

## Jefferson Committees 2019-2020

Help build and protect the success of Jefferson School by volunteering your time on one of the many committees listed below.

Your contribution, whether it is your time, knowledge, or resources help make a difference.

We invite you to become an involved PTA member and volunteer today.

Please refer to the Tiger Beat for event details. The event chairperson will contact you when event planning begins.

Questions? Please email Kerri Timmerwilke, VP Committees at ktimmerwilke@gmail.com

### EVENT DESCRIPTION

### DATE

#### \* 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Memory Book Committee

**Co-Chairs: Rebecca Harpster, Rebecca Jones, Deepa Thakar**

Coordinates a team to create a yearbook of memories for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

All school year

#### \* 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Safety Patrol Parent

**Chair: CHAIRPERSON NEEDED**

Plans and organizes an appreciation lunch and end of year party for 5<sup>th</sup> grade patrollers.

Volunteers assist chair as needed.

All school year

#### \* Book Fair

**Co-Chairs: Kim Nevins-Paske, Kathy Fromm, Ioana Fernandez, Jess Testani**

This is a fun event that enjoyed by students and parents alike. Students visit the book fair with their class during school, and have the opportunity to visit with parents after school.

Volunteers help staff the event, sell books, and assist students with book selections.

Week of 9/23/19

#### \* Eco-Club

**Chair: Jill Jarvis**

Jefferson's NEW Eco-Club will encourage students, parents and staff to create, implement and improve sustainable and eco-friendly practices at Jefferson. Volunteers help the Chair coordinate activities.

TBD

#### \* Family Fitness Night

**Chair: Jen Taylor**

Plans/organizes a Jefferson family night at a fun, fitness-themed venue. Volunteers assist chair as needed.

January 2019

#### \* Family Math Night

**Chair: Cathy Dykes**

Plans/organizes a Jefferson Family Math Night, engaging children and adults in fun filled math games. Volunteers assist chair as needed.

February 11, 2020

#### \* Giving Tree Assembly

**Chair: Robyn Pretzie**

The Giving Tree is a wonderful Jefferson tradition that gives students a chance to help families in need during the holidays. Each student is encouraged to donate a gift card to help make the holidays special for each family.

After all the children have placed their donation, there is a special program given by all grades.

December 12, 2019

Updated August 12, 2019

## EVENT DESCRIPTION

### \* Great Donation Day/Community Outreach

Chair: **CHAIRPERSON NEEDED**

Facilitates the donation of gently used school supplies that students can donate at the end of the school year. Volunteers assist chair as needed.

## DATE

May 2020

### \* Hospitality Committee

Chair: **Gina Padgett, Maggie Schweitzer**

Plans and executes staff appreciation events (including Nurse's Day, Administration Professional's Day) and maintains PTA Kitchen. Hospitality committee also provides treats for special PTA events/programs.

All school year

### \* Ice Cream Social

Chair: **Cathy Dykes, Pamela Ferguson**

This event kicks off the school year with a gathering of students, parents and ice cream! Chair plans ice cream treats and organizes volunteers for this much-anticipated, fun family event to kick off the school year.

August 13, 2019

### \* Ice Skating Party

Chair: **Yongfang Zhong-Wang**

Every year, Jefferson kids and their families have a great time at the Ice Skating Party, held at the YMCA. Chair publicizes and organizes this annual event. Volunteers assist chair as needed.

February 17, 2020

### \* Jefferson Fun Run

Chair: **Meghan Hood**

This event will be the kick off to a healthy, exciting start of school! All Jefferson families and friends welcome. Volunteers assist chair as needed.

September 6, 2019

### \* Jefferson Running Club

Co-Chairs: **Patty Gorski, Shannon Jackson, Maggie Schweitzer, Jen Taylor**

Running Club is a lunchtime program that encourages fitness through running. Three laps around the field is a mile, and for every mile each participant is rewarded with a foot 'charm' to hang on their neck chain. It is great fun and very motivating. The chair coordinates volunteers to motivate and supervise kids during recess/lunch hour.

Fall/Spring

### \* Jefferson Spirit Wear

Chair: **Andria Evans**

Show your school spirit! Coordinate the advertising, sales and delivery of Jefferson Spirit wear clothing.

