



**Thomas Jefferson Middle School  
Parent Teacher Association  
125 S. Old Glebe Road  
Arlington, VA 22204  
501(c)(3) Tax ID #54-1494367**

Dear Community Partners -

Thomas Jefferson Middle School (TJMS) is an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IBMYP), authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) in the Spring of 2007. Our programme, for all students grades 6-8, is designed to expose students to a global academic program that promotes interdisciplinary approaches to learning and critical thinking. As the only IB Middle Years Programme in Arlington, our students are provided with a framework of academic challenges and skills for life-long learning through an educational program that embraces, yet transcends, traditional school subjects. An important component of our program is service, including service to our community. Therefore, we continually focus on building stronger partnerships with community organizations and businesses.

**On March 15, 2016, the TJMS PTA will host our annual March Madness Restaurant Night and Auction.** We expect over 500 people to attend. The PTA uses the proceeds from this fundraiser to support our students by providing after school enrichment, PTA sponsored field trips, and student leadership opportunities.

**To raise additional money during the event, we raffle off baskets and hold a silent auction.** Generous donations from businesses like yours make the basket raffles and auction possible. As a parent on our PTA Fundraising Committee, I write to ask whether you would consider making a donation to the raffle or auction. Acknowledgement of your contribution will be featured in our newsletters, our social media, and our website. The TJMS community is very grateful for your generosity and support. As described above, all proceeds from this raffle/auction directly benefit TJMS PTA and our students.

**We would be honored if your organization or business would donate an item or service for the raffle/auction for the March Madness event.** If you choose to participate, **please complete the attached Donation Agreement and return by March 1, 2016.**

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 571-643-4477 or [tjmspta@gmail.com](mailto:tjmspta@gmail.com).

**Any contribution you make may be tax deductible, and will be acknowledged in writing as a gift to a 501 (c) (3) organization.**

Sincerely,

Lisa Sleigh, TJ PTA Fundraising Committee