

2022

Jefferson Elementary Winter Newsletter

Excellence * Diversity * Achievement

Principal's Message

Dear Jefferson Families,

We have so much to be thankful for within our school community. Your support of our students and school, make Jefferson a great place to work and learn. It is wonderful to have families attending school functions once again. Our recent Winter Concert showcased our choir and band students. It was such a joy to see them perform once again.

We are already half-way through the school year! Your children have been working very hard and it is amazing how much they have grown academically over the last few months. Jefferson teachers continue to utilize data to drive and differentiate instruction. Furthermore, they recognize the importance of each student understanding what they need to improve upon. We are counting on you to partner with us, as we encourage students to apply effort to targeted i-Ready lessons and interventions.

Thank you for all you do for JES and our "Jefferson Jaguars". The faculty and staff join me in wishing you and your family a Happy New Year as we continue to move forward together. Please let us know if you need anything!

Happy New Year!

Vanessa F. Repral

Principal

Important Dates

January 17	MLK Day - NO SCHOOL
January 24	Wear Purple and/or Yellow
February 4	Wear Red for Heart Health
February 21-25	Mid-Winter Recess
February 11	100th Day of School

Jefferson Vision

We at Jefferson, are committed to meeting and exceeding state and national academic standards. Additionally, we will encourage our students to strive to become kind, caring, compassionate, and productive members of society.

Important School Phone Numbers

Principal
315-368-6700

Secretary
315-368-6700

School Nurse
315-368-6702

Security
315-368-6712

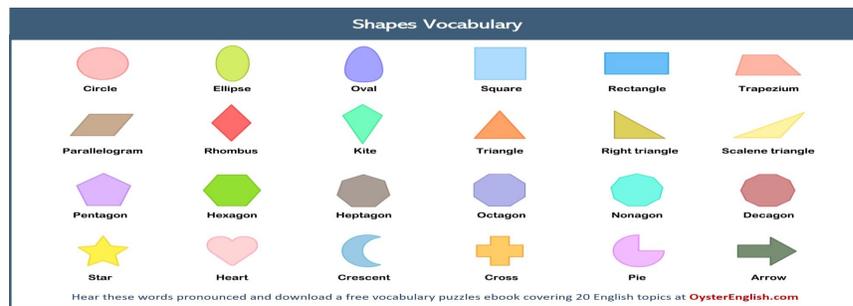
IT Help Line
315-368-6997
Ext. 9



Kindergarten

Mrs. Brown - Mrs. Bonfardeci - Mrs. Timpano

Our Kindergarteners are doing a great job as we continue to work hard in our classrooms! We are working to learn the names of our letters and the sounds those letters make. In doing this, we are starting to blend 3 letter (cvc) words such as cat, mop, dip. We have now learned 12 high frequency words: I, like, can, we, the, a, see, to, go, you, do, and. In math, we are working on recognizing, counting and writing numbers 0-20. We can recognize flat shapes such as a triangle, square, rectangle, and circle. We have also learned about solid shapes such as a cube, sphere, cone, and cylinder. Our Kindergarten team would like to thank all of the parents for your continued support at home and for practicing the skills we have learned in class.




First Grade

Mrs. Karelus - Ms. Czepliel

First graders are working hard in our classrooms! In ELA, we are reading, decoding, predicting and using comprehension strategies. Additionally, we're learning new high frequency words, proper nouns, irregular plural nouns, plus much, much more! We are working on narratives in writing using Writing City, learning all about maps in Social Studies, and in Science we are studying the topic of sound. Next, we will focus on light. In Math, we are counting on or making 10 to solve problems as well as counting on or taking from. In January, we will start Module 3 on Measuring and Interpreting Data. Please have your child read to you daily, and practice the high frequency words, and basic math facts as well. Thank you so much for your continued support!





Second Grade

Mrs. Belmont - Mrs. Bennett - Mrs. Kallies

Happy Holiday Season and Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy New Year from Grade 2! This winter season, we are working in E.L.A. on skills such as reading, writing, speaking and listening and studying Wonders Unit 3: Live and Learn! In Mathematics, in Eureka Math Module 4, we are studying addition and subtraction within 200 with Word Problems to 100! We are learning about People, Places and Environments in Social Studies and in Science the three states of Matter – Solid, Liquids and Gas! Please continue to encourage your child to regularly complete homework, read independently, and practice Math facts at home to support our continuing academic growth and achievement through the New Year! Best wishes for a Happy New Year in 2022!



