

Thomas Jefferson Middle School
Arlington, Virginia
Wednesday, February 9, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is an Anchor Day with A electives for 6th graders.

From Ms. Dunbar:

Reading Buddies WILL meet this week, as well as on all remaining Fridays in February. Please plan to join us again if you can. Our numbers have fallen off in the new year, and we'd really love to see as many Reading Buddies as possible over the next three weeks. Thank you!

From Mr. Siegel:

The SCA is selling valentines day candy during lunch today that will be delivered during T/A on Valentines day. Pick one up during your lunch.

Because of the early release, there will be no late buses today.

From Ms. Gomez:

Cello/Violin Class is Tuesday 2:30-3:15 in the Orchestra Room. This is for all students who want to learn the cello.

From Ms. Wall:

Are you a Blue Star family member? If you are, you can be part of a special virtual book club just for teens from military families. This book club will read WALLS by L.M. Elliott, discuss the book and meet the author, and get a chance to connect with other military teens across the country. You need to register online, and you'll get a free copy of the ebook. The first meeting is Thursday, February 10th at 8pm. If you have any questions, look at the announcement in the Jefferson Library Canvas course or talk to Ms. Wall in the Library.

The Library is closed after school today.

From Ms. Burton:

8th grade students: don't forget, Friday is the last day to submit your Course Planner and return your Course Selection Form to Ms. Burton.

From Mr. Malinosky:

Hi Everyone,

The Environmental Club will mee Thursday after school. We will look at the good, bad, and ugly of the climate crisis. Join us Thursday after school in room 277B.

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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 8th 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.

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 Scienteer before NOON today, January 28th, ask your

science teacher or Ms. Leonberger for more information.

And now here are the placement awards for each category:

1st place in Behavioral and Social Sciences goes to Claire Schwentker.

1st place in Biomedical and Health Sciences goes to Harper Rath.

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

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

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

1st 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.