

# Monticello Elementary School

## NEWSLETTER



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Good Evening Monticello Families,

What a wonderful week we have had here at Monticello! Our 4th grade students were able to participate in Walk Through California. There are some awesome pictures below! Thank you MJPPFA for supporting this wonderful event. Just a reminder, we do not have school on Monday, January 15th. Progress Reports are available today on the Aeries portal. Have a wonderful weekend, we will see you Tuesday.

**No School Monday, January 15th.**

Thank you,

Mrs. Bunch



## UPCOMING DATES:

January 12 - Progress  
Reports available in  
Aeries

January 15 - No School

January 18 - 4th grade  
Field Trip to Durham  
Ferry

Jan. 22-26 - Book Fair  
and the Great Kindness  
Challenge (see the flyer  
below)

Every Monday: Minimum  
Day!  
1:30 PM Release - All  
grades

Tuesday-Friday:  
TK-3rd Gr. - 2pm release  
4th Gr. - 3 pm release

If you have any pictures of your child  
and would like them in the yearbook,  
please email them to  
[hmarchini@jsdtracy.com](mailto:hmarchini@jsdtracy.com).



**REMINDER: If your child is going to  
be absent for any reason, please  
email Michelle Zabaldo,  
Monticello's Attendance Clerk at  
[mzabaldo@jsdtracy.com](mailto:mzabaldo@jsdtracy.com) each day  
your student is absent.**



# ATTENDANCE in the early grades

Many of our youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every month. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten, and even preK, can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year. Do you know how many young children are chronically absent in your school or community?



## Who Is Affected

Kindergarten and 1st grade classes often have absenteeism rates as high as those in high school. Many of these absences are excused, but they still add up to lost time in the classroom.

### 1 in 10 kids

In kindergarten and 1st grade are chronically absent. In some schools, it's as high as 1 in 4.<sup>1</sup>



### 2 in 10 low-income kids

miss too much school. They're also more likely to suffer academically.<sup>2</sup>



### 2.5 in 10 homeless kids

are chronically absent.<sup>2</sup>



### 4 in 10 transient kids

miss too much school when families move.<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Chang, Hedy; Romero, Marijose, *Present, Engaged and Accounted For: The Critical Importance of Addressing Chronic Absence in the Early Grades*, National Center for Children in Poverty, NY: NY, September 2008.

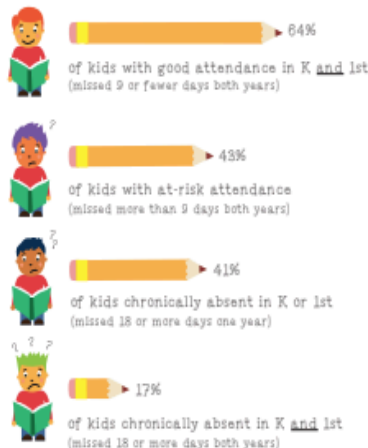
<sup>2</sup> *Chronic Absence in Utah*, Utah Education Policy Center at the University of Utah, 2012.

## Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

### Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?<sup>3</sup>



<sup>3</sup> *Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes*, Applied Survey Research, May 2011.

## What We Can Do



### Engage Families

Many parents and students don't realize how quickly early absences can add up to academic trouble. Community members and teachers can educate families and build a culture of attendance through early outreach, incentives and attention to data.



### Fix Transportation

The lack of a reliable car, or simply missing the school bus, can mean some students don't make it to class. Schools, transit agencies and community partners can organize car pools, supply bus passes or find other ways to get kids to school.



### Address Health Needs

Health concerns, particularly asthma and dental problems, are among the leading reasons students miss school in the early grades. Schools and medical professionals can work together to give children and families health care and advice.



### Track the Right Data

Schools too often overlook chronic absence because they track average attendance or unexcused absences, not how many kids miss too many days for any reason. Attendance Works has free data-tracking tools.

