

Monticello Elementary School

NEWSLETTER



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Good Evening Monticello Families,

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Brighter Christmas Food Drive. As you can see from the picture above, we were hugely successful in our collection. Thank you for your generosity and support in this worthwhile program. It was great to see so many festive sweaters today! There is a good chance we will get some rain next week. As a reminder, if it is raining before school starts, all students must go to the cafeteria and will be picked up by their teacher from there. The cafeteria opens daily at 7:30 am. Next week we have a major schedule change. **Monday, December 18th is a regular school day. Kindergarten-3rd grade will be dismissed at 2 pm, 4th grade is dismissed at 3 pm.** Tuesday is a regular school day, with 2 pm and 3 pm dismissal. **Wednesday all students will be dismissed at 1:30 pm.**

Wednesday, December 20th is a Minimum Day.

Thank you,

Mrs. Bunch



UPCOMING DATES:

December 18 - Regular dismissal for all grades

December 20 - Minimum Day, 1:30 release for all

December 21 - January 3
Winter Break - No School

School resumes Jan. 4

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.



REMINDER: If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please email Michelle Zabaldo, Monticello's Attendance Clerk at 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 4.⁴



2 in 10 low-income kids

miss too much school. They're also more likely to suffer academically.¹



2.5 in 10 homeless kids

are chronically absent.²



4 in 10 transient kids

miss too much school when families move.²



¹ 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.
² *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?³



84%

of kids with good attendance in K and 1st (missed 9 or fewer days both years)



43%

of kids with at-risk attendance (missed more than 9 days both years)



41%

of kids chronically absent in K or 1st (missed 18 or more days one year)



17%

of kids chronically absent in K and 1st (missed 18 or more days both years)

³ *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.¹



2 de cada 10 niños de bajos ingresos

faltan demasiado. También es más probable que tengan problemas académicos.¹



2.5 de cada 10 niños sin hogar

están ausentes crónicamente.²



4 de cada 10 niños migrantes

faltan demasiado cuando la familia se muda.²



¹ 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.

² 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?



¹ 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 pasajes 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?

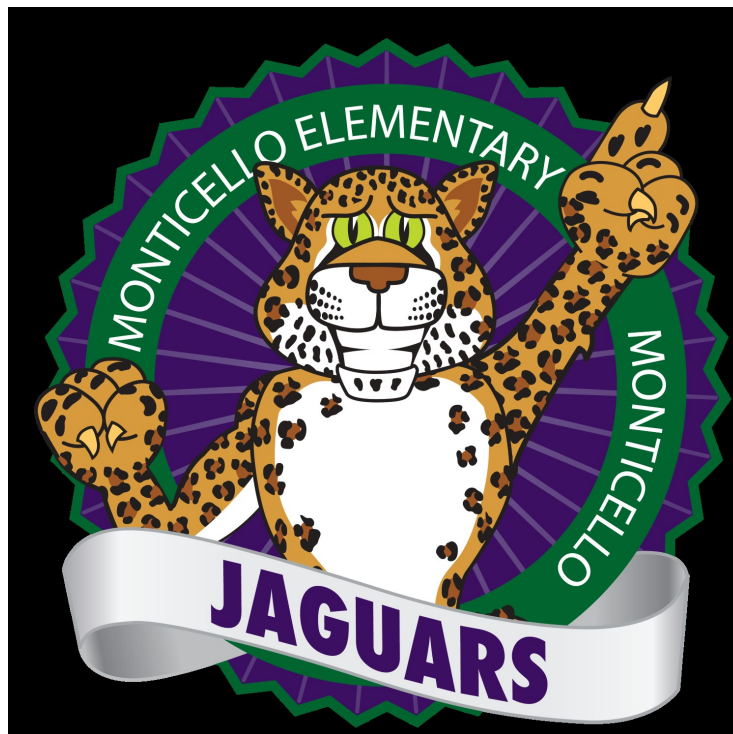


TAKE PAWS FOR GOOD DEEDS

The following students have been recognized for doing good deeds here at Monticello. Good job, keep up the GREAT work!!