Third Grade

Mrs. Adamo - Mrs. Brown - Ms. Griffin

The third graders have been learning about poetry! Here is a winter acrostic poem describing our third grade activities!

Writing is important! We are working on narrative writing and answering short response questions using the RACES strategy!

In Math, we are enjoying learning about area and its relationship to multiplication and addition.

Never, never, never give up practicing our multiplication facts and weekly words!

The communities that we live in and communities around the world, are what we are learning about in Social Studies!

Everyone in third grade is learning about forces and motion in Science! It's exciting to learn new things!

Reading helps us in all other areas of school. We are reading many different types of texts including fiction, nonfiction, and poetry!



Fourth grade students are reading non-fiction and informational text. The goal is to get the children to identify the main idea and supporting details about the topic, as well as, identify cause and effect events when possible. Please encourage your child to read a chapter book for at least 15 minutes each night. In addition, it is important that students read to an adult for at least a part of their nightly reading. This helps with fluency and comprehension and gives an opportunity for discussion about the book being read. In writing, the students are learning how to use a basic paragraph structure to express their thoughts and expand their writing skills.

Students should continue to review and practice basic multiplication and division facts. Many of the upcoming math concepts involve multiplication and division. Fact fluency will make these concepts easier for your child to learn.

Please sign your child's agenda daily and feel free to use it as a communication tool.

REMINDER: Winter is upon us! Please make sure your child dresses for colder weather and brings a coat to school every day. Don't forget the hat and gloves!



We hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving. Students are working very hard everyday and are continuously being challenged to grow and learn. The holiday season is upon us. We know it is a very busy time of year for families. Please continue to help us keep the children on track by reminding them to manage their time at home, making sure they are keeping up with assignments and contacting us with questions and concerns.

Math: We will be finishing up Module 2: Multi-digit Whole Number and Decimal Fraction Operations involving long multiplication and division as well as solving multistep word problems. Solving word problems and explaining their thinking in sentences is a necessary, yet challenging skill for our children. You can help your child by reminding them of the steps to solving a problem—understand, plan, solve, check. In addition, have them explain, step-by-step, how they solved the problem before they write it out. Please be sure to have your child review their multiplication facts as it will help them with future 5th grade skills.

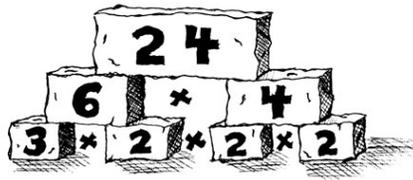
Reading: Reading is thinking! This is the message that students are given during reading instruction. We model ways to think about what they are reading, such as asking questions and making connections and predictions. We want them to move beyond just reading the words and learn how to savor a book. Therefore, please continue to motivate your child to read at home for at least 30 minutes each night.



Sixth Grade

Ms. Mazzara - Mrs. Sayles - Ms. Simon

A big welcome back from the 6th grade team! We are so glad to see our students back after the holiday break! Before break we had an eye opening field trip to Munson Williams on fashioning art from paper that the students really enjoyed. We are currently getting ready for our ELA and Math interim testing. Please remind your child to be reading daily and practicing their math facts! These two simple things are so imperative to success in school. We hope everyone continues to stay safe and healthy and we are looking forward to another successful marking period ahead of us.




PAW Award Winners

October

These students have been recognized for being respectful, responsible and safe.

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| Mia Herron | Standford Htoo | Dessianna Simmons |
| Azaylea Davy | Anna Breckenridge | Jessica Nguyen |
| Anthony Drennen | Famo Ahmed | Rosa Jones |
| Shawn Colburn | Mila Marinuzzi | Alessandra Park |
| Ava Terebey | Gabriela Mercado | Adnan Gedow |
| Jovanna Garcia | Edin Causevic | Markyle Vaughan |
| Demir Grgic | Arianna Gomez | Arnela Hozanovic |
| Angel Martinez Moreno | Ashton Howard | Gabriella Caracas |
| Karen Oleksik | Nur Syafiqah Khair Ahmad | Ader Liriano |
| Kion Atkins | Rashi Daroe | Amari Armour |
| Jessy Thayler | Leonard Works | Deyanna Green |
| Eddie Howard Jr. | Miley Oleksik | Krystal Nieves |
| Saw Wahmoon | Riham Shahbain | Martinez |
| Marque Whitehurst | Jhoskian Cirino Diaz | Rosana Omar |
| Evelyn Santacroce | Saytayu Moo | Jaxen Davy |
| Aaron Mims Jr. | Valentina Kegan | |
| | | Naiomi Candelaria Colon |
| | | De'analys Santalucia |
| | | Melina Poturovic |
| | | Nevaeh Frisbee |
| | | John Nguyen |



