

August 2021

Dear Jefferson Families,

We are excited to welcome you back in-person to the 2021-22 school year! I am privileged to have the opportunity to serve Jefferson School as the principal, and am honored to work with our highly qualified and dedicated staff, our wonderful students, and all of our supportive families. As we come back, one of our themes this year will be taking care of ourselves and others as we return to school together. COVID-19 is still with us, and we will be providing supports- both academic and social- to our staff, students and families as we have all faced challenges in some form due to the pandemic. All students will be back on campus in person and with our regular schedule. Although we no longer need to socially distance, all students and staff are required by California Department of Public Health to wear a mask indoors at all times. Students are free to play outside without a mask! We will also be limiting non-essential visitors on campus.

To that, our staff has been busy planning for a successful school year that includes supports and interventions for both academic and social learning. This year we are continuing our path to becoming an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School and applying for **Authorization to be an IB PYP World School**. The IB program will help support scholars, teachers, families and the school community to increase the academic success of our scholars while also creating global learners. Having IB as a framework for elementary education at our school will feed into a strong program for our seventh and eighth grades which will help our middle school students prepare for advanced secondary programs in high school. Jefferson School will continue to implement Restorative Practices and Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) which facilitates the use of proactive procedures and practices to improve school climate. Our staff is ready to provide whole group and small group instruction with interventions to support your scholar's academic and social growth this year.

There are several ways to become involved in the Jefferson community. Joining the PTA is an opportunity to meet other parents and teachers, to build rapport and develop relationships. School Site Council is a group of teachers, parents, and classified employees that work with site administration to develop, review and evaluate school improvement programs and school budgets. We also have an English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) for parents and other community members who want to advocate and develop educational plans, acceleration and support for English Learners. If you are interested in any of these, please contact the office. Teachers will be communicating and engaging with parents regularly, and we are always ready to partner with you via phone, email or Zoom. We also provide information on our school website, in our [Digital Backpack](#), teacher newsletters, calendars, infinite campus messaging & through classdojo. You may also access our Infinite Campus (IC) Parent Portal from our school website.

### Important Dates:

- **Class list and middle school schedules will be finalized and available in Infinite Campus (IC) and posted on the front lobby windows by Friday, August 6th by 4pm. If viewing your class assignment in person, please do not gather in large groups when doing so. Individual letters were emailed to families on August 3rd providing information on how to access the class assignments and schedules in Infinite Campus.**
- **Middle School Orientation/Schedule Pick Up: Monday, August 9th 4pm-5pm (STUDENTS ONLY)**
- **First day of school: Thursday, August 12th. Start times: 7th/8th grade @7:45; TK- 6th @ 8am**



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- **Immunizations:** Please remember that regular childhood immunizations are required by the State of California unless your child has a medical exemption. If your child does not have current immunizations NUSD offers free immunization clinics at 1931 Arena Blvd. Our free clinics will be held every Wednesday and Thursday for the month of August (August 4, 5, 11, 12) from 2-8 pm and August 18, 19, 25, and 26 from 2-6 pm. Although appointments are preferred, walk ons will be accepted.
- **[Jefferson School Daily Bell Schedule](#)**

We are continuing with our designated drop off and pick up areas on our campus while parents remain in their vehicles. We thank you in advance for cooperating with our staff in keeping all of our scholars and parents safe. I look forward to welcoming you and your students back to campus! **If you have any questions about our school, please do not hesitate to contact us at (916) 567-5580 or visit our website <https://natomasunified.org/jfs>.**

Sincerely,

*Ms. Keeler*

Ms. Danisha Keeler, Principal