Bhargav P. - 4th grade

Justin L. - 2nd grade





Dear Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

The **BEST WEEK EVER** will take place in the Monticello Library from January 22-24, 2024 with a Preview Day set for January 19th.

Dedicated Web Page with Lots of exciting details coming soon. Until then ...



The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

Mrs. Anchart and Mrs. Anderson
Monticello Elementary School Librarians

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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)
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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!

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YEARBOOK**

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LIKE, RIGHT NOW

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

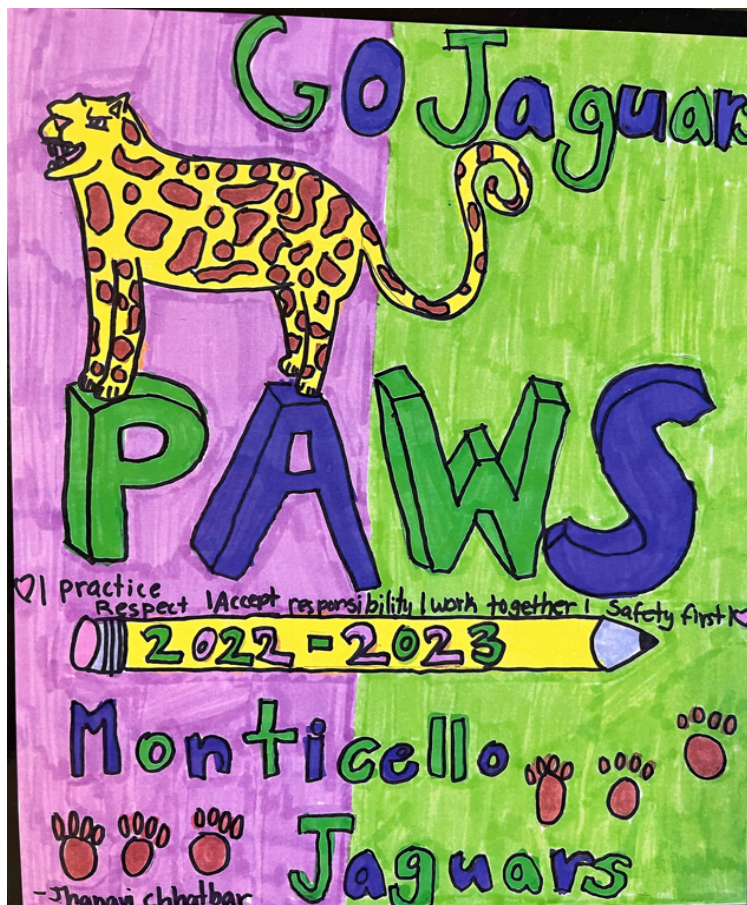
 [YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM](https://yearbookordercenter.com) 

HERFF JONES / BY YOUR SIDE.

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!





DECEMBER

2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Dominos Cheese Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables
4 Bean & Green Chili Burrito Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	5 Mozzarella Bread Sticks Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	6 Chicken Smackers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	7 French Bread Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	8 Dominos Cheese Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables
11 Pancake & Turkey Sausage on a Stick Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	12 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	13 Chicken Smackers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	14 Mini Cheese burgers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	15 Dominos Cheese Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables
18 Bean & Green Chili Burrito Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	19 Mozzarella Bread Sticks Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	20 Chicken Smackers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	21 	22
27	28	29	30	31 
				

