

Welcome back to school!

After a fun-filled but very fast summer, we are back and looking forward to sharing time with your children. Hopefully, our kids enjoyed their breaks and are rested and ready to give their best efforts as we delve into more reading, writing and arithmetic.

The passing of time and reviewing data have caused us to make some minor changes to our Harbor School program. First, we have an intervention specialist available to help elementary students who may need some one on one time improving their math, reading or writing skills. This time will be allocated by Mr. Ward as he prioritizes needs. Next, we have hired a teacher to work with high school students on making instruction more meaningful. This time will be allocated by federal requirements and the high school staff. Another change at TJCS involves moving our speech services from only a pull out model to an in class model for all kinder and first grade students. This will have a positive impact on all of our youngest kiddos! Moving Mrs. Ozuna to a full time k-7 elementary Science position is a huge positive for families at our school. She will be able to fully concentrate on teaching the scientific method and Science concepts to our elementary and middle students. Another minor tweak we made was starting the high school five minutes earlier. All of the high school classes will be one hour in length now. This helps our teachers to truly engage students as they have time to incorporate activities which are relevant and engaging. We have also added more elective choices with teachers at the front of the room rather than just using the Idaho Digital Learning Academy (on line classes). To make options even better for our high schoolers, the IDLA classes are also still available.

Parents, know that the staff and board here at Thomas Jefferson are truly outstanding. Please do not take for granted the amazing school your kids are attending. Can we improve? Absolutely! But the school your kids are attending is really one of a kind.

Our school staff realizes that we cannot be successful without parental support. You are your child's first and most important teachers. We truly appreciate your efforts to support your children and us by volunteering. We also know how much effort goes on in your homes with homework. Know that the time spent with your child with homework is a big part of our success when it comes to academic performance.

We will make every effort to keep you informed throughout the year. We encourage you to continue to share your time and talents. With all of us working together, we can best meet the incredible challenge and joy of preparing your children for the future.

Each school year brings new opportunities and a chance to make a difference in the life of a child. We are ready, optimistic and looking forward to an even better and positive year at TJCS. Let's work together to make this the best year for your child, you, our staff, and our community.