All school year

### \* Jefferson Social

Chair: **Kathy Fromm, Aleka Mandelaris**

Coordinates fun, social gatherings for mom's night out for each grade. Volunteers assist chairs in planning events.

All school year

### \* Junior Achievement

Chair: **CHAIRPERSON NEEDED**

This is a fun and interactive way to get involved in your child's classroom! Several parents from each grade

TBD

Updated August 12, 2019

## EVENT DESCRIPTION

participate in guiding children in pre-planned age appropriate activities.  
The chair coordinates volunteers to lead class activities.

### \* Junior Great Books

**Co-Chairs:** **CHAIRPERSON NEEDED**

This is a reading enrichment program for any 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Stories are read and discussed as a group facilitated by a parent leader. Chairs coordinate volunteers to help with lunchtime reading program.

### \* Learning Resource Center (LRC) Volunteers

**Chair:** **Michelle Saltiel**

Volunteers help to reshelv books & with special projects in the library. Volunteers scheduled once a month.

### \* Lunchroom/Playground Volunteer

**Chair:** **CHAIRPERSON NEEDED**

Jefferson PTA helps coordinate lunchroom and playground support to our school. Volunteers assist the Lunchroom & Playground Supervisors in supporting the needs of all Jefferson students during lunch/recess time. Volunteers work the entire lunch/recess shift, from 10:50am – 12:30pm. Parents may sign up to volunteer for as many time slots as they wish. It's a great way to see your child(ren) in action at school! Please sign-up and help supervise our kiddos during lunchtime. Committee chair organizes scheduling volunteers.

### \* Mathletes

**Chair:** **Gina Padgett**

Mathletes is a competition designed to provide enrichment to students. Students practice and compete to improve their math skills. Volunteers will assist Chair to coordinate and work with students to prepare for competition.

### \* Prairie Garden

**Chair:** **Jess Testani**

We love our prairie/perennial garden on the west side of our school. It is a treasure trove of seeds and bugs and non-stop nature in action. Chair weeds, seeds and maintains garden. Volunteers assist chair as needed.

### \* PTA Legislation Committee

**Chair:** **CHAIRPERSON NEEDED**

Communicates information from the Illinois and National PTA to the Jefferson community.

### \* PTA Membership Committee

**Chair:** **Janette Lanciloti, Sheila Mueller**

Chairs publicize the work of the PTA to recruit full membership, collects forms, dues and "Support Jefferson" donations. Committee also organizes information for the PTA directory.

## DATE

TBD

All school year

All school year

TBD

Fall/Spring

TBD

Summer/Fall

## EVENT DESCRIPTION

### \* PTA Scholarship Committee

**Chair: Jackie Tamer**

Representative from Jefferson attends District 205 Scholarship Committee meetings.

DATE  
TBD

### \* REACH Representative

**Chair: CHAIRPERSON NEEDED**

Representatives attend monthly REACH meetings and work with other school representatives to determine best use of funds for enrichment programs.

Monthly

### \* Reflections Art Program

**Chair: Deepa Thakar**

Chair promotes and encourages all students to participate in the National PTA Reflections program. This program is the National PTA's cornerstone arts program. It offers students the opportunity to earn local, state and even national recognition for original artwork they create in response to specific theme.

Fall

### \* Roller Skating Party

**Chair: Heidi Moy**

This a favorite event for Jefferson kids & families every year - we get the entire skating rink to ourselves! Chair publicizes and organizes this annual event. Volunteers assist chair as needed.

March 15, 2020(proposed date)

### \* Room Parent Resources

**Chair: Kate Feutz**

Room parents help in the classroom in a number of ways, from responding to a teacher's request, planning holiday and end of year parties and arranging chaperones for field trips. Please sign up if you would like to be considered for Room Parent. Room parents will be randomly assigned giving preference to those volunteers that have not served in this role in previous years. You will be notified if you are assigned to this role. Please list the grade(s) for which you would like to be considered. Teacher assignments are randomly selected.

All school year

### \* School Supplies

**Chair: Nancy Goodner, Cynthia Mares**

Jefferson PTA has contracted with a vendor to do the school supply shopping for you! Custom kits are ordered per grade level and are available before school starts. The chair acts as a liaison between the vendor, parents and teachers to order & deliver school supplies. Volunteers assist chair as needed.

