Theodore Judah Weekly Newsletter

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PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, MS. AFRICA WILLIAMS

Please give a warm Cougar welcome to Ms. Africa Williams, our new assistant principal! Africa Williams is a collaborative servant leader who has worked in education since 1999. She began as an Instructional Aide in a Kindergarten SDC class while completing her BA in Liberal Studies at Sacramento State. She began substitute teaching while raising her two, now adult, sons in Sacramento and completing her MS in Counseling. This is Ms. Africa's 3rd year in Folsom Cordova Unified with her first two years at Mitchell MS and Cordova Gardens respectively. Ms. Africa enjoys playing music, dancing, and karaoke. She looks forward to working with students and getting to know the TJE community.

TJE Presents Celebrating Disney the Starstruck Way

TJE is excited to share that students will have a dance performance on Thursday, September 26th at 5:30 and 7:00 PM. Due to the size of our school, classes have been assigned one of two performance times (5:30 or 7:00 PM).

Due to space limitations at the performance location, students will be given two tickets for adults to use. **The tickets will be only for your student's assigned show time**. Siblings may attend without a ticket. When the show ends all attendees will exit the multi and pick up their students.

The performance will take place at the Sutter Middle School Multi-Purpose Room.
Address: 715 Riley Street, Folsom, CA 95630
Show Start Times: 5:30 and 7:00 PM

More details will be sent out soon. We look forward to seeing everyone!

TJ SPIRIT WEAR

Remember to place your orders for the Theodore Judah back-to-school sale! You'll save 30% off the entire site, the lowest prices of the year. In addition, all orders over $75 will receive free shipping. Shop Now! And **DON'T FORGET TO JOIN THE PTO!**

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Put your receipts to work for Theodore Judah with Box Tops for Education! Box Tops is a fast and easy way for you to help our school earn some extra cash. Here is how it works! 1. Download the Box Tops for Education App and create an account. 2. Link your account to Theodore Elementary School (be sure to select the Folsom school located at **101 Dean Way in Folsom, CA**). 3. The next time you go shopping, scan your receipts in the app (digital or paper). Qualifying Box Tops purchases will be credited to the school! It's that easy! The App also lets you link your Walmart shopping account (if you have one) so you can earn Box Tops on qualifying purchases without scanning your receipts. Thanks for your support!

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL-RESCHEDULED DATE

Theodore Judah Elementary is now looking for parent volunteers for our school's Site Council. Do you have an interest in education and school programs? Would you like to share your opinion on how our school can best meet students' academic needs? If so, you're a great candidate for our School Site Council! School site council is a group composed of parents, teachers, and school staff. We review and update our school's yearly plan and make recommendations on how supplemental school funds could be spent. **The first meeting is on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 3pm in Room 1.** If you are interested in participating, email your name and contact information to Silia Blount, or just plan to attend the meeting!

ACCELERATED READER (AR)

Accelerated Reader is a program we have used in the past to encourage students to read. We are looking at using a new program this year called Whooo's Reading. The new program has similar features to AR and incorporates some writing elements. Information on both programs will be shared soon by your student's teacher.

AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

Dream Enrichment classes will start the week of September 9 and include Chess, Coding, Early Engineers, and Firefly Art. Families can sign up HERE.

Cool Robotics is coming to Theodore Judah for Grades 2-4! **Classes begin September 13 (new date!).** Click here to register.

Intellibricks classes will start the week October 28. Click here to view the flier.

If you need assistance paying for an after-school enrichment opportunity, please email Jonathan Johnson.

(The afterschool enrichment opportunities above are not sponsored by Theodore Judah. Outside organizations provide them.)

****PLEASE READ THE SECTION BELOW IF YOU HAVE TRAVEL PLANS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR****

INDEPENDENT STUDY (!)

Please note Theodore Judah is a public school. Attendance is required in the state of California and there is no vacation time. We follow the guidelines set by the State of California and School District regarding attendance. Please plan vacations and family trips during school holidays. Pulling students out of school causes disruption to their learning and can be very challenging for our staff.

If your student will be absent from school for 3-14 consecutive school days due to travel or another reason, please contact the Theodore Judah office **at least 10 SCHOOL days before the absence** to request an Independent Study Agreement. Requests made with short notice will not be granted.

Assigned Independent Study work must be turned in upon the student's scheduled return to school. Independent Study work not turned in on the student's scheduled day back will void the agreement, resulting in no attendance credit.

Remember, you must contact the school office to request an Independent Study Agreement at least 10 school days prior to your student's planned leave of absence. **Independent study is not permitted during the first and last two weeks of school. Students with extended absences during this time will be disenrolled. We do not approve students leaving the school year early for travel plans. Please plan all travel after school is out for summer break.**

See the attendance page (here) on the FCUSD website, call, or visit the school office for more information about Independent Study Agreements.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jonathan Johnson, Principal

Important Dates:

September 10th	Site Council Meeting, 3 PM in Room 1
September 16th	Picture Day- all students preschool through 5th grade- Click here to order
September 19th	TJ PTO Night on the Town at Sacramento Pizza Co.
September 26th	Starstruck Showcase Performance - Sutter Middle School