There are a few steps that communities and schools can take. How do you think you can help?



# ASISTENCIA en los primeros grados

Muchos de nuestros estudiantes más pequeños faltan a la escuela el 10% del año escolar - como 18 días al año o sólo dos días al mes. La ausencia crónica en kinder e incluso en la pre escuela, puede predecir bajas calificaciones en exámenes, mala asistencia escolar y baja retención en los próximos años escolares, especialmente si el problema de ausencia persiste durante más de un año. ¿Sabe usted cuántos niños pequeños están ausentes crónicamente en su escuela y comunidad?



## Quién es Afectado

Los estudiantes de kinder y 1er grado frecuentemente tienen niveles de ausencia tan altos como los de la preparatoria, (high school).

Muchas de estas faltas son justificadas, pero igual, se suman al tiempo perdido en clase.

1 de cada 10 niños

en kinder y 1er grado es crónicamente ausente. En algunas escuelas es tan alto como 1 en cada 4 niños.<sup>1</sup>



2 de cada 10  
niños de bajos  
ingresos

faltan demasiado.  
También es más  
probable que tengan  
problemas académicos.<sup>1</sup>



2.5 de cada 10  
niños sin hogar

están ausentes  
crónicamente.<sup>2</sup>



4 de cada 10  
niños migrantes

faltan demasiado  
cuando la familia  
se muda.<sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Chang, Hedy, Romero, Marijose, *Poverty, Engaged and Accounted For: The Critical Importance of Addressing Chronic Absence in the Early Grades*, National Center for Children in Poverty, NY: NY, September 2008.  
<sup>2</sup> Chronic Absence in Utah, Utah Education Policy Center at the University of Utah, 2012.

## Por Qué Importa

Si los niños no asisten regularmente, pierden habilidades fundamentales de lectura y matemáticas y la oportunidad de crear el hábito de buena asistencia, que los conduce a la universidad y una carrera.

Datos preliminares de un estudio en California encontró que los niños que fueron crónicamente ausentes en kinder y 1er grado tuvieron menos probabilidad de leer a nivel al final del 3er grado.

¿Quién puede leer a nivel después del 3er grado?



84%

de los niños con buena asistencia en  
kinder y en 1er grado  
(faltaron 9 días o menos en ambos años)



43%

de los niños con asistencia en riesgo  
(faltaron más de 9 días en ambos años)



41%

de los niños ausentes crónicamente en  
kinder y 1er grado  
(faltaron 18 días o más en ambos años)



17%

de los niños ausentes crónicamente en  
kinder y 1er grado  
(faltaron 18 días o más en ambos años)

<sup>1</sup> Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes, Applied Survey Research, May 2011.

## Qué Podemos Hacer



### Involucrar a las Familias

Muchos padres y estudiantes no saben cómo las ausencias en los primeros años pueden aumentar rápidamente los problemas académicos. Miembros comunitarios y maestros pueden educar a las familias, creando una cultura de asistencia escolar, dando información temprana, incentivos y atendiendo estadísticas.



### Hacer Arreglos para Llegar a la Escuela

La falta de un carro o perder el bus escolar causan que algunos niños no vayan a clase. Las escuelas, agencias de transporte y miembros comunitarios pueden organizar viajes compartidos en carro, proveer pases para el bus u otras maneras para que lleguen a la escuela.



### Atender las Necesidades de Salud

Problemas de salud infantil, particularmente el asma y los problemas dentales, son de las principales causas de ausentismo escolar durante los primeros años. Escuelas y médicos pueden trabajar juntos y proveer atención médica y recomendaciones a los niños y las familias.



### Monitorear los Datos Correctos

Con frecuencia las escuelas ignoran las ausencias crónicas ya que monitorean el promedio de asistencia o ausencias sin excusa, y no cuántos niños faltan muchos días por cualquier razón. Attendance Works tiene herramientas sin costo, para dar seguimiento a estos datos.

