



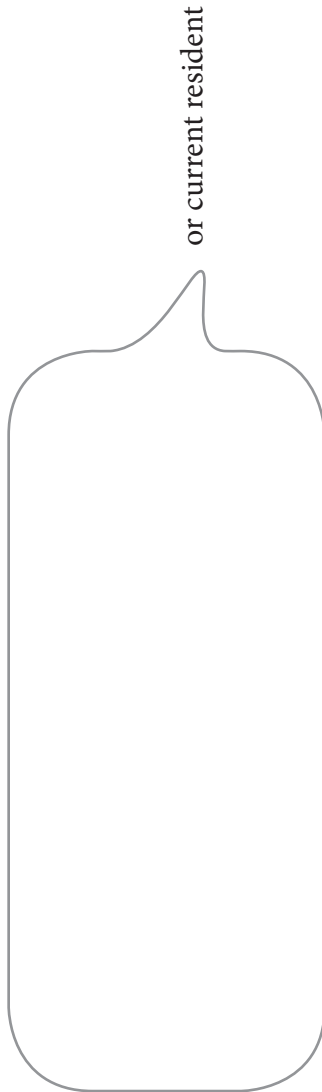
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NEWSLETTER OF THE JMS PTA



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**From the PTA President...**

Hello JMS families,

My name is Judy Correnti and I am eager to be your new PTA President! I look forward to meeting many of our new and returning Bulldog families at the JMS Registration Days in August.



I have a 7th grade student at Jefferson as well as two students at Gabrielino. I have been involved in the PTA for many years and with three different schools, so I know what a valuable resource the PTA can be for our school, teachers, and students. For those with incoming 6th graders, Middle School is a big step and being at a large school might be something new for you, but do not fear soon enough this campus will feel like home. Between the wonderful administrators, teachers, and staff here at JMS and the dedicated group of parents I've had the opportunity to meet and work with. I guarantee you - the more you get involved, the smaller this big place will feel.

The easiest way to get involved is to join PTA. The act of joining is a powerful way to show your support. Your \$10.00 membership allows JMS PTA to carry on the great work being done for your child at school. JMS PTA gives grants to teachers for field trips, bus transportation, computer hardware/software, P.E. equipment, and educational materials and supplies. We also provide funding for school programs, library books, campus beautification, and enrichment opportunities like College and Career Day. *Your membership does not require you to volunteer or attend any meetings, but we encourage you to do so.* Please fill out the PTA Volunteer Survey and let us know what you are interested in!

Another way to show your support is to contribute to our Direct Appeal Campaign. 100% of your monetary donation goes directly to our students. Be sure to show your Bulldog pride around town with your JMS lawn sign, tote bag, or car decal - our gifts to you for your donation.

I am so proud to be a part of the JMS family. And I am very excited to work together with you to make this a great year for our children.

Thank you!

**Judy Correnti**  
JMS PTA President

# Welcome Back to School Jefferson Bulldogs!

Visit our JMS PTA table at the Registration for all of your PE clothing and Spirit Gear needs. You can also purchase JMS clothing throughout the year in the front office.

## PE Clothes & Spirit Gear

PE Shirts.....\$15  
 PE Shorts.....\$15  
 PE Shirt/Shorts Set.....\$25  
 JMS Spirit Tees.....\$10  
 JMS Hooded & Zip  
 Sweatshirt.....\$30

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## Let us keep you in the loop!

Email your address to  
**jeffersonbulldogpta@gmail.com**

to be included in our weekly emails!

We never share our JMS email lists, and try to keep the number of mailings limited to once or twice a week.

Or if you have thoughts, suggestions or questions, email us! We'd love to hear from you.

## Calling all Dads!

Join our Bulldogs PTA Dad's club and get involved! Our 1-hour (max) meetings will be held the **last Monday** of every month. Interested?