PAW Award Winners

November

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Mia Herron	Standford Htoo	Dessianna Simmons	Naiomi Candelaria Colon
Azaylea Davy	Anna Breckenridge	Jessica Nguyen	De'analís Santalucia
Anthony Drennen	Famo Ahmed	Rosa Jones	Melina Poturovic
Shawn Colburn	Mila Marinuzzi	Alessandra Park	Nevaeh Frisbee
Ava Terebey	Gabriela Mercado	Adnan Gedow	John Nguyen
Jovanna Garcia	Edin Causevic	Markyle Vaughan	Josephina Htoo
Demir Grgic	Arianna Gomez	Arnela Hozanovic	Naiomi Candelaria
Angel Martínez Moreno	Ashton Howard	Gabriella Caracas	
Karen Oleksik	Nur Syafiqah Khair Ahmad	Ader Liriano	
Kion Atkins	Rashi Daroe	Amari Armour	
Jessy Thayler	Leonard Works	Deyanna Green	
Eddie Howard Jr.	Miley Oleksik	Krystal Martinez	
Saw Wahmoon	Riham Shahbain	Rosana Omar	
Marque Whitehurst	Jhoskian Cirino Diaz	Jaxen Davy	
Evelyn Santacrocce	Saytayu Moo		
Aaron Mims Jr.	Valentina Kegan		



PAW Award Winners

December

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Demir Grgic	Dar'Nya Bouzy	EmilyRose Kelsey	Sawyer Bonvicino
Luke Hood	Kareem Alyafai	Fatuma Mnondwa	Kayden Tourville
Angel Martínez Moreno	Azaylea Davy	Seldina Mujcic	Oscar Boykin
Christal Williams	Na'sean Doster	Jevaeh Palmer-Watson	Jeffrey Moo
Eddie Howard Jr.	Mia Herron	Mila Marinuzzi	Emillione Gaston
Sirisaac Jackson	Naiomi Candelaria Colon	Madison Gadziala	Alessandra Park
Andreilys Ramirez	Jaxen Davy	Ausetemes Crishom	Dessianna Simmons
Leah Jackson-Carey	Ejdin Ferhatovic	Chrysanthemum Htoo	Adnan Gedow
Rosemarie Arroyo	Sujeet Gurung	Sophia Pelli	Valentina Kegan
Violet Nieves	Melina Poturovic	Rukia Hassan	Amila Kadic
Saleena Gurung	Olivia Thrash	Omay Jamee	
Riley Wilkinson	Riley Ramos	Kaylee Sim	
William Phyo	Ku Ku Hser	Joseph Polise	
Ridwan Gedow	Ahmed Saad	Kadyn Spratt	



Student of the Month

October

October Life Skills - Cooperation, Patience, Organization

Kenniece Short
Tra'Main Stokely
Kion Atkins
Jhoskian Cirino Diaz
Sabyan Morales
Jessica Nguyen
Kennedy Le
Rashi Daroe
Asif Nadarevic
Richard Enos
Nayla Huskic

Krystopher Mather
Celie Vargas
Mia Herron
Jeffrey Moo
Oliver Wozny
Anna Breckenridge
Naiomi Candelaria Colon
Jayden Arabia
Omay Jamee
Giulianna Olsen
Ahmed Saad

Ladhan Adan
Zainab Saad
Ali Talas



Student of the Month

November

November Life Skills - Courage, Pride, Humility

Aaden Pritchard
Avery Hughes
Demir Grgic
Ausarrames Stenson
Elara Delillo
Mason Roman
Sophia Sum
Joseph Etman
Noah Saupp
Valerie Antanavige
Thomas Tay

Sierra Howard
Preston Bowens
Azaylea Davy
Eh Htoo
Illiany Rodriguez
Ju Nai
Ku Ku Hser
Kaiden Appel
Kadyn Spratt
Matthew Molina
Antonio Howard

Wayne Marriott
Danyah Saad
Ishalberto Rivera
Brandon Quarles



Student of the Month December

December Life Skills - Compassion, Generosity, Integrity

Liam Saupp
 Riley Wilkinson
 Christal Williams
 Riham Shahbain
 Mia Wozny
 Valentina Kegan
 Ellis Horton
 Nur Khair
 Rosemarie Arroyo
 Alexandra Zuniga-Felix
 Eleigha Mather

Nay Ler Htoo
 Arnela Hozanovic
 Scyeed Tillery
 Saw Wahmoon
 Bilal Skiljan
 Angelia Cardin
 Ryan Antanavige
 Shee Lah Soe
 Joseph Polise
 Jeremiah Harris
 Cecilia Merithew

Nicholas Malagese
 Kaddija Darboe
 Eh Kler Moses
 Eddie Howard



Visit Our Webpage

Welcome to Jefferson's Webpage. ~~~~~ HAPPY NEW YEAR! ~~~~~

Jefferson's website is updated daily and is an excellent resource for parents! You will find our special spirit days & fundraising activities, counselor's corner, class pages to help assist your children at home, our Channel 3 videos, daily video announcements, and much more!

