

Thomas Jefferson Middle School
Arlington, Virginia
Thursday, September 30, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is an A Day.

From Mr. Siegel

Come to the first home soccer game today after school against Swanson. The game starts at 3:15 PM, we can throw a football around and play soccer ahead of time. There will be free snacks and hotdogs for our fans. People who stay to watch the game can take the late buses home at 4:20 PM.

After school drop-in open gym is after school today from 2:30-3:30 PM. Come to the game after you're done in the gym.

From Mr. J Anderson:

Good Morning Yellow Jackets. Picture Day is tomorrow, Friday, October 1st. Look out for more information about picture day and how to order your photos during TA.

From Ms. Mann:

Do you enjoy reading manga? Are you really into anime? Would you like a space to share and enjoy these interests with your fellow Yellowjackets? If so, join the Anime Club! We will meet on Thursdays in Ms. Mann's room, 273, from 2:30 to 3:30.

From Ms. Leonberger:

GSA is back! The Thomas Jefferson Middle School Gay-Straight Alliance meets Thursdays in room 206 (Ms. Calhoun's room) after-school from 2:30 to 3:30. ALL students, including LGBTQ+ students, straight allies, and students who aren't sure of their identity, are welcome and encouraged to attend.

From Ms. Jordan:

Students,

Need a place to catch up on homework after school? Need a quiet place to study or read a book?

Then come to after-school Study Hall in the Library. We have Study Hall every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 2:30-3:30PM. Students coming to study hall can take the late bus home.

From the Jefferson Computers Club:

In this club we learn how computers work by taking them apart, and we even get to build new ones. If you want to join the TJ Computers Club, come to Mr. Ammon's room #55 on Thursdays.

From Ms. Dunbar:
Good Morning Gardeners!
Garden Club meets Fridays after school!

From Ms. E Shepardson:
Art Club meets Mondays. Come to the art room (#61) from 2:30 to 3:30. This is a drop-in program where you can draw or paint with your friends. It is not a class; you don't have to sign up or attend every session. It's an opportunity to make art after school. See you Monday!

From Mrs. Detweiler
The PTA is hosting the reflections art contest. If you are interested in submitting an entry, the theme is "I can change the world by..." You may enter in any of the following categories.

- visual arts
- dance/choreography
- film production
- literature
- music composition
- photography

Entry forms are available outside Mrs. Detweiler's office, room 221. All entries are due to Mrs. Detweiler by October 15th.

From Mr. Siegel:
All students are welcome to stay after school for drop-in sports in the gym. Mondays will be basketball day with 1v1 - 5v5 games being played (depending on how many students show up). Indoor soccer will be on Tuesdays. Thursdays will be open gym with pickup soccer and open basketball courts. Fridays will be outdoor flag or two hand touch football. No registration is required to participate on any of these days. Students who stay for drop-in sports/open gym will be allowed to take the late buses home. As a reminder, because we will be indoors it is required that we wear masks at all times. Be sure to be in the gym by 2:40 if you want to participate.

Here's today's Hispanic Heritage Month book:

The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya is the story of Arturo, who lives in Miami, works at his grandmother's restaurant, plays basketball, and is looking forward to a relaxing summer until he falls for Carmen, a cute girl who moves into his apartment building. But the family business is threatened when a smarmy land developer comes to town, and Arturo has to learn to fight for what he believes in most.

From Mr. Malinosky:

The #ClimateCrisis is upon us. From flooding in Arlington to fires in California, hurricanes in the gulf coast to droughts in the west global warming is here.

- Want to learn more?
- Want to take action locally?
- Want to push for change globally?

Join the Jefferson Environmental Club, on Thursdays after school with Mr. Malinosky in room 277B.