Email Rafael: rafaellua@me.com

**Spread the word!**

## 2016-17 School Year dates to mark on your calendars:

### August

- 8** 7th & 8th Grade Registration
- 9** 6th Grade Registration
- 11** PTA Board Meeting
- 15** First Day of School!
- 18** Back to School Night

### September

- 5** Labor Day - No School
- 19-23** Fall Book Fair
- 23** Parent Lunch

### November

- 11** Veterans Day - No School
- 18** College Day & Tailgate
- 21-25** Thanksgiving Break

### December

- 2** Holiday Movie Night
- 9** JMS Staff Holiday Luncheon

### Winter Break: Dec. 23 - Jan. 6

### January

- 16** MLK Jr. Day - No School

### February

- 13** Lincoln Day - No School
- 20** Washington Day - No School

### Spring Break: April 3-7

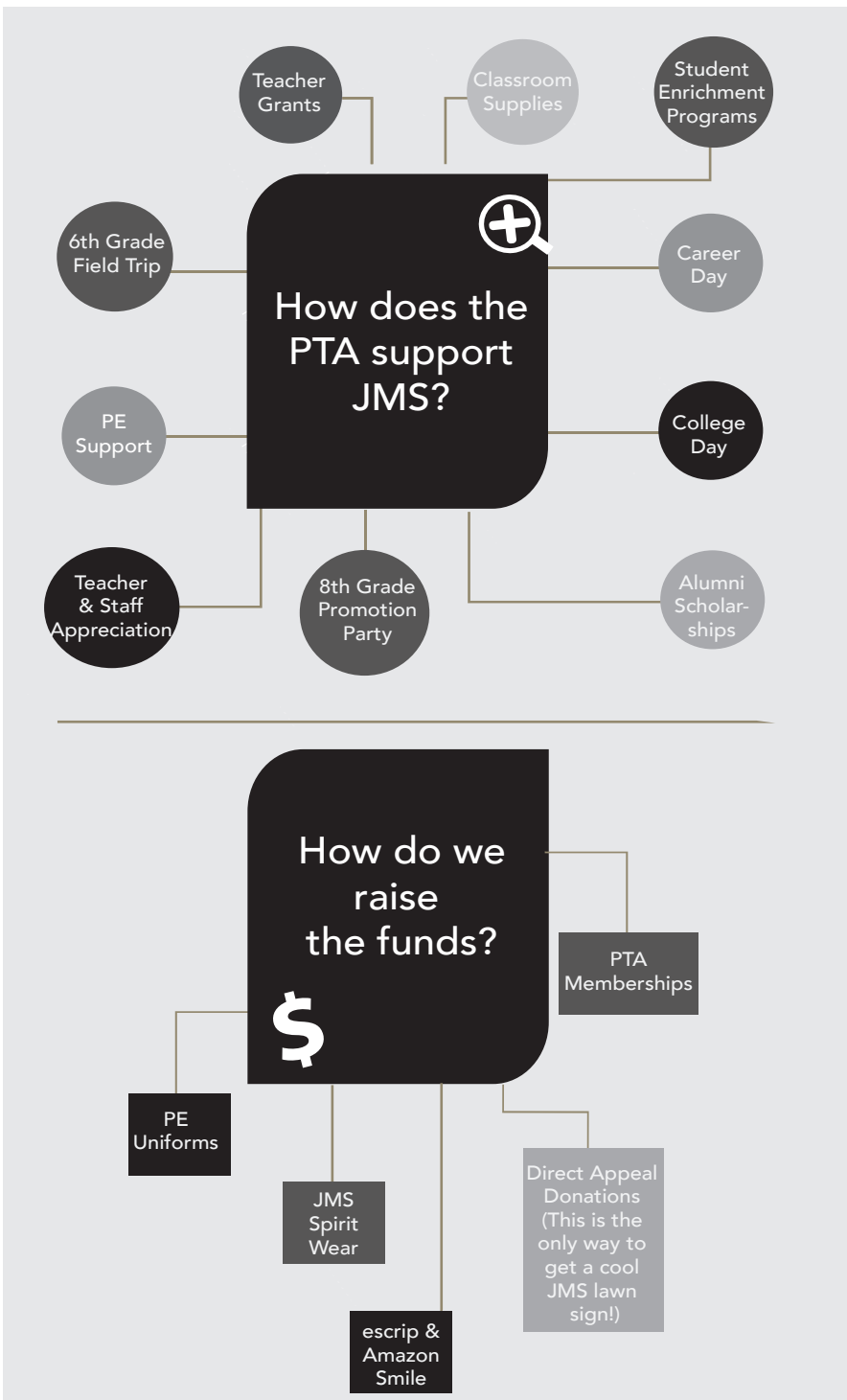
### June

- 1** Last Day of School

## \* IMPORTANT \* SCHEDULING CHANGE:

Jefferson Middle School will be continuing early release days for the 2016-17 school year, however the time will change.

Every Wednesday will be a minimum day and students will be released at 1:00pm.



## Help support Jefferson Middle School - Sign up for local grocery/community card programs!



Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

In the 'choose your own charitable organization' box, type **Thomas Jefferson Middle School PTA** and click **Select**.

Shop through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and start earning \$\$ for JMS!



JMS will get a percentage of what you spend at Ralphs! If you have never enrolled your Ralph's Rewards Card online, go to [www.ralphs.com](https://www.ralphs.com) and create an account.

Click on Community Rewards and choose

"Jefferson Middle School PTA" as your organization.

If you already have an account, link your card to JMS. Already contributing to another organization? Please consider changing your organization every 6 months.



Another way you can support JMS PTA is through eScrip. A percentage of your spending (VONS and debit/credit cards) comes back to our school.

- 1) Go to [www.escrip.com](https://www.escrip.com)
- 2) Create an account or login to an existing account and go to the "my eScrip" tab.
- 3) Go to "Select schools or nonprofits" and search for Jefferson Middle School
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# Every Dollar Counts And This Year Is Critical!

