Grade the winners are for the Dolphins - Melanie Guzman, Owls - Skylar Aydogdu and Stingrays - Audrey Creed. And our staff winners are ELA 7 Teacher Mr. De Hoog, History Teacher Mr. Bade, and Civics Teacher Mr. Sivells.

IB MYP Standard-Based Grading

We are using IB standards-based grading. Grading at Jefferson will be more transparent, consistent, fair, and inclusive. In every class, grades will be determined by mastery of subject specific standards. The idea is that report cards in addition to giving a grade will also give you information about how your student is performing against subject specific criteria in every subject. Learn more about how we will apply these values in this letter [IB MYP Standards Based Grading](#), [En Espanol IB MYP Standards Based Grading](#), [watch a video explanation](#) and [visit this website](#) to see additional resources.

Community Project



The Community project focuses on engaging the community, encouraging 8th grade students to explore their right and responsibility to implement service in a community. It includes investigating, planning, taking action, and reflection on their service. The project begins in October and finishes

in June in which 8th grade students present to small groups of 6th and 7th graders. The Community Project may be completed individually or by groups of a maximum of three students and should take about 15 hours. Examples of Community Projects include painting murals, reading to younger students, researching pollution and cooking dinner for refugees. [Learn more here.](#)

Upcoming Dates:

- October 24 - Picture Make-up Day
- October 24 - Harvest Fall Festival 5:30 PM
- October 29 - Early Release Day
- November 3 - End of 1st Quarter
- November 4 - No School/election Day

Principal's Update

Stay Connected with TJMS!!

APS teachers and school staff share school communications through ParentSquare. To learn more about ParentSquare and to view more resources, [visit our ParentSquare information center.](#)

The ParentSquare app is one of the best ways to stay up to date.

- Download for [Apple](#) or [Android](#).
- If you haven't registered for your ParentSquare account, go to [com/signin](#) and use the email address we have on file in ParentVUE.
- **Did you know? You don't need a code or other activation key. You can set [preferences to bundle all communication](#) in one daily digest.**

ParentVUE is an online service that allows families to:

- [Update parent and emergency contact information annually](#) (Online Back-to-School Packet)
- View their student's assigned bus stop
- Report upcoming absences
- View student attendance and class schedules
- Communicate with teachers
- View assignment grades and report cards

Once a student is enrolled at APS, families receive an activation code that is required to set up their ParentVUE account. **For questions or support, contact your student's school.** Download the app on your [iPhone](#) or [Android](#) today!

Canvas is the Learning Management System used by teachers and students in the classroom. Parents may create a Canvas Observer Account which allows them on a limited basis to see what is going on in their students' courses. This is optional. [Learn More about Parent Observer Accounts](#)

[TJMS Website](#)

[TJMS Communications Plan](#) - is a calendar of important communications, holidays, events, meetings, and school closings.

Join the TJMS PTSA! We Need You!!

The Thomas Jefferson Middle School Parent-Teacher-Student Association (TJMS PTSA) plays a vital role in fostering a strong community where parents, teachers, students, and community members collaborate to support our school's growth and success. The TJMS PTSA supports a variety of enrichment programs with volunteers and [donations](#).

We hope you will join our efforts by joining as a [member](#), but whether you're a volunteer or a [member](#), your involvement makes a difference. We invite everyone to [sign up for our communications](#) to volunteer, stay informed and connected.