



Jeffrey Trail Middle School—Monthly Newsletter

State Testing is complete, Spring Break is well behind us, students are starting to get prepared for next year and WOW, we are already in May with less than six weeks to go until Summer Vacation. As we push through these final weeks our kids may need some extra motivation to finish strong—getting to school on time, maintaining their strong work habits, and enjoying their final days of the school year.

- ◇ TODAY is the roll out of our new website! It looks great with a lot of great information. Please take a moment to check it out: jeffreytrail.iusd.org
- ◇ Today, May 1 is the Speech and Debate try out and Thursday, May 3 is the Science Olympiad test. See our website for more details.
- ◇ IPSF continues to support our school and district with resources and programming. To learn more about IPSF, read their [monthly newsletter](#).

Mark your calendar!

- May 4 Taco Bar Lunch
- May 7—11 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 10 Minimum Day (Out at 12:40)
- May 10 Open House (5:30 to 7:00)
- May 16 School Site Council
- May 22 & 23 Musical—The Lion King (4:30 & 7:00 MPR)
- May 24 Spring Concert (6:30 MPR)
- May 28 Memorial Day (No School)
- May 29 & 30 Textbook Check-in
- May 30 Student Recognition Night (6:00 MPR)

See and print our [Year at a Glance JTMS calendar](#)

*“The last thing you want to do is finish playing or doing anything and wish you would have worked harder.”
-Derek Jeter*

R.A.P. (Report from the Assistant Principal)



We want to remind students and families that the school year ends on June 7th for 7th graders and June 8th for 8th graders. Attendance is still critical as graded assignments, placement, and final course exams are still happening through the last week of school. Please refrain from taking students out of school prior to the end of the year.

Also, as the weather gets warmer, you or your student may have questions about dress code. The dress code may be found on our school website under Student Handbook then Policies and Practices and in the student planner. Thank you for your continued support in helping your student dress according to the Jeffrey Trail dress code.

Happening Now!

Don't miss Open House on May 10. See the great things your students are doing and check out all of our great programs. Spirit Wear will be for sale and Food Trucks will be on campus starting at 5:00 pm. Please arrive early. You can park in our lot, the Park or along either side of Visions.

Looking Forward

The PTSA Sponsored 8th Grade Dance is Friday, June 1 at 7:00. It is a great event and PTSA will need a lot of volunteers, please consider offering your time to help with this celebration.

8th grade promotion is Friday, May 8 at 10:00 on the JTMS field. We look forward to welcoming all of our 8th grade families to campus!

Counselor Corner

Thank you to our wonderful PTSA for sponsoring the parent night screening of Screenagers, a film about the impact of the digital age on children and helping them minimize harmful effects and find balance. If you would like resources to help with screen time with your child, you can find them at www.screenagersmovie.com.

May will be a very busy month for the counseling department. We have the 7th grade guidance lesson on Career Exploration! The lesson will be on Naviance, our college and career web base tool, and we will be helping students investigate careers for their personality based on the John Holland's Codes. In addition, we will be presenting a guidance lesson to 8th grade students on Career Exploration-Strengths. In this lesson, we will have students take a strengths test on Naviance and identify careers that fit them. We look forward to our guidance lesson!!