

Thomas Jefferson Middle School
Arlington, Virginia
Monday, June 6, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is an A Day.

Avery: Yellow

Mrs. Leonberger: Blue

Both: Green

Hello! I'm Avery,

And I'm Mrs. Leonberger, and we're part of the TJMS' Gay-Straight-Alliance Club.

Our club has planned a special spirit week to celebrate the LGBTQ+ Community.

The Acronym LGBTQ+ stands for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and other identities not in said acronym, represented by the +.

You might be wondering, what do these mean? Let me explain. While many people are attracted to the opposite gender of theirs, some may like others, men who like men is called being gay, women who like women is called being lesbian, and someone who likes 2 or more genders falls under the bisexual umbrella.

You still might be confused. "What does the T mean? What about the Q?" T stands for Transgender. This is when one's sex assigned at birth doesn't match with the gender they identify as. A person who was born male that identifies as female is a trans woman, while the opposite is a trans man. There are more gender identities, but we won't explain them here.

Queer has two usages; it can mean any part of the LGBTQ+ community, or someone is who is LGBTQ+, but doesn't have a proper label.

We hope you research and learn more about our community.

Happy pride!!!

From Ms. Wall:

Remember that all library books are overdue. Please return them as soon as possible.

You can pick up information about the public library's summer reading program in the Jefferson Library.

Are you interested in being part of the Jefferson Morning Announcement team next year? NOW is the time for you to apply. There will not be auditions in the fall. You need to fill out an application and get it signed by teachers and a parent or guardian. Then you need to return it to Ms. Wall in the library by this Wednesday (June 8th). We will have auditions after school on Wednesday.

Come to the library to get an application or if you have any questions.

If there is testing in the Library, all forms and applications will be on chairs outside the library. If you have books to return, please return them to the return bin outside the library.

There is no more study hall this year, but the Library will be open after school today.
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From Ms. Wall:

Please keep returning your overdue library books! Notices will be delivered to TAs today to remind you what books you have out.

The Jefferson Library is closing soon for the summer, but the Arlington Public Library will be there for you all summer long! And their summer reading program has just begun! The Theme is Oceans of Possibilities. There will be hundreds of programs to attend at libraries. And if you read for any 30 days over the summer, you can earn 2 free Nationals tickets to a baseball game. Plus the Library will donate \$1 in your name to Potomac Conservancy, a local nonprofit that fights to ensure the Potomac River will have clean water! Sign up on the Arlington Public Library app or at any library branch. Come pick up information about the summer reading program in the Jefferson Library.

Remember that you have access to all of Jefferson's ebooks and audiobooks, Flipster magazines, and ComicsPlus manga all summer long on any devices you have. See us in the Library if you have questions.

From Ms. Burton:

“8th grade, Let’s Glow Crazy! That’s right, this Friday is the dinner and the Glow in the Dark dance! Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. followed by the dance at 7 p.m.! Permission form will be given out during TA on Monday!”

Thomas Jefferson’s Gay-Straight-Alliance announces that this week we are putting on Pride Spirit Week! You might have already seen posters around the school advertising it, but this is your FINAL REMINDER that Pride Spirit Week is June 6th to June 10th. I hope you all have fun and make the most of the week. Be sure to check our posters for the special days we have happening. See you next time!

From Ms. E. Shepardson:

The Middle School Art Show is on view at the Syphax Building on Washington Blvd. Art from all the Arlington Middle Schools is on Display.

I set up a Bulletin Board outside Room 62, if you want to see if you made the cut.

You may visit during business hours until June 10. Sadly there will be no reception this year

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.