How to help your child at home:

(Click Button)



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Click above picture to see
Announcements.



John Convertino &

Santo Paniccia

5th/6th Grade Cross Country Meet

In October 2021, a select group of Jefferson 5th and 6th grade boys and girls participated in the John Convertino & Santo Paniccia 5th/6th Grade Cross Country Meet. This event is held annually at Proctor Park and helps introduce students to the sport of cross country running. Jefferson had 20 students participate in the 1.1-mile race. We are proud of all who participated in the meet and the effort they gave!

To view race photos and highlights please visit: <https://www.uticaschools.org/domain/1623>

Jefferson Runners

5TH GIRLS

FAMO AHMED**
MINELA DURIC
RILEY RAMOS
LILY ORTEGA
NOBLEE KYI
ISABELLA RYAN

5TH BOYS

JU NAI
OLIVER WOZNY**
RYAN ANTANAVIGE
AARON MIMS
IRVING CARR

**Top 10 Finisher

6TH GIRLS

SHEE SOE
SOPHIA PELLI
JAIDA AUSTIN
CHRYSANTHEMUM HTOO

6TH BOYS

JOVANI GOICO
EDDIE RAMOS
OWEN BOUGOURD
ABDULKADIR MUKTAR
ALEX SUE

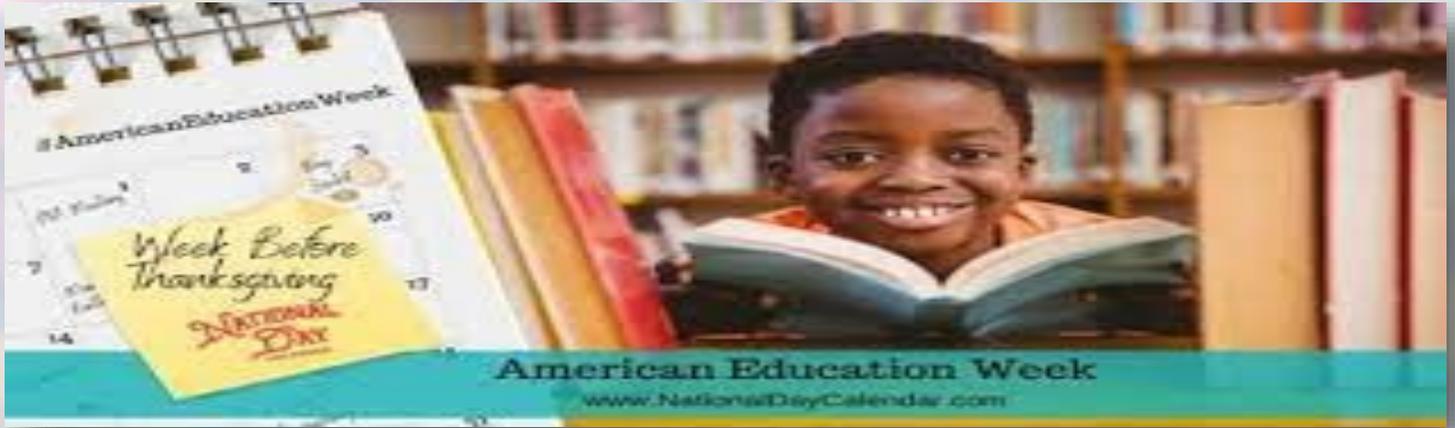




Holidays are an essential part of any teacher's curriculum. They're an engaging way to introduce students to diverse cultures, give them a global perspective, and help them make ELA and Social Studies connections. For a year's worth of hands-on activities, ready-to-go reproducibles, read-aloud fast facts, and more, explore *The Scholastic Big Book of Holidays Around the Year*. <https://shop.scholastic.com>

Check how Jefferson celebrated the holidays this season...





American Education Week (AEW), first celebrated in 1921, is an opportunity to celebrate public education, to inform the community of the accomplishments and needs of public schools, to secure cooperation and support from the public, and to honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education.

