

Thomas Jefferson Middle School  
Arlington, Virginia  
Thursday, October 7, 2021

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is an A Day.

From Mrs. Detweiler

This is a reminder that 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, in between Ms. Vernier's room and Ms. Leonberger's room. All entries are due to Mrs. Detweiler by October 15th. If you have a digital submission, see Mrs. Detweiler about how to best submit your work.

From Mr. Curran:

Thanks to all the students and staff who came to support and watch the Jefferson Boy's soccer team play Williamsburg yesterday. After falling behind 3-0 at halftime Jefferson fought their way back into the game, ultimately falling just short of an epic comeback, losing 3-2. Jerry Felix assisted by Ben Hall scored the first goal off an indirect free kick. Brady Keefe scored the second goal on a beautiful shot from outside the 18. Jefferson's next game will be today at Swanson.

From Coach Sam:

Yesterday the Girls Ultimate Team played 3 games against Williamsburg and Gunston. The Varsity team won against Williamsburg with a score of 5 to 2.

7<sup>th</sup> grader Deliana Belan scored twice.

The JV team won against Gunston with a score of 8 to 0.

6<sup>th</sup> grader Salliah Veney played amazing defense and catches.

The scrimmage game also resulted with a win of 4 to 0.

8<sup>th</sup> grader Alaina Cheema threw great passes with many assists and goals.

Great job TJ girls!

Today is the last game of the Girls season. Swanson will host the final game. Good luck today!

From Mr. Siegel:

We are excited to announce that this year we will have a Jefferson Cheer Squad. If you are interested in trying out for this year's cheer squad please report to the auditorium (by main lobby) immediately after today's announcements for a brief interest meeting.

From Mr. Siegel:

Phoenix Bikes after school club starts this Friday after school. This weekly club teaches you how to maintain bikes and introduces you to a lifetime of bike-riding. Spots are limited, so sign up soon. Follow the link on the Jefferson homepage to sign up.

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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. Dunbar:

Good Morning Gardeners!  
Garden Club meets Fridays after school!

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 Mr. Malinosky:

The Jefferson Environmental Club will meet today in room 277B. In the next couple weeks, Congress MIGHT pass the most important bill to address the climate crisis ever. Want to learn how you could tell Congress what you think?

Join the Environmental Club this afternoon in 277B with Mr. Malinosky.

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.

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!