

Thomas Jefferson Middle School  
Arlington, Virginia  
Friday, February 18, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is a B Day.

From Ms. Dunbar:

Reading Buddies meets TODAY right after dismissal. Be sure to pick up snacks in the Cafeteria on your way to Rooms 271-272. See you there!

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From your PTA:

Please mark your calendar for our next restaurant night on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at Celtic House (2500 Columbia Pike) from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

From Ms. E Shepardson:

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards are important in Middle and High School. Students compete with their peers for artistic recognition, and it is very competitive. The winners of the writing competition were announced last week.

The winners of the Visual Art awards for the Arlington Region are:

Morgan Thomas, grade 7  
Abbie Boyagian, grade 8  
Chloe Iveson, grade 8  
Sammy Ochoa Castellon, grade 8  
Sen Rivera, grade 8  
Hannah Stalzer, grade 8  
And Alexa Bayer, grade 8

All received Gold Key Awards  
Congratulate them when you see them.

From Mrs. Foley:

I am pleased to announce that two TJMS 8<sup>th</sup> graders were recognized in the 2022 regional Scholastic Art and Writing awards. These students faced fierce competition from over 1,800 local writers in grades 7-12 from D.C., Maryland, and Northern Virginia. Most of those who entered were in grades 11 and 12.

Congratulations to the following students:

--Caroline Lee received honorable mention for her memoir, "A Sickly Sailboat Ride."

--Evan Thorn received honorable mention for his memoir, "Racing the Wind."

If you see these students, please congratulate them on their achievement! And best wishes to all the TJMS students who entered--they worked hard to prepare their work for competition.

Congratulations to 7th grade student Cate LaGarde, who has won the Northern Virginia District PTA Reflections contest Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme Award for her dance performance entry, which makes her top winner in the Dance category, Middle School level for the region that includes Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church. Her work will next proceed to the Virginia State competition.

From Ms. Leonberger:

The TJMS Science Department is proud of all the Yellow Jackets who conducted a scientific investigation or engineering project and submitted a video for the virtual TJMS Science Fair.

The following students are being recommended for advancement for the 2022 NOVA Regional Science and Engineering Fair:

Ryan Mohamed, William Motley & Caio Mota-Clem, Beckett Normington, Sabrina Yimer, and Eva Jaldin Torrico.

These students need to register on Scienceteer before NOON today, January 28<sup>th</sup>, ask your science teacher or Ms. Leonberger for more information.

And now here are the placement awards for each category:

1<sup>st</sup> place in Behavioral and Social Sciences goes to Claire Schwentker.

1<sup>st</sup> place in Biomedical and Health Sciences goes to Harper Rath.

1<sup>st</sup> place in Chemistry goes to Eva Jaldin Torrico, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Chemistry goes to Kiara Ferrufino Uyeno and Preontee Barua, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Chemistry goes to Durriyah Saleem.

1<sup>st</sup> place in Engineering Technology goes to Ryan Mohamed, Beckett Normington, and Sabrina Yimer, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Engineering Technology goes to Afoyma Bedassa, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Engineering Technology goes to Jori Willford.

1<sup>st</sup> place in Physics and Astronomy goes to Kyler Strang, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Physics and Astronomy goes to Benjamin Biggs

1<sup>st</sup> place in Plant Sciences goes to William Motley & Caio Mota-Clem and Evelyn Donovan.

Honorable Mentions for participating in the fair go to Eloise Katherine Rawlings, Max Moore, Thu Ky Doan, and Oleg Kaitov

Congrats to all who participated!

From the Main Office:

This is a friendly reminder that students need to bring a reusable water bottle to school every day to make sure they stay hydrated throughout the day.

From Ms. Leonberger:

Jefferson's GSA 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. 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 meet on Thursdays in Ms. Mann's room, 273, from 2:30 to 3:30. You must bring a permission slip signed by your parent or guardian to participate. Pick up a permission slip from Ms. Mann in room 273 or from Ms. Egbert in room 234.

Here's a special announcement from Ms. Jordan:

### **Cafeteria procedures**

- Wash/Sanitize your hands before and after lunch.
- Those who want to eat in the small gym, line up the lockers near the boys locker room.
- Have a seat and be quiet.
- We'll call you up for lunch line by table.
- Stay seated, no visiting other tables during lunch.
- Keep your mask on except when eating.
- Throw away your trash when done.

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.