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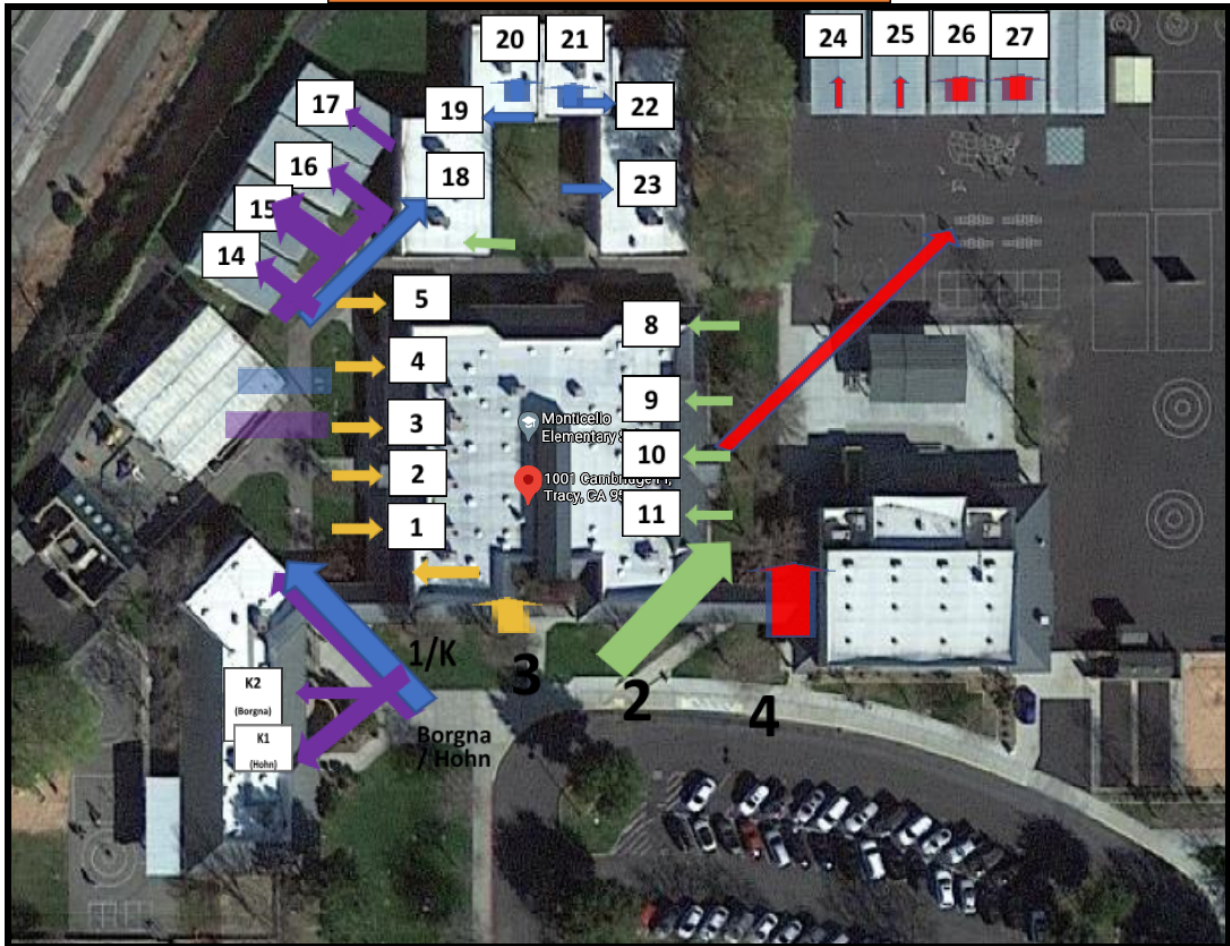
2023-2024 ASB Activity Calendar

December 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	★ 8	9
10	11	12	13	14	★ 15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						
DECEMBER NOTABLES						
11/14-12/13 - Brighter Christmas Food Drive						
12/1 - Jaguar Day - Animal Print or Design						
12/15 - Ugly Sweater Day						