During American Education Week, Jefferson celebrates our ongoing efforts to provide excellence in education, for all of our students, every day. This year, in celebration of AEW students created visual representations of themselves. Collectively, they are a beautiful depiction of our school and community.





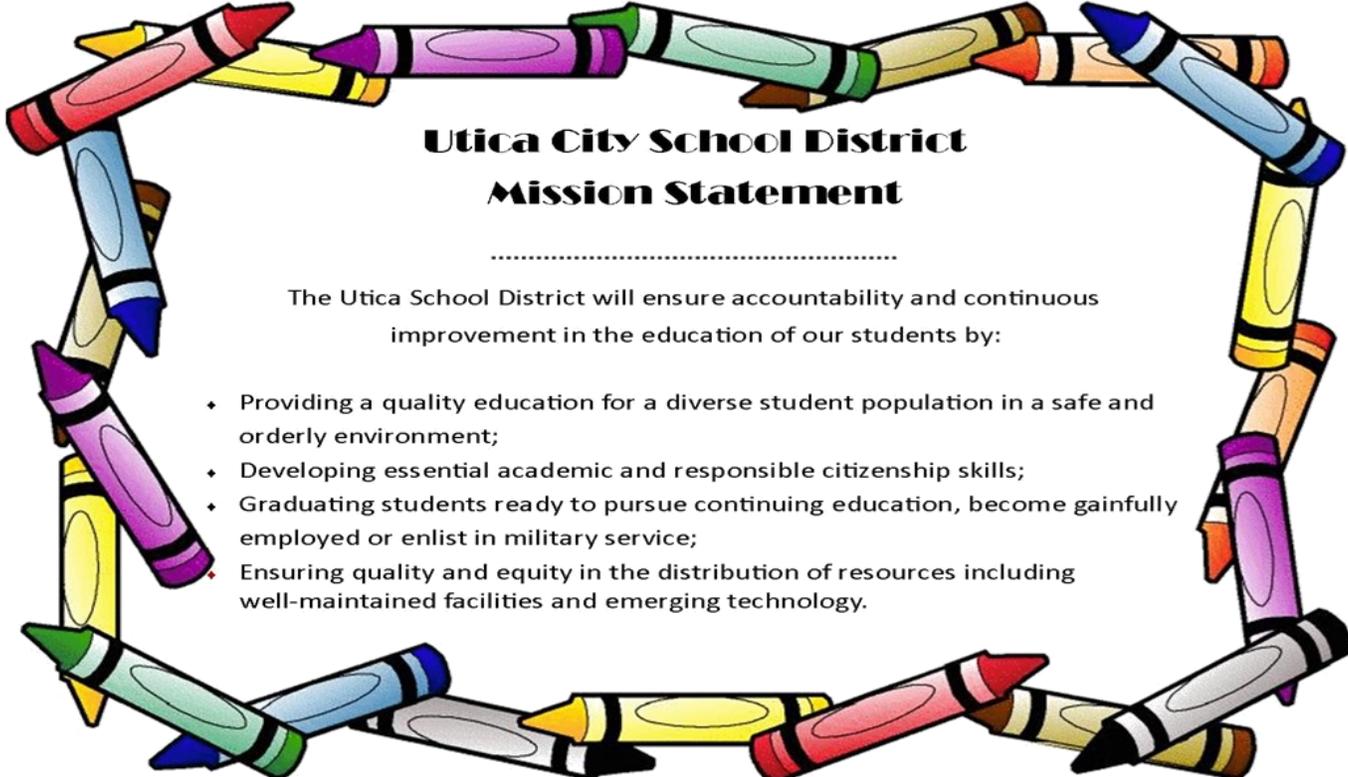
Thank You

Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Bruce J. Karam

UCSD Board of Education

Mr. Louis D. LaPolla, President
Mr. Robert Cardillo, Vice-President
Mr. Donald Dawes
Mr. Joseph Hobika Jr.
Mr. Anthony LaPolla
Mrs. Danielle N. Padula
Mr. Christopher J. Salatino

Administrative Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Steven A. Falchi



Utica City School District
Mission Statement

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The Utica School District will ensure accountability and continuous improvement in the education of our students by:

- ♦ Providing a quality education for a diverse student population in a safe and orderly environment;
- ♦ Developing essential academic and responsible citizenship skills;
- ♦ Graduating students ready to pursue continuing education, become gainfully employed or enlist in military service;
- ♦ Ensuring quality and equity in the distribution of resources including well-maintained facilities and emerging technology.