



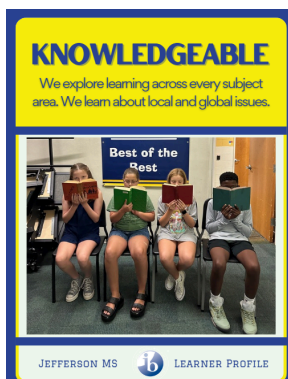
Thomas Jefferson Middle School

IB MYP January Newsletter

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



Learner Profile Attribute of the Month: Reflective



We want to celebrate our Knowledgeable students of the month. These are students who learned about local and global issues in every subject. Our winners are for 8th grade: Nora Gold, Maren Dhavale, and Rachel Hoga. Then for 6th and 7th grade: Dolphins - Pablo Khouvilay, Dragons - Ashton Jackson, Monarchs - Joanna Portillo, Owls - Kenza Haji, Penguins - Brenton Young, and Stingrays - Eleanor Finneran.

Principal's Update

Special thanks to our TJMS PTA and incredible number of parent/guardian volunteers who made our second quarter Honor Roll celebration so very special. The sweet and salty treats were a hit and the excitement was contagious!

Impact Aid Survey: If you are a parent or guardian in the **U.S. Uniformed Service, a foreign military officer, or a civilian working on federal property in Virginia**, we need your help!

The **Impact Aid** survey is critical for securing federal funds that support APS' budget and help cover various school and student needs. Completing the survey is quick and confidential.

Log onto [ParentVUE](#) to complete the quick survey. When you log in, please look for **2024-2025 Impact Aid Survey is Currently Open: Check Impact Aid** on your home screen.

Our deadline is fast approaching within hours; your urgent attention is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for taking a moment to support our students and schools!

All-In-Tutoring (AIT): As part of our commitment to the academic success of every student and Virginia's All-In Tutoring initiative we are proud to share that AIT at TJMS is off to a great start! Students meeting specific criteria were identified by the state and APS to participate in AIT tutoring. This academic support is designed to provide additional grade level support to students and enhance their learning experience.

AIT at TJMS started the week of January 21 and will continue through April 17, 2025. AIT meets on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursday with a focus on either Mathematics/Reading for students. An afternoon bus is provided at 4:00PM for students.

Identified students are encouraged to attend as many sessions per week as possible.

Student Drop-off and Pick-Up: Parents/Guardians, please help ensure the safety of our TJMS Yellow Jackets and AWFES Falcons by dropping off and picking up in designated areas in front of Alice West Fleet Elementary and the Thomas Jefferson Community Center parking lot. Please do not make U-turns on South Old Glebe Road and/or 2nd Street. Also, only use the bus lane between the hours of 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

Early Release February 5th
PTSA Family Bingo Night February 20th at 6PM
Honor Roll Celebration February 21st

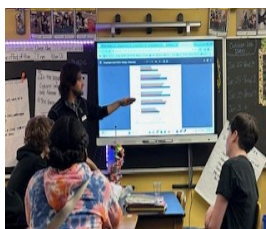
TJMS All in for Enhancing the MYP



In December, the IB Middle Years Programme announced the rollout of the Enhancing of the MYP Beta Trial to make it better for learners, easier

for educators, and more flexible for schools. This includes more options for teaching conceptually, more resources to support classroom teaching, and a transition from a focus on service-learning to community engagement in our units. Jefferson has decided to embrace all components of this new trial. [Learn more about it here.](#)

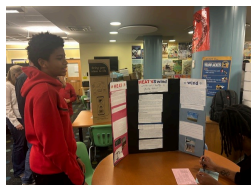
Sustainability SCA Meeting



Our Student Council Advisory (SCA) hosted Tanner Prime from The APS sustainability office. Mr. Prime gave a presentation about how energy is used and produced in APS. In particular, he showed how much energy is generated from the solar

panels on Jefferson's gym roof and opportunities for increasing energy efficiency. Students can help with an energy audit of Jefferson to reduce energy waste and create a more sustainable school.

Science Fair



In January, our students presented to staff in the library about their science fair projects. Our students are interested in the factors that affect plant growth, cancer research, renewable energy,

among other topics. Students had to describe the independent and dependent variables they chose. Then they had to explain whether their hypothesis was validated or not. Students who complete it will advance to the regional competition.

Community Project: Proposal for Action



Most of our students are in the Investigation phase of their Community Project due Feb 5th! Of course, any students who have not finished it must get this done. Now it is time for the **Proposal for Action**. This is where students ensure they have a goal to help a community that is highly challenging and SMART. This is specific, measurable, achievable, rigorous, and time bound. Students need to plan their service action(s) to help a community they chose. It is due in February. While taking action the students should take photos and reflect on their learning.

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Partnership with Randolph



A few of our Jefferson SCA students presented virtually to 5th Graders at Randolph Elementary School. Randolph is also an IB school with the Primary Years Programme and like Jefferson, all students are IB students.

At the end of 5th grade students must complete an Exhibition project like the 8th grade Community Project. Our Yellow Jackets shared advice and encouragement with them.