Estos son algunos pasos que las comunidades y escuelas pueden tomar. ¿Cómo puede ayudar usted?





## JANUARY



2024

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8</b> Burrito Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>9</b> Mozzarella Bread Sticks with Marinara Sauce Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>10</b> Taco Nada Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>11</b> French Bread Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables
<b>12</b> Burrito Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>13</b> Mozzarella Bread Sticks with Marinara Sauce Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>14</b> Taco Nada Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>15</b> French Bread Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables
<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>18</b> Chicken Smackers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>19</b> French Bread Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables
<b>20</b> Burrito Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>21</b> Mozzarella Bread Sticks with Marinara Sauce Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>22</b> Chicken Smackers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>23</b> French Bread Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables
<b>24</b> Burrito Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>25</b> Mozzarella Bread Sticks with Marinara Sauce Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>26</b> Chicken Smackers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>27</b> French Bread Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables
<b>28</b> Pancake & Turkey Sausage on a stick Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>29</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>30</b> Chicken Smackers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>31</b> 

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 Visit [mymealtime.com](http://mymealtime.com) to make pre-payments on your child's account or apply for free and reduced meals.



# GREAT KINDNESS CHALLENGE

## JANUARY 22-26, 2024

### Superhero Day

Monday, January 22nd  
"Powered by Kindness"



### '80s DAY

Tuesday, January 23rd  
"It's Rad to be Kind"



### Cultural Diversity Day

Wednesday, January 24th  
"Kindness is for All"



### Camo Day

Thursday, January 25th  
"We Don't Hide From Kindness"

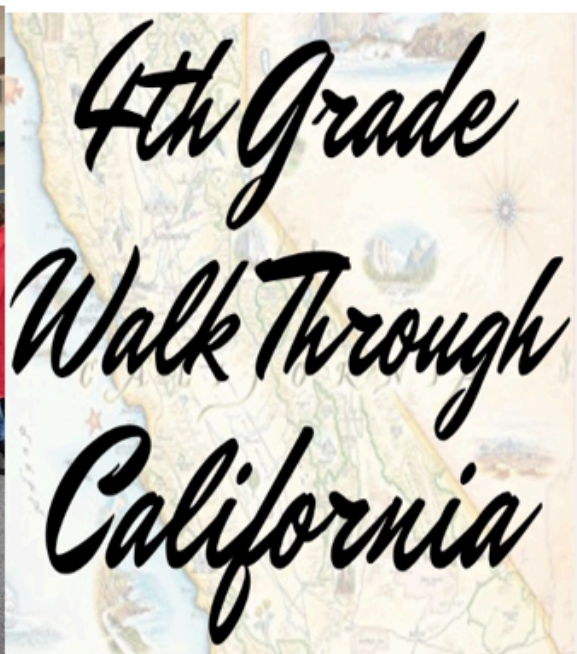


### COLLEGE & CAREER



Friday, January 26th  
"Dream of a Kinder Future"











## **Book Fair Excitement is Mounting!**

**January 22-26, 2024**

**8:30-3:30**

**Family Night –**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**

**5:00-7:00 pm**

Just incase you've missed the exciting news ...

***Monticello's first Book Fair in 4 years is headed our way!*** Here is a recap of the upcoming excitement:

- Official [Monticello Book Fair](#) website.
- eWallet – The easiest way to give your child purchasing privileges without worrying about Cash on Campus. Watch this [short video](#) to learn how it works:
- Family Night encourages students to bring parents, siblings or other family members to the Book Fair to jump in on the fun. Extended hours are from 5:00-7:00 on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Shop On-line – Can't make the Book Fair, no worries. Check out the On-line section on the [Monticello Book Fair](#) website (01/19-02/01). All book purchases over \$25 ship free and every purchase benefits our school!!
- Volunteers Are Still in Need. Please reach out to us to share your availability.

