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Jefferson-Houston School Newsletter

JH Mission: Jefferson-Houston is a transparent environment where students and teachers work together to create a learning environment of high expectations, achievement effective effort and emphasized through deliberate and rigorous instruction that encompasses the global community.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Families,

The holiday season is such a special time for many families. This time of year provides us with an opportunity to spend time with our families and friends. It's a time to reflect on the joy and happiness that our loved ones bring us.

The Jefferson-Houston Staff wishes all of our students and their families a joyous and wonderful holiday! We look forward to seeing all of you in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Rosalyn Rice-Harris
Principal



JH PTA NEWS

Want to earn money for JH while you are shopping? When you shop at Target-School ID # 103202, Giant-School ID# 02311, Safeway-School ID # 6521184 and Harris Teeter-School ID # 7481, a percentage of your purchase will be given to our school. Also, continue to bring coke product bottle tops and Box Tops for Education to school!

Reminder PTA Meetings Dates

Jan. 11, 2012 Feb. 8, 2012
Mar. 14, 2012 Apr. 11, 2012
May 9, 2012 June 13, 2012



NOTES FROM NURSE LAILARI

MOBILE DENTIST COMING TO JEFFERSON-HOUSTON IN JAN!

As many of you know, Jefferson-Houston has been conducting a Dental Fluoride Varnish program this fall. Forms were sent home in October and November and we have spent time on Wednesdays doing dental assessments and applying a fluoride product that strengthens teeth and helps prevent cavities.

As we expected, many of our students do have cavities that need to be treated by a dentist. As a service to our families, we have made arrangements for a mobile dentist to come to our school on January 17th and 18th. This service bills most dental insurance (including Medicaid) and has grants for students that do not have dental insurance. Everyone that wants dental care can get it.

Please look for the form in your child's Thursday Folder, fill it out and return it as soon as possible. Please call me if you have any questions.

Stefani Lailari
School Nurse
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER - 23-30

HOLIDAY – WINTER BREAK

JANUARY - 2

Classes Resume

JANUARY 5

School Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm

JANUARY 10

Community Meeting 6:00-9:00 pm
at Jefferson-Houston

JANUARY - 11

PTA Meeting @ 7:00 pm

JANUARY - 16

HOLIDAY-Martin Luther King, Jr.

JANUARY 19

School Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm

JANUARY - 31

End of Quarter
PTA Meeting @ 7:00 pm

FEBRUARY – 2

School Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm

FEBRUARY - 8-9

Early Dismissal @ 12:35 pm
Parent Conferences

FEBRUARY - 10

STUDENT HOLIDAY
Teacher Professional Time
Parent Conferences

FEBRUARY – 16

School Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm

FEBRUARY - 20

HOLIDAY
President's Day

THE STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM TIMES

Hello Parents/Guardians!

The 1st quarter has flown by and we wanted to make sure to reach out to you to share some of the ways we will be working with your children throughout the year.

SMALL GROUPS

As you know from our introductory letter, we have small groups that cover a variety of topics, from anger management, to developing friendships and getting more organized. We are currently working with the younger grades, K-3. We will start groups for the older grades in January.

DEVELOPMENTAL GUIDANCE LESSONS

Ms. Russo meets with each K-4 class twice a month, working on social skills, bullying-prevention, career exploration, and character development.

BULLYING PREVENTION

Throughout the year, the administration, teachers, and Student Support Team will provide assemblies, classroom lessons and discussions to remind students to “do the right thing.” We will emphasize the important role of the “bystander”—someone who sees the bullying—to do what they can to safely support the victim and report any bullying to an adult at home and at school.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Students who demonstrate being responsible, being respectful, being safe and being their best will be recognized by the staff member that witnesses this behavior. In addition to sharing what the student did that the staff member is proud of, the student will also receive a jaguar paw which they can trade in at our Jaguar Loft for school supplies or other fun prizes. We also plan on having awards ceremonies and raffles throughout the year.

INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC PLANS

The counselor will work with all students in grades 6-8 and their parents and teachers to write an academic plan to develop short-term and long-term goals. Students in the younger grades may have an IAP plan, if needed.