

The JMS Update

April 12, 2024



JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL



**SAFE
RESPECTFUL
RESPONSIBLE**

Be Safe- Be Responsible- Be Respectful; "The Big 3"

Did you know that Jefferson is a PBIS School? What is PBIS? PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. PBIS is an evidence-based, tiered framework for supporting students' behavioral, academic, social, emotional, and mental health. When implemented with fidelity, PBIS improves social emotional competence, academic success, and school climate. The main

focus is prevention, not punishment. Students are rewarded with jaguar paws for positive behavior and can turn them in for incentives like visiting the Paw Cart every Wednesday, renting out a Nintendo Switch in the library or renting out the gym at lunch! There is something for everyone. Our staff loves to reward our jaguars!

Request for Family Help

"Be Safe" is one of our "Big 3" here at JMS. This is something we expect from our students on and off of campus. This includes not only the wearing of a helmet while on a bike, scooter or skateboard but also for our Jaguars to be mindful of traffic while riding. The same is true for when crossing the street. We have adults at both the South and East sides of campus to help the students cross in the morning and after school. Please have conversations with your children to be sure whether they ride or walk to school they are being safe. This includes putting their phones away while crossing the street and making eye contact with drivers to be sure they see them. We have had a couple of close calls and we do not want anyone to get hurt. Thank you for the support in this to be sure we are all safe, pedestrians and drivers alike.





Correction- Jaguars Under the Lights!!!

Join us for our football game under the lights this Thursday, April 18 at West High. The Jaguars will take on Bert Lynn with kickoff at 5 pm. There will be a snack bar so bring a few dollars to help support the 8th grade activities committee. Go Jaguars!!- Please note the correction, this is not the last football game. We will play Richardson April 25. Apologies for any confusion.-

ALL GRADES: Districtwide Emergency Alert Text Drill April 29

On **Monday, April 29** our Communications Department will hold a districtwide test of our Torrance Unified **Emergency Alert System**. As part of this drill, all families will receive a test **DRILL** text to emergency contact mobile phones listed in PowerSchool requesting them to check tusd.org/alerts for more information. This website will offer ongoing alerts in the event of a drill or a real emergency at one or more school campuses. Please update your emergency contact numbers in PowerSchool prior to April 29, and monitor your emails this month for more detailed information and instructions.

EMERGENCY ALERT

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Every Torrance Unified Family will Get a Text!

Please make sure your emergency contact numbers are up-to-date in PowerSchool.

Visit tusd.org/alerts for more info.

TORRANCE
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

49th Annual Bunka-Sai
Japanese Cultural Festival

Saturday & Sunday
April 20 and 21, 2024
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Ken Miller Recreation Center
3341 Torrance Boulevard (at MacArthur Avenue)

Enjoy tasty plate lunches, sweets, arts and craft items, cultural performances, dance, music, martial arts, exhibitions, demonstrations

Presented by
The Torrance Sister City Association
torranceSisterCity.org

Proceeds to benefit the student cultural exchange program.
*Please leave your boots at home. Authorized service animals are exempt.
TorranceSisterCity@hotmail.com

ALL GRADES: Bunka Sai Japanese Cultural Festival

The **49th Annual Bunka-Sai Japanese Cultural Festival** that will take place at the **Ken Miller Recreation Center** (3341 Torrance Boulevard) on **April 20-21, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (both Saturday and Sunday)**. The event will include arts and crafts, cultural performances, martial arts, and food! Volunteer opportunities are available for both adults and students. Students are eligible to receive community service hours for both days (work includes set up, takedown, helping with booths, food stands, etc.).

Email bunkasaivolunteer@gmail.com to sign up for volunteer opportunities

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