Gratefully,  
Mrs. Anchart and Mrs. Anderson





### MONTICELLO'S REGULAR DAY SCHEDULE (Tuesday-Friday)

Warning Bell	8:10 A.M.	All Grades
Instruction Begins	8:15 A.M.	All Grades
Recess	9:25 A.M. ~ 9:39 A.M.	Kinder (Kinder Yard)
Recess	9:40 A.M. ~ 9:54 A.M.	Kinder (Kinder Yard)
Recess	9:45 A.M. ~ 9:59 A.M.	1, 2, SDC (Main Yard)
Recess	10:05 A.M. ~ 10:19 A.M.	3, 4 (Main Yard)
Lunch	10:55 A.M. ~ 11:15 A.M.	Kinder
Lunch Recess	11:15 A.M. ~ 11:40 A.M.	Kinder (Big Yard)
Lunch	11:10 A.M. ~ 11:35 A.M.	1st Grade/SDC
Lunch Recess	11:35 A.M. ~ 11:55 A.M.	1st Grade/SDC
Lunch	11:20 A.M. ~ 11:45 A.M.	2nd Grade
Lunch Recess	11:45 A.M. ~ 12:05 A.M.	2nd Grade
Lunch	11:35 A.M. ~ 12:00 P.M.	3rd Grade
Lunch Recess	12:00 P.M. ~ 12:20 P.M.	3rd Grade
Lunch	12:00 P.M. ~ 12:25 P.M.	4th Grade
Lunch Recess	12:25 P.M. ~ 12:45 P.M.	4th Grade
Dismissal	2:00 P.M.	K ~ 3rd Grade
Dismissal	3:00 P.M.	4th Grade

### MONTICELLO'S MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE (Monday)

Warning Bell	8:10 A.M.	All Grades
Instruction Begins	8:15 A.M.	All Grades
Recess	9:25 A.M. ~ 9:39 A.M.	Kinder (Kinder Yard)
Recess	9:40 A.M. ~ 9:54 A.M.	Kinder (Kinder Yard)
Recess	9:45 A.M. ~ 9:59 A.M.	1, 2, SDC (Main Yard)
Recess	10:05 A.M. ~ 10:19 A.M.	3, 4 (Main Yard)
Lunch	10:55 A.M. ~ 11:15 A.M.	Kinder
Lunch Recess	11:15 A.M. ~ 11:40 A.M.	Kinder (Big Yard)
Lunch	11:10 A.M. ~ 11:35 A.M.	1st Grade/SDC
Lunch Recess	11:35 A.M. ~ 11:55 A.M.	1st Grade/SDC
Lunch	11:20 A.M. ~ 11:45 A.M.	2nd Grade
Lunch Recess	11:45 A.M. ~ 12:05 A.M.	2nd Grade
Lunch	11:45 A.M. ~ 12:05 P.M.	4th Grade
Lunch Recess	12:05 P.M. ~ 12:30 P.M.	4th Grade
Lunch	12:00 P.M. ~ 12:20 P.M.	3rd Grade
Lunch Recess	12:20 P.M. ~ 12:45 P.M.	3rd Grade
Dismissal	1:30 P.M.	All Grades



## PBIS Parent/Family Survey

Please click on the link below if you would like to give us some feedback on how Monticello is implementing Positive Behavior Supports and Interventions.

