

Thomas Jefferson Middle School
Arlington, Virginia
Monday, June 7, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is a B Day.

Me: hi I'm Lily

Nat: and I'm Nat

Both: and we're from GSA. today we will tell you a bit about pronouns and genders

Me: pronouns are what you identify yourself by and how you like to be addressed for example my pronouns are She/They

Nat: and mine are all but mostly they/them. We will also tell you about genders, there are over 50 genders but we will only discuss 5 of them

Me: genders are whether you're a girl a boy or a bigender and non-binary there are also neopronouns

Nat: non-binary is where you use they/them pronouns and bigender is where you don't know if you're a boy or a girl so you use both genders neopronouns mean you are nonbinary but use other pronouns such as ze and zer.

Me: Agender people feel like they don't have a gender and that is great too! everyone should feel loved and accepted

Nat: But that being said, pronouns don't directly correlate to gender. You don't have to have your pronouns directly match your gender.

Me: Plus, there are identities like Demigirls and Demi boys, who don't totally feel connected to a gender, hence the "Demi-"

Nat: and with that said...

Both: happy pride month!

From Ms. Burton:

8th grade, yesterday you received your permission forms for the dance in TA. Please make sure your form is signed and return at the dance. Three more days until the dinner and dance!

Now here's a special announcement:

Hello. We are

Bellum

Blu

And Ali.

We are having a walkout at noon today.

We encourage everyone to join us.

If you are in 8th grade, please be aware that your lunch will be missed

However, we will have time to let you get lunch

We are protesting against gun violence in schools and in general.

We have signs to give everyone. We hope to see you there.

Thank you!

Mr. Malinosky: Community Projects!

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 today 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.