Order Spring 2020  
Distribute August 2020

### \* Science Olympiad

**Co-Chair: Carly Scharfenberg, Meredith Vogel**

This is a much-anticipated annual school event. Students participate in exciting age-appropriate science experiments in teams, guided by parent leaders. Experiments and events are coordinated and run by parent volunteers. Chairs administer event by selecting experiments and organizing parent volunteers.

October 17, 2019

## EVENT DESCRIPTION

## DATE

### \* **SERG (Special Education Resource Group)**

**Chair:** **CHAIRPERSON NEEDED**

This is a group of parents and educators committed to helping all children with special needs reach their full Potential. The group is organized and funded by District 205 and school PTA's. They educate families within District 205 to increase awareness and gain support for individuals with disabilities in our community. They sponsor programs on a variety of topics related to special education.

**All school year**

### \* **Spring Dance**

**Chair:** **CHAIRPERSON NEEDED**

So far a sock-hop, a disco...what will next year's theme be?! Plan and organize the spring dance for all Jefferson families to enjoy. Committee plans theme, décor and secures DJ. Volunteers needed to help execute event.

**Spring? 2020**

### \* **Square 1 Art Program Fundraiser**

**Chair:** **Renata Suerth**

Are you running out of wall space for your kids' artwork? Square1art can help and Jefferson makes a 38% profit. By ordering useful items decorated with your child's art, you will give back to our school. Volunteers needed per classroom to assist art teachers with this fun art event.

**Fall**

### \* **Thanksgiving Feast**

**Co-Chairs:** **Jennifer Bjorlin, Aleka Mandelaris**

The Thanksgiving Feast is an event unique to Jefferson – an entire Thanksgiving meal is served to students, teachers and special guests by an army of PTA volunteers! Food is provided by York Food Services. Chair plans food and organizes volunteers for this annual event.

**November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

### \* **Trivia Night!**

**Co-Chairs:** **Ioana Fernandez, Kara Johnson**

Plans and organizes the annual fundraising event to benefit Jefferson PTA. Volunteers assist chair with donations pick-up the weeks before the event, set up and take down the day of the event, and distribute silent auction and raffle items at the end of the event.

**November 15, 2019**

### \* **Vision & Hearing Screening**

**Chair:** **Kristin Bohlin**

Coordinates volunteers to help with all-school screenings.

**TBD**

### \* **Welcome Back Breakfast**

**Co-Chairs:** **Jen Taylor, Laura West**

The Welcome Back Breakfast event starts after you drop off your kids on the first day of school. Coffee and refreshments are available and the first official PTA meeting of the year is held. The Welcome Back Breakfast is your chance to sign up to volunteer on PTA committees and get to know other parents. Chair plans breakfast and organizes volunteers to help execute event.

**2020 (First day of school)**

## **EVENT DESCRIPTION**

### **\* Welcome to Jefferson**

**Co-Chair: Lara Bogenrief, Amanda French**

This committee organizes summer playdates for incoming kindergarteners and new families. Chair coordinates distribution of welcome signs for newcomer yards. Volunteers assist as needed.

## **DATE**

**August 2020**

### **\* Winter Carnival**

**Co-Chairs: Jennifer Bullock, Erin Nolan**

One of Jefferson's most popular events of the year! The kids love this (fundraising) event - they have a blast playing carnival games throughout the school and turning in their prize tickets for super cool stuff. Chairs coordinate volunteers to manage games, food, decorations, prizes, setup/tear down.

**Feb. 29, 2020**

**Many volunteers are needed to have a successful carnival – please consider volunteering on any of the committees listed:**

**Winter Carnival \* Decorating Committee**

Decorate school the night before the carnival

**Winter Carnival \* Food Committee**

Arrange for local vendor and/or purchase food and drinks to sell at carnival

**Winter Carnival \* Games Committee**

Help coordinate, setup and supervise all games

**Winter Carnival \* Set-up, Tear-down Team**

Help with set-up and teardown of games/gym/multi-purpose room

**Winter Carnival \* Prize Room Committee**

Purchase and organize prizes for carnival

**Winter Carnival \* Tiger Bucks Committee**

Help plan and organize the popular Tiger Bucks game, secure donations and oversee game

**Thank you for volunteering!**  
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