<https://forms.gle/KhNTovrywzLsWPRY7>







**SERIOUSLY, DON'T MISS OUT!**

**ORDER A  
YEARBOOK**

YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW  
**LIKE, RIGHT NOW**

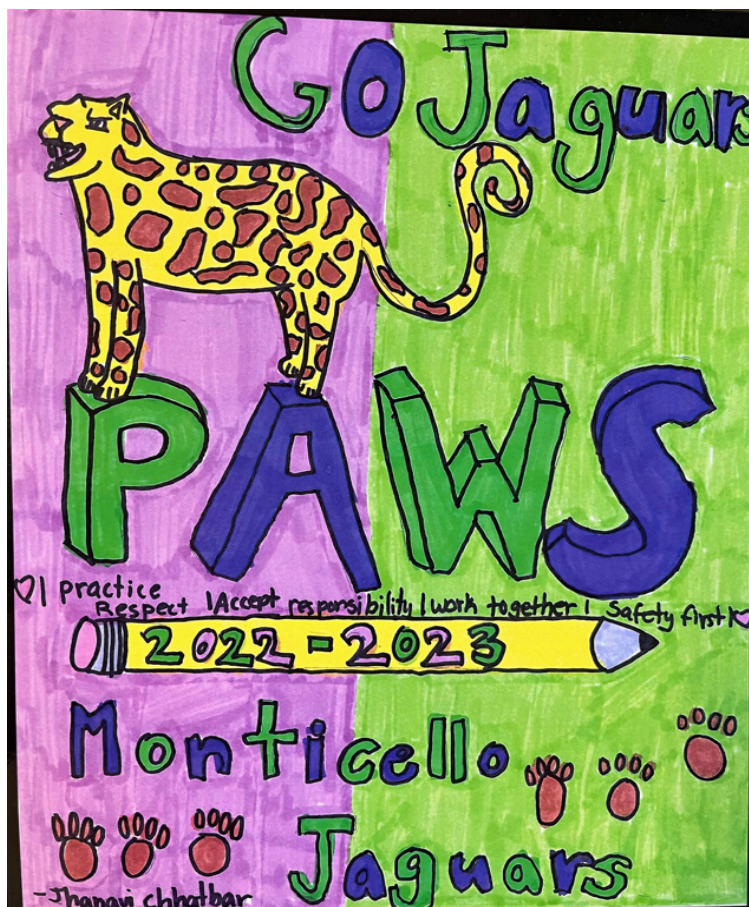
USE OUR ORDER NUMBER WHEN YOU LOG ON:  
**21749**  
Monticello Elementary School

 [YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM](http://YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM) 

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












Attention Monticello Families,  
We have copies of last year's yearbook  
for sale in the office for \$20 each. First  
come, first serve. CASH ONLY!





