



# Jag Chronicle

“Nothing is impossible, The word itself says ‘I’m Possible.’”

- Audrey Hepburn

## JEFFERSON WINS STATE AWARDS!

### Attendance Matters

Regular attendance has been shown to increase student success at school.

If teachers are to take full advantage of the time allotted for instruction, teachers need to have students be **present, on time, and on task.** Once a teaching moment is lost, it is lost forever.

I am happy to report that Jefferson Middle School, for the fifth year in a row, is the recipient of the 2015 Washington Achievement Award. We are honored to receive the awards for:



- Overall Excellence
- High Progress
- English Language Arts Growth.



This is an extraordinary accomplishment and is a direct reflection of the hard work of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the support and guidance of our parents. For that, I thank you.

The Washington Achievement Awards are sponsored by the Washington State Board of Education and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. They celebrate Washington’s top-performing schools and recognize achievement in many categories. This highly selective award is based on our school’s performance on the Achievement Index and uses criteria set by the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) flexibility waiver.

The Washington Achievement Award is given in six categories: overall excellence, high progress, reading growth, math growth, extended graduation rate (high and comprehensive schools only) and English language acquisition. I hope you will visit the OSPI Washington Achievement Awards site to learn more about the awards and the criteria for selection. You can go to: <http://www.k12.wa.us/EducationAwards/WashingtonAchievement/default.aspx> To look at all the results.

The selection process for the Washington Achievement Award is very rigorous, and all of us take great pride in this accomplishment.

Michael Cimino

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## STATE TESTING

**May 16, 2016 — May 27, 2016**

The Smart Balanced Test, SBAC, is a state wide test required by the state of Washington. The teachers are all working very diligently with the students to be certain that our students have the tools that they need to be successful. While this testing is taking place, we want to assure parents that we are scheduling to make testing the least disruptive to the curriculum as possible to get students back to their daily classes.

This test measures how students are progressing in math and English language arts/literacy. The test provides an academic checkup by measuring real-world skills like critical thinking and problem solving. It will also provide important information to teachers and parents so that they may better understand each student's strengths.

In preparation for this test, remind students:

- To read and listen to all the directions of the test carefully.
- To underline key words, phrases, or ideas.
- To use the margins to write out their thinking or draw illustrations to help them think through problems.
- To eliminate wrong answers from multiple choice responses to help them make educated guesses if they are unsure of the correct answer.
- Star or make a mark next to any question they choose to come back to, this way it will be easier for them to find and complete the problem later.
- Fill in the ovals of their answer sheet completely to be certain they are graded correctly.

If you have any further questions there is more information on the OSD website, or you call Jefferson at (360) 596-3200.

## 1st Place at Washington State Science and Engineering Fair

This year Jefferson won **1st Place** at the Washington State Science and Engineering Fair “**Excellence in Science and Engineering Achievement**” for 7th-8th grade, which took place on April 2nd at Bremerton High School. All of our students who participated won 1st place for their individual projects. Supraja Kadagandla also won a Masters Award for her project titled “Factors that Effect Coagulation”. Sathvik Nallamalli also won a Masters Award for his project titled “Comparative Analysis of the Growth Inhibition of Bacterial Pathogens by Different Infusions of Silver Nanoparticles”. Pranav Gundrala was awarded a Masters award for his project “Inhibiting Fungal Growth Using Antifungal Agents”.



Kaylee Lam won a Masters Award for her project “Don’t you just Adore your Odor?”. Our last participant, Eesha Vasisht was also awarded the Naval Science Award for her project “AlzhAssist’ - Alzheimer’s Assistance App”. Congratulations to our participants for their impressive performance at the State Science and Engineering Fair!

## JAMS Science Fair Expo Night

# Mark your calendars!



**Wednesday, April 20  
6pm-8pm**

The 3rd Annual JAMS Science Fair Expo Night will be held at Jefferson Middle School. 7th and 8th grade students will be showcasing and presenting their research and experimental results. All are invited to attend and enjoy!

