



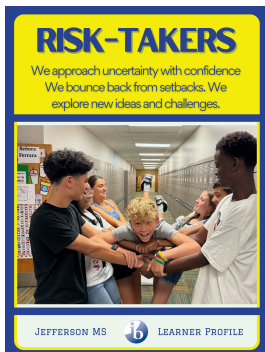
# Thomas Jefferson Middle School

## 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. Our January reflective students are for 8th grade: Anusha Hossain, Mariia Sharaievska, and Mohamed Cheibany Mohamed Amar. Then for 6th and 7th grade: Dolphins - David Vallejos Claros, Dragons - Chase Constantine, Monarchs - Anujin Erdenebaatar, Owls - Sadie Toves, Penguins - Ridwana Rahman, and Stingrays - Aaliyah McDowell.

### Principal's Update

It's hard to believe we're already so close to the end of the 2024-2025 school year! To help ensure the safe arrival and departure of our Yellow Jackets, please take note of the following drop-off and pick-up guidelines:

- The parent/guardian drop-off and pick-up lane in front of Alice West Fleet on S. Old Glebe Road is designated for TJMS and AWFES families.
- Students should use the main walkway from the parent drop-off and pick-up lane to walk to and from TJMS.
- Parents/guardians should avoid using the bus lane from 7:15 – 9:15 AM and 2:15 – 4:15 PM. Adhering to these hours helps prevent families from getting caught between buses and allows bus drivers to move efficiently in and out of the TJMS bus lane as they continue their routes for other APS schools.
- For safety reasons, drivers should never make U-turns in the bus lane or on S. Old Glebe Road.

Also, please help our Yellow Jackets arrive at school by 7:40 to start the school day on a positive note!

Thank you for helping us keep our students, staff, and families safe.

Respectfully,  
K. Boggan

### SCA Update Spring Dance



The Student Council Advisory will be hosting a Talent Show on Tuesday, April 9, from 2:45pm to 4:00pm in the auditorium. Students who want to sing, dance or do another dance are invited to perform on the stage with lights and music. They must attend a practice session on the Monday or Tuesday before. Every student is welcome to watch the show on April 9.

### 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.

### Community Engagement: Our Garden



From Ms. Dunbar: This year we are trying to get our "crops" planted earlier, in order to avoid the effects of intense heat on younger plants. We recently onboarded a new (and experienced!) garden enthusiast from the Alcova Heights neighborhood who has a 4th grader (and future Yellowjacket). He has provided us with the two rows of cabbage starts and the one row of lettuce that you can see from the parking lot behind the theater. He, along with a handful of brand new community volunteers, is also helping us ready additional rows for mid-Spring planting of squash starts and okra seed. We are very excited about all this "new blood" in the garden!

### International Night



Thomas Jefferson International Night will be on Friday, April 25 at 5:30 pm. We will have performances from our TJMS Jazz Band, Irish Dancers, Mongolian Musicians, additional 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.