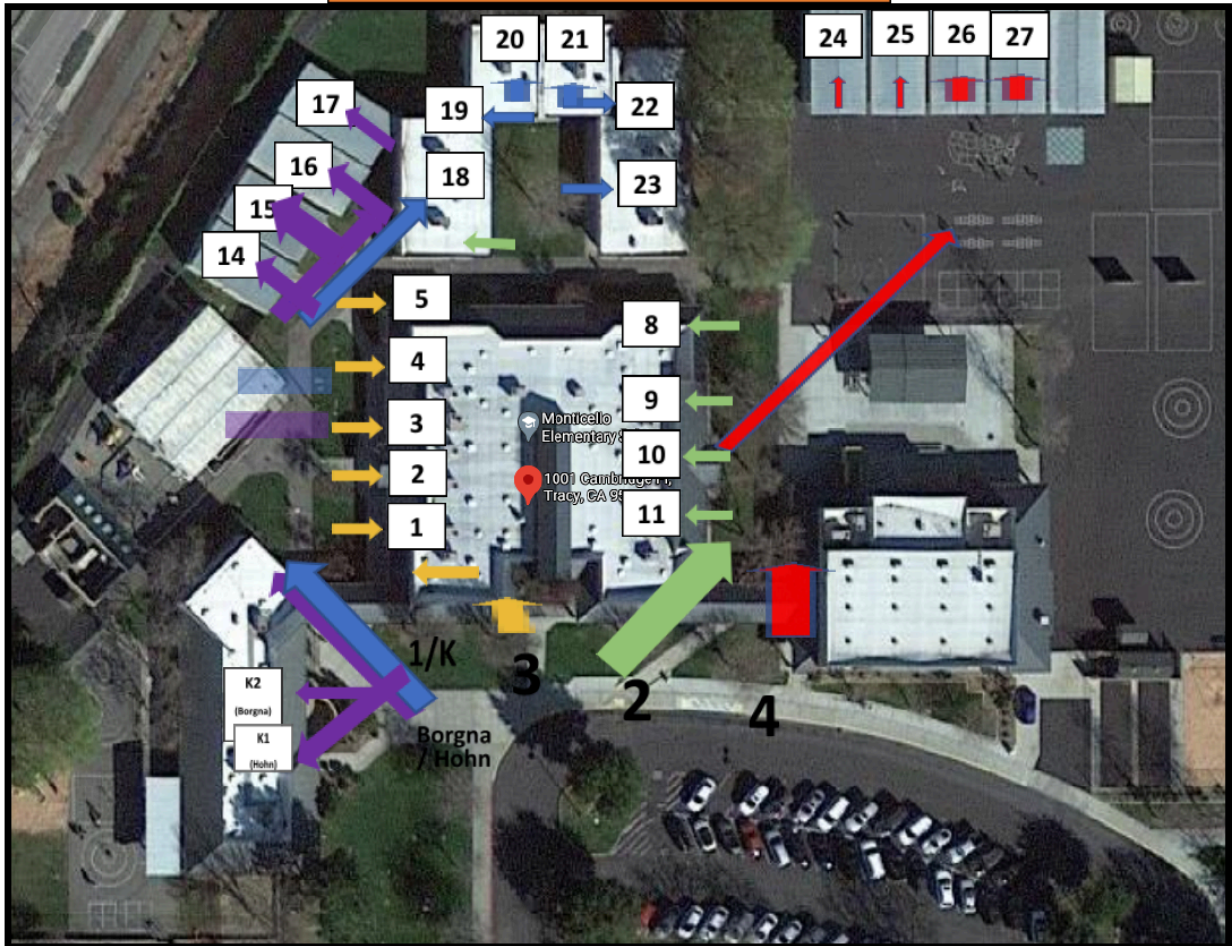
## 2023-2024 ASB Activity Calendar

January 2024							February 2024						
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	1	2	3	4		5					1		2
7	8	9	10	11		12	4	5	6	7	8		9
14	15	16	17	18		19	11	12	13		14	15	16
21						26	18	19	20	21	22		23
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29		
JANUARY NOTABLES							FEBRUARY NOTABLES						
1/22 - Superhero Day - Powered by Kindness							2/9 - Sports Day						
1/23 - 80s Day - It's Rad to be Kind							2/14 - Red, Pink, & Hearts Day						
1/24 - Cultural/Diversity Day - Kindness is for All													
1/25 - Camo Day - We Don't Hide from Kindness													
1/26 - Career/College Day - Dream of a Kinder Future													