## Rubik's Competition Results

On Saturday April 16th, 5 Jefferson Students represented Jefferson Middle School at the Rubik's Competition in Everett. After a month of practicing outside of school these students placed 1st as a team, solved 25 cubes in 2 minutes and 52 seconds and Dhanush Sunchu placed 3rd as a solo competitor.

Congratulations to our competitors: Kenny Stewart, Jonah Krier, Dhanush Sunchu, Kristina Mullukatte, and Kevin Nyugen for their achievement. Thank you to the parents who provided space and supervision for afterschool practices and to all those supporting these talented students.



## Reach Plays Coming!

Skateboard boys, cellphone girls, flamboyant art magazine reporters, sassy college students, and tough talking FBI security men.....These are just some of the visitors to the art museum in "**Opening Day**," the Reach play that will be performed later this month.

Performances:



**Period 2      Tuesday April 26 @ 7:30PM Jefferson Middle School**

**Period 1      Thursday April 28 @ 7PM Jefferson Middle School**

## College Bound Scholarships

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following is information about the College Bound Scholarship. College Bound is an early promise of financial aid to make sure eligible students have most or all of their tuition covered at 2-year and 4-year public institutions in the state of Washington. To participate, students sign a pledge before June 30 of their eighth-grade year which states they will agree to:

- Graduate from a Washington State high school (or home school) with a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.0 or higher,
- Be a good citizen and be crime free; and
- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by their senior year.

If your family meets the guidelines for College Bound and you would like to apply, the link below will explain how to apply online. Eighth-grade parents can also look for information about the scholarship and applications to be sent home in their student's high school enrollment packet in the coming months.

Applications are available in all Olympia School District middle school main offices. A link to College Bound information is also available on all OSD middle school websites. Please feel free to call 1-888-535-0747 with any questions or for more information regarding College Bound Scholarship.

Additional information on the College Bound Scholarship and college access can be found on the [Ready Set Grad website](#).

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## NEWS FROM THE HEALTHROOM

### **It's Bee Season:**

Students are often outside during the day for PE, lunch time, and track. If your child is allergic to bees or has bad allergies, please make sure we have the necessary medications and paperwork from their Dr. in our school health room. Also, if your student uses an inhaler for asthma, we are encouraging them to use it about fifteen minutes prior to P.E. to help prevent any asthma attacks.

### **Reminder:**

School is winding down. Please mark your calendar to pick up your child's medications on or before the last day of school or it will be destroyed.

### **Extra Clothing:**

If you have any gently used clothing in Middle School student sizes, the health room would gladly take a few pants, t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweats and jackets for their closet.

Thank you..

## Parents Help Jefferson Through The JSSO

Your JSSO board has been busy this year. Recently, grants were awarded to a teacher to pay for choir competitions, PE and sports equipment, and Battle of the Books. We still have some money left in the teacher grant budget and will be reviewing applications at our regular meetings on the 4th Monday of each month at 5:30 pm in the staff room. Please feel free to join us! Meetings are open to everyone.

Just before Spring Break, JSSO arranged a teacher and staff appreciation lunch of pulled pork and rolls, beans, coleslaw, salad and cookies. Special thanks goes to Ramblin' Jack's Restaurant for their generous contribution to Jefferson's teachers and staff! We will also be honoring our teachers and staff during Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week May 2-6. Please join us in showing our appreciation by delivering a treat to the staff room during that week (or any other time!) Snacks, cookies, donuts, coffee, fresh flowers...all forms of appreciation are welcome!

At our April 28 meeting, nominations will be accepted for all JSSO board positions. Self-nominations are welcome! We are seeking candidates for President (or Co-Presidents), Treasurer, Assistant treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator, Student Store buyer, Student Store Volunteer Coordinator, Yearbook Coordinator and Teacher Appreciation Coordinator. Please consider stepping up for one of these positions—it is a great way to get involved at Jefferson and provides essential supports for our school, staff and students! You can contact us at [jeffersonjssso@gmail.com](mailto:jeffersonjssso@gmail.com) or attend our next meeting on Monday, April 28 at 5:30 pm in the Jefferson staff room.

