



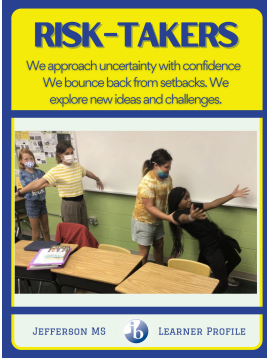
Thomas Jefferson Middle School

IB MYP March Newsletter



Learning together to understand and improve ourselves, our futures, and our world.

Learner Profile Attribute of the Month: Risk-Taker



This March our theme from the IB Learner Profile is Risk-Takers. We want our students to approach uncertainty with confidence. Whether trying out for a new sport, answering a difficult question or speaking in front of a class we want our students to take responsible risks. And if at first we make mistakes and don't succeed, we want to try again to be successful with our goals. [See the larger poster here.](#)

SCA Update Spring Dance



The Student Council Advisory will be hosting our Spring Dance on Tuesday, April 9 from 2:45pm to 4:00pm in the back of the auxiliary gym. We will be selling tickets during all grade level lunches on Monday and Tuesday for \$3. There will be a DJ with lights and snacks will be provided for students. The fall dance was quite popular, and we are hoping that this one will be as well. Note that tickets need to be bought during lunch and not at the door.

Community Project: Taking Action



We are making progress on the Community project. Many students have finished their investigation, proposal and are now taking action or working on their final presentation. Students have bake sales going to help the unhoused, murals are being designed to support mental

health, and anti-vaping campaigns are underway. Students who have not yet completed their investigation will receive support to get it done. We want to ensure that every 8th grader completes a Community Project this year.

International Night



Thomas Jefferson International Night will be on Friday, April 26 at 5:30 pm. We will have performances from our TJMS orchestra, Irish Dancers, Mongolian Musicians, Tinkus Bolivian Dancers and more. We will have food trucks, a Henna station and games as well. We would love to have you join us for this special night.

Principal's Update

As we approach the end of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for your continued support and collaboration in fostering a positive learning environment for our students. With the remaining weeks of the academic year ahead of us, it is essential to reinforce our commitment to maintaining a productive and safe atmosphere for all. As such, I would like to outline some expectations for the remainder of the school year:

- Accountability:** It's important for students to understand the consequences of their actions. We will continue to hold students accountable for their behavior and provide appropriate consequences when necessary. To that end, only those students who demonstrate attendance and behaviors expected of a Yellowjacket (see [TJMS Student Handbook](#)) will be invited to participate in end-of-year activities and field trips. Parents/Guardians may escort Yellowjackets who do not meet attendance and/or behavior expectations on end-of-year field trips if personal transportation is provided. We know our Yellowjackets are all capable of being the best versions of themselves. As such, **Each Yellowjacket will start with a clean slate starting April 1, 2024.**
- Consistency:** Consistency is key in reinforcing behavioral expectations. We ask for your support in maintaining consistency at home by reinforcing the values and expectations we set at school.
- Communication:** Open communication between home and school is vital. If you have any concerns regarding your child's behavior or if there are any significant changes at home that may impact their behavior at school, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Yellowjacket's grade level School Counselor or Administrator.
- Encouragement:** Positive reinforcement goes a long way in promoting desirable behavior. We encourage you to acknowledge and praise your child's efforts when they demonstrate good behavior and adherence to the school's expectations.
- Support:** We understand that every child is unique, and some may require additional support in managing their behavior. If your child is struggling, please let us know so that we can work together to provide the necessary support and resources.
- Success:** Successful Yellowjackets arrive at school no later than 7:40 AM and are *in* TA by 7:50 AM. Please also review the [TJMS Student Handbook](#) for our tardy policy or contact the school attendance secretary if you have specific questions. You have access to your child's attendance record via ParentVUE. Successful Yellowjackets also bring all materials to school, complete all formative and summative assignments on time, and ask for help when needed.

By working together, we can ensure that the remainder of the school year is both productive and enjoyable for our students. All TJMS staff are available to help you and your Yellowjacket. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our school community.