Your JMS PTA is in need of your support more than ever. In light of the State Budget Crisis, we are going to need every single dollar to support our teachers and our students with teacher grants, books, assemblies, field trips, equipment, Career Day and library and classroom books. This year, we are planning to place a greater emphasis on student enrichment programs, but...we need your help!

There are TWO ways you can make a difference:

## 1. Become a JMS PTA Member

EVERY membership makes a difference. The cost of each PTA membership is ONLY \$10.

- Your donation directly benefits Jefferson students and is 100% tax deductible (Tax I.D.# 95-620663).
- There are no mandatory meetings! Your \$10 supports our students, but there is no obligation on your time.
- There is nothing to buy or sell and no need to deliver products.
- JMS PTA is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and donations are eligible for company matching funds.

## 2. Support our 9th annual Direct Appeal Campaign

If you become a Campaign supporter you will not only raise necessary and needed funds to enhance each student's educational experience at Jefferson, but for every \$25 and higher donation you will receive a cool Jefferson Bulldog lawn sign!

*PTA membership is a reasonable \$10 per person and the Direct Appeal campaign raises additional dollars for our Jefferson students! Please consider giving \$50 to cover two memberships and a \$30 donation to the PTA.*

### YES! I want to help JMS PTA!

- I pledge a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ PTA membership(s) at \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I am enclosing cash in the full amount
- I am enclosing a check in the full amount of my pledge  
(Payable to: Jefferson PTA)
- Please charge my credit card.  
Credit Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to make installment contributions, as follows:

My contribution today:	\$ _____
December 1, 2016:	\$ _____
February 1, 2017:	\$ _____

- My company \_\_\_\_\_ will match my pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a total contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Let us keep you informed! Please include your email (ALL CAPS) so we can send email updates and newsletters!

Return with contributions to the school office or mail to:  
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