

The Jefferson Journal

Mid-October Edition

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EVEN DURING A PANDEMIC, KIDS NEED HALLOWEEN!

Many of our Jefferson traditions have been temporarily set aside this last spring and autumn. Halloween is such a magical time for little people... It will not be the same as in years' past, but our Jefferson ghouls, witches, warlocks, and goblins will have their day! On October 27th, our A-Cohort students, and on October 30th our B-Cohort students will celebrate Halloween! (DLI students will have their own DLI opportunity which is forthcoming.) In order to adhere with the safety regulations necessary in this C-19 environment, students will need to comply with costume requirements. We also understand that many in our community are struggling financially. We do not want to add a fiscal burden where there need not be one! So, what will Halloween look like at Jefferson this year?

- Students will be invited come to school in their Halloween outfit for the day. They may choose to wear a Halloween costumes, PJ's, or Halloween clothes, or their regular clothes – any and all are fine! Whatever they wear they need to be able to navigate without adult assistance (i.e. go to the restroom independently).
- Students will not be able to wear any face paint or Halloween masks, or hats/headgear. They still need to manage and wear their C-19 mask independently. (no masks over masks)
- Students may not wear gloves or hand coverings; they will still need to be able to wash their hands.
- As always, costumes should be appropriately themed for an elementary school environment.
- Students are welcome, but not required to bring individually commercially wrapped treats for each child in their Family Group or class (K-2 will celebrate in Family Groups, 3rd – 5th may celebrate in classes). Your child's teacher will be sending home more details.

Your child's teachers will have a day of Halloween themed fun to celebrate their school Halloween day! It should be a good day for all!

Also, I have attached some suggested activities for families, as the CDC is not recommending door to door trick or treating this year. We want to do all we can to keep your child and family healthy, and hope you find these to be useful.

Thank you for the thoughtfulness you have shown to ensure our Jefferson family stays healthy and safe!

Stay well,

Lona Carter, Principal

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SWITCH!! On October 19th, all students switch to rotation 2, which means they will be switching into a different special for the next 6 weeks! **K & 3rd will attend Library**, **1st & 4th will attend Music** and **2nd & 5th will attend PE!**

THIS WEEK'S FOOD SERVICE LINKS

We are so thankful and impressed with the work our Sodexo Food Service has done to meet the needs of our community! Here are the links this week:

[DLMD Week 10/21-10/27](#)

[DLMD Cancellation Link](#)

[DLMD Standing order link](#)

[Winter Break Survey](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/helenaschoolfoodservice>

Free Meals through June 31st, 2021!!

<https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2020/10/09/trump-administration-extends-free-meals-kids-entire-school-year>

JEFFERSON PARENT COUNCIL (JPC) NEWS!

Jefferson Parent Council invites you to join for our next JPC meeting from 5:30 – 7:00 pm this coming Thursday, November 12th via google meet!

We post a link before every meeting at <https://jeffersonjpc.org/> . Everyone is welcome to attend!



Jefferson Elementary School Read-a-thon Begins on October 26!

Help us make this an easy and successful fundraiser for the Jefferson Library. All proceeds will go to purchasing new high-quality library books for Jefferson Elementary students to enjoy year after year.

Go To:

[Read-A-Thon Signup](#)

To sign up. You can do it all in a minute or two.

How It Works:

- Activate your account at the link above.
- Use the easy online tools to tell friends and family about our Read-A-Thon.
- Track and log at home reading sessions online.
- That's it!