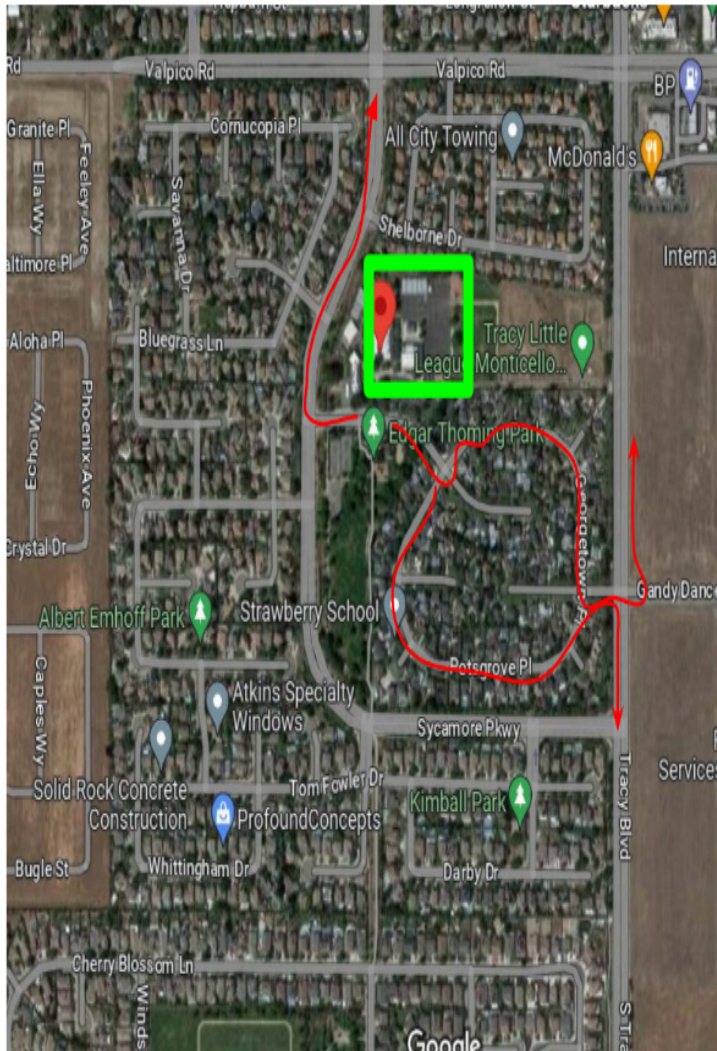




### STUDENT DROP-OFF INFORMATION



Please see the information below  
That corresponds with this map.



#### Traffic reminders:

- Please remain in your vehicle for drop off and pick up.
- Students should be ready to exit the vehicle as soon and as you enter the driveway
- When exiting onto Cambridge from the school parking lot or the park parking lot, please exit left or right. Please exit whichever way has less traffic to continue to move the traffic line.
- No U-turns at anytime
- The neighborhood next to Monticello is a circle and will lead you to Tracy Blvd. Drivers can make a left on Tracy Blvd to get to Valpico Rd. or a right on Tracy Blvd to get to Linne Rd. Please utilize this exit as traffic allows
- Drivers should make a right on Sycamore Parkway during heavy traffic times.



**JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT NO  
DOGS ARE ALLOWED ON CAMPUS.**







**Jefferson School District  
2023 - 2024 Instructional Calendar**

JULY				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

OCTOBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
2*	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16*	17	18	19	20
23*	24	25	26	27
30*	31			

JANUARY				
M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8*	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	13
22*	23	24	25	26
29*	30	31		

APRIL				
M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8*	9	10	11	12
15*	16	17	18	13
22*	23	24	25	26
29*	30			

AUGUST				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7*	8	9	10	11
14*	15	16	17	18
21*	22	23	24	25
28*	29	30	31	

NOVEMBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
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13*	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27*	28	29	30	

FEBRUARY				
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26*	27	28	29	

MAY				
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13*	14	15	16	17
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SEPTEMBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
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4	5	6	7	8
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18*	19	20	21	22
25	26**	27**	28**	29**

DECEMBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
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18	19	20*	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

MARCH				
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JUNE				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

**Total Instructional  
School Days**

August	19
September	19
October	17
November	16
December	14
January	19
February	19
March	15
April	21
May	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>

Holidays		
Students First Day		
Students Last Day		
Minimum Day (1:30 pm Release)	*	
Minimum Day (2 pm Release)	**	
Teachers First/Last Work Day		Full day
Teachers First/Last Work Day		Half day
End of First/Second Trimester		
P/T Conference (no students)		
Professional Development Day (MOU) (no students)		



# Register Today!



## Tracy Little League

*Baseball & Softball*

## Spring Season

Boys & Girls Ages 4-15

For more Information or Register @  
[www.tracylittleleague.org](http://www.tracylittleleague.org)

