

Dear Jefferson Parents and Caregivers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and high spirits. As the Principal at Jefferson Elementary, I am writing to invite you to become active participants in our school's Parent-Teacher Guild (PTG). We believe that strong collaboration between parents and teachers is vital for fostering a supportive and enriching educational environment for our students.

At Jefferson Elementary we value the engagement and involvement of parents like you. Your unique perspectives, skills, and contributions can make a significant difference in the lives of our students and the overall school community. By joining the PTG, you will have the opportunity to work alongside other parents, teachers, and staff members in various activities that enhance our school's mission of bring a comm<u>UNITY</u> in the pursuit of excellence.

Here are a few ways you can get involved in the PTG:

- 1.Attend PTG Meetings: PTG meetings are held regularly and provide an open forum for discussing school-related matters, sharing ideas, and planning events. Your presence and active participation in these meetings will help shape the initiatives and projects undertaken by the PTG. Please note, you don't have to attend every meeting!
- 2.Volunteer for Events: The PTG organizes various events throughout the year, such as fundraisers, (funds earned are for sponsoring field trips, school resources and supplies) popcorn/pickle days, parent/teacher conference meals, Staff Appreciation Week, school book fairs, family nights, and community outreach programs, such as Purple Week. Your assistance in chairing and organizing, coordinating, or participating in these events would be greatly appreciated.
- 3. Share Your Skills and Expertise: If you have specific skills or knowledge in areas like arts and crafts, technology, sports, or any other field.
- 4. Provide Feedback and Suggestions: Your feedback and suggestions are invaluable in improving our school's programs and policies. The PTG serves as a platform to voice your ideas, concerns, and recommendations, ensuring that the collective voice of parents is heard.

By actively participating in the PTG, you will have the opportunity to forge meaningful connections with other parents, teachers, and staff members. You will also gain a deeper understanding of our school's vision, policies, and initiatives, allowing you to play a more active role in your child's education.

I encourage you to attend our next PTG meeting, scheduled for <u>September 12th at 4.00</u> <u>pm at the Jefferson Library</u>. It will be a great opportunity to meet other parents and learn more about the PTG's ongoing projects and initiatives. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or the PTG board members.

<u>Current Board Members:</u> Secretary-Cassie Rice, cassiejrice@gmail.com Treasurer-Maria Pitchford, brm112608@gmail.com Teacher Liasions-Lori Lamphere, llamphere@ioniaschools.org & Allison Fiepke afiepke@ioniaschools.org Principal-Leila McDonald, Imcdonald@ioniaschools.org

Together, we can create an even stronger and more vibrant school community. I look forward to your active involvement in the PTG and the positive impact it will have on our students' educational journey.

Thank you for considering this invitation. Your support and partnership are invaluable.

Warm regards, Jefferson Elementary PTG





Tuesdays at 4:00 pm in the Jefferson Library!

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