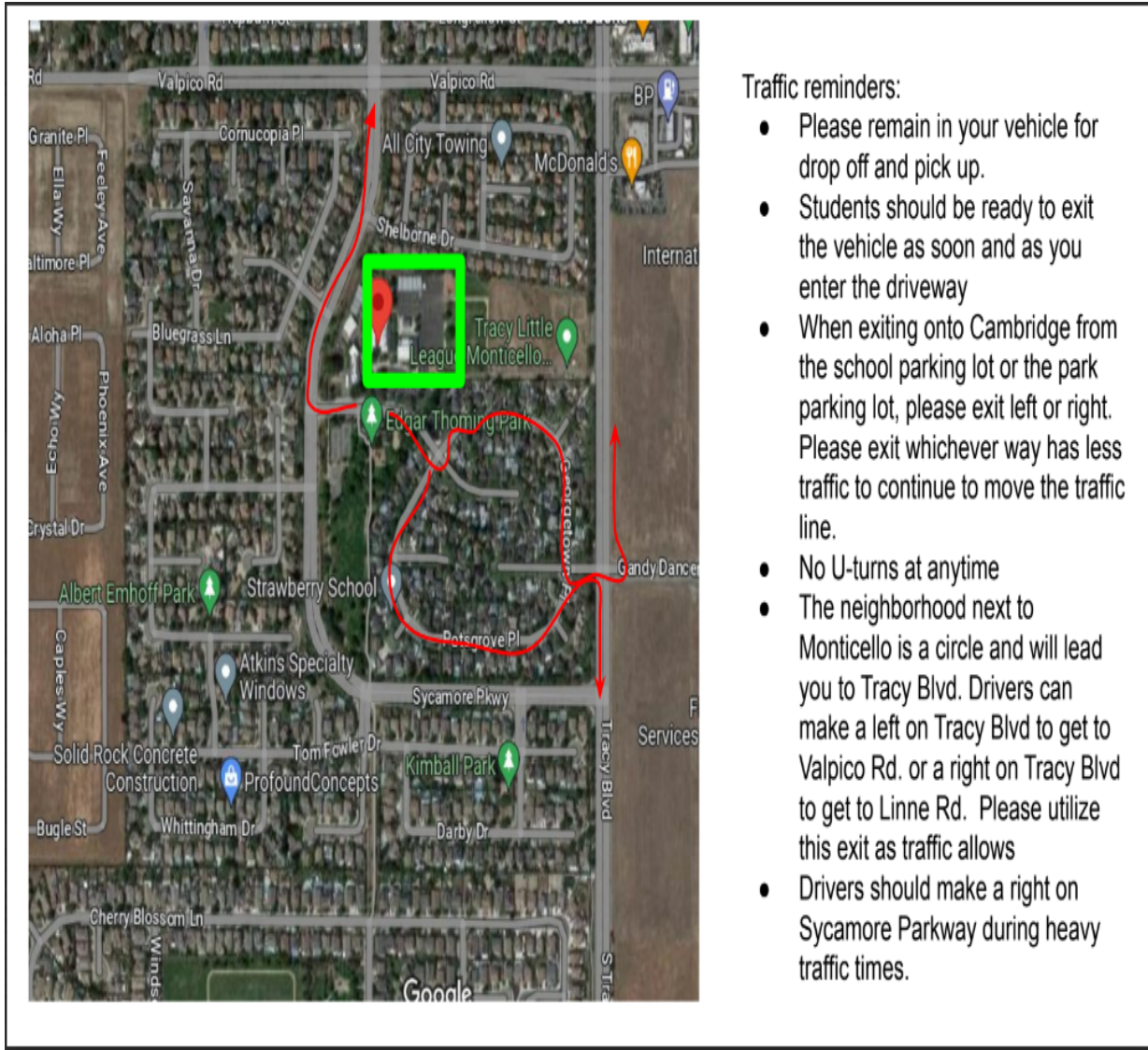
January 2024						
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14	15	16	17	18	★ 19	20
21	★ 22	★ 23	★ 24	★ 25	★ 26	27
28	29	30	31			
JANUARY NOTABLES						
1/19 - Chalk the Walk for Kindness Week						
1/22 - Superhero Day - Powered by Kindness						
1/23 - 80s Day - It's Rad to be Kind						
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.





**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				
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JANUARY				
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29*	30	31		

APRIL				
M	T	W	TH	F
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15*	16	17	18	13
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29*	30			

AUGUST				
M	T	W	TH	F
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14*	15	16	17	18
21*	22	23	24	25
28*	29	30	31	

NOVEMBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
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6*	7	8	9	10
13*	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27*	28	29	30	

FEBRUARY				
M	T	W	TH	F
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5*	6	7	8	9
12*	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26*	27	28	29	

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

DECEMBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
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4*	5	6	7	8
11*	12	13	14	15
18	19	20*	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

MARCH				
M	T	W	TH	F
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JUNE				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
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**Total Instructional
School Days**

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

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)		



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Baseball & Softball

Spring Season

Boys & Girls Ages 4-15

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