### Attention 7th Grade Parents

Traditionally, 7th grade parents coordinate the 8th grade celebration so the 8th grade parents can attend the celebration. We are looking for a few 7th grade parents to help out. This involves:

- Setting up tablecloths and decorations in the cafeteria on the evening of June 16
- Setting out pastries, fruit, and coffee early on the morning of June 17th
- Cleaning up when the celebration is over at 10:00 am

Please send an email to [jeffersonjssso@gmail.com](mailto:jeffersonjssso@gmail.com) if you are able to help out.

Thanks!

## Battle of the Books Results

This year we had 131 students participated in Battle of the Books. We had nineteen qualifying teams and a total of 36 official battles at Jefferson. The champions, who qualified to represent Jefferson at the district finals, were the Nerd Herd. The runner ups were the Rapid Readers. The district competition, which included all Olympia School District middle schools and Griffin, took place on March 31st at Jefferson Middle School. It was an incredibly close competition for first place between Griffin and Jefferson, and Griffin won by one question. The event was well attended by family members and friends.



Thank you to our parent organization JSSO for their continued support for books and prizes for our participants!

# Come join in the Annual Breakfast with Mom

(or grand mom, step mom, aunt, all welcome)

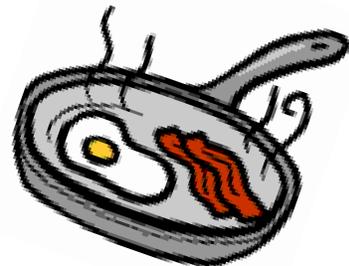


Please be our guest Friday, May 13th

- Starts at 7:00 am ends at 7:50 am
- Moms are free (donations accepted)
- Students use breakfast accounts
- No agenda; Eat and have fun with your student.
- Coffee eggs, fresh fruit, yogurt, granola and pancakes



Happy Belated  
Mothers Day!



# Jefferson Calendar

## APRIL

5/20	Science Expo Night @JMS 6:00PM-8:00PM
5/25	Spirit Week Begins - Pajama Day
5/25	7th/8th Grade Track Begins
5/26	Spirit Week - Twin Day
5/26	Reach Play @ JMS 6:30PM - 9:00PM
5/27	Spirit Week - Generation Day
5/28	Spirit Week - Dress like a Teacher Day
5/28	Reach Play @ JMS 7:00PM - 8:30PM
5/29	Spirit Week - JMS Pride Day (Color Theme for Each Grade)

## MAY

5/2-5/6	Teacher Appreciation Week
5/2	Evening with New JAMS Parents @ JMS 6:30PM - 7:30PM
5/2	8th Grade Wild Waves Payment Due
5/3	5th Grade Parent Night @ JMS 5:30PM - 6:30PM
5/4	Half Day Early Release @ 11:05
5/13	Annual Mothers Day Breakfast @JMS 7:00 AM
5/16-5/27	SBAC Testing (subject to change if a student misses some part of testing)
5/19	7th/8th Grade Track Duel @ CHS
5/23	Day of Champions @THS
5/26	7th/8th Grade Track Meet @OHS
5/30	No School - Memorial Day Observance
5/31	6th Grade Track Begins

### KEY DATES FOR 5TH-6TH GRADE FAMILIES

5th Grade Parent Night	5/03/16	5:30PM - 6:30PM @ Jefferson
Student Visitation to Jefferson	6/07/16	1:00PM - 2:00PM @ Jefferson *(During regular school hours)

### Calendar Information -

Jefferson events are posted on our website at [Jefferson.osd.wednet.edu](http://Jefferson.osd.wednet.edu) .  
Olympia School District information, including the school year calendar is available at [osd.wednet.edu](http://osd.wednet.edu) .



**Early Release Days:** School will begin at 8:00 AM and release at 11:05 AM.  
Buses will transport students home early on these days. Early Release Wednesdays are set up so that OSD teachers have time for collaboration. On the following days school will release at 11:05AM: May 4, and the last day of school, June 17.