



Thanks for an Exciting Year!

As the year comes to a close, I am appreciative of all the support from our wonderful Jefferson Lighthouse families and our principled Jefferson Lighthouse staff. All of you dedicate numerous hours in helping move forward our mission: **Internationally-minded learners inquire, collaborate, and take action.**

I want to encourage all our families to **take action** by completing the family engagement survey. To date, we have 85 families who have taken this survey, and we are looking to have at least an 80% completion rate. That means we have a way to go yet! Please encourage others to complete the survey as well.

As we move into the summer months, I want to encourage all families to continue inquiring! Read a good book, visit a new place, write a story, create something new!

Let's finish the year strong!
Mrs. Williams

Important Dates

- May 16 Magnet School Orientation
- May 18 JLS Art Fair
- May 19 2-Hour Early Release
- June 6 5th Grade Art Museum Trip
- June 7 5th Grade Banquet
- June 8 Field Day
- June 9 Last Day of School



Have a Great Summer!

IB Answers

Please support our spring learner profile attributes at home. Here are some tips for how parents can help their child develop the learner profile traits and attitudes:



To be balanced: *Propose and model a variety of activities (intellectual, athletic, social, artistic). Propose and model a healthy lifestyle where work, rest, and recreation are balanced. Encourage a varied diet. We show creativity, commitment, and independence when we are balanced.*

To be reflective: *Give positive reinforcements, ask questions of your child to analyze his/her behavior, learning, and experiences. Encourage him/her to use different methods to learn. Model thinking before acting. Lead him/her to reflect on strengths and challenges. During a conflict, encourage reflection to find his/her own solutions. We show commitment, confidence, creativity, and cooperation when we are reflective.*



JLS Field Day is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 8th at Island Park. The K-2nd graders will come from 9:45 AM-12:15 PM. The 3rd-5th graders will come from 1:00-3:30 PM.



Art The Annual Art Fair and Scholastic Book Fair are the night of May 18. Please come to enjoy art made by every student at Jefferson, fun raffles, free popcorn, and free art activities for kids by Kohl's Color Wheels! This is also be a great opportunity for families to speak with Mrs. VanOudenhoven as she introduces big, exciting changes for the art room this coming school year!



SPRING BAND CONCERT is Monday May 22, at Red Apple School starting at 6:30 p.m. The band field trip is the same day from 9:15-2:00, at Red Apple, with lunch at CULVERS, more info to follow. The Jefferson and Bull Fine Arts Choirs combined on April 6th and performed an excellent Spring Concert for the public. Fourth Grade students received a special video message from world famous percussionist, Evelyn Glennie. We sent some of our compositions to her. She discussed being creative and exploring sound by performing a composition by Isela. Congratulations Isela!



The final book check out for all students is Tuesday, May 23rd with all books being due Friday, June 2nd. All JLS library materials must be returned, or paid for by this date. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Venne at randy.venne@rusd.org. Thank you for the great year and all JLS students can look forward some exciting changes to the HUB next year!

GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Kindergarten	<p>Kindergarten students have been working hard all year long and it shows! We are so proud of the progress our kindergarten students have made in all content areas. Our last unit "Sharing the Planet" is focusing on how living things grow and change. Students have been observing changes in plants and other life cycles. Thank you for your supply donations for this unit. In early June we are going to be going on a field trip. Look for information coming home soon. Thank you for your support this school year.</p>	<p>We are in the midst of our last unit! Through the end of the year, our students will continue to inquiry about Where We are in Place and Time, specifically how Earth's systems create challenges and opportunities with implications for living things. How do we predict climate patterns? In what ways does weather differ from place to place and over time? What kinds of work do people do related to weather and why? We have an exciting field trip coming up where we will need several chaperones. Please check for permission slips in the next week. We are proud of the achievements of each student this year. Have a great summer, and good luck in 4th grade!</p>	3rd Grade
1st Grade	<p>Sharing the Planet ended on May 5 with the First Grade Zoo. We are proud of all of the research and collaborative work of our students! We will finish the year exploring How We Express Ourselves by inquiring into the ways humans share information and ideas. We will focus on light, sound, and art, as well as the connections between them. Thank you, families, for all of your support this year. We have enjoyed working with your inquisitive learners!</p>	<p>As we finish up with How We Organize Ourselves which focused on economics, we begin our final leg of 4th grade with the unit How We Express Ourselves. Even though the end of the year is near, please remind your student to try their best, focus, and show respect. This will help them finish out the year strong. Thank you to all the parents that have supported the 4th grade teachers this year. We greatly appreciate your support in helping your child reach their greatest potential. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing the students in passing next year.</p>	4th Grade
2nd Grade	<p>We have started our Sharing the Planet unit. Thank you to everyone for your support in bringing in fruits and vegetables to inquire with. Some of the ideas we will be learning about are ecosystems and the living things in them, seeds and how they are dispersed, and pollination of plants. This is a very hands-on unit and a lot of fun for the students. Thank you for a great year. We are so proud of the growth that are students have shown. Have a great summer and keep reading!</p>	<p>We are so proud of our fifth graders for all their hard work on Exhibition. The students accomplished so much during such a short period of time. There were many interesting issues the students were passionate about and many students became risk-takers during the presentation process. It can be scary to talk in front of others. We have just started our final unit of the year for the theme "How We Express Ourselves." Students will be investigating the engineering and design of architecture. It is always a favorite unit of ours.</p>	5th Grade

As we look ahead to a new school year and say goodbye to our 5th graders, as they begin their journey away from JLS, it is a perfect time to reflect on school and learning and set goals. Consider how your child can take this learner profile along with them for their time outside of JLS and in life. Consider looking into our middle years and high school IB programmes now in order to make informed decisions about your child’s future. Racine has a lot of choices for education in our community. Here is link to IB programming for middle and high school:

[The Middle Years Programme](#)



[The Diploma Programme](#)

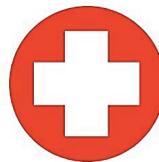


[The Career Programme](#)



JLS families - please discuss with your children what they are eating for lunch. We have a number of students (especially our 4th and 5th graders) who are choosing not to eat lunch. We will be drafting Essential Agreements during lunch this week and Mrs. Williams will be discussing the dangers of sharing lunches, as well as the importance of being balanced (trying new foods and making sure to fuel your body). We are asking all JLS families to take action and have conversations supporting the attribute of being balanced at home as well.

NEWS & notes



Health Room: As the school year comes to an end, over the counter medications will be sent home the last week in May. Please check your child’s backpack for a note regarding this.

OFFICE: We are looking for donations to get us through the school year. The following items would be helpful: Latex Free Band-Aids of all sizes and Disinfectant Wipes.



REMINDER: Parents/Guardians please keep your contact information updated in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. In case of emergency this is where we get your contact information.