Theodore Judah Weekly Newsletter

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REMINDER- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3. REMEMBER TO FALL BACK!

CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS PARENT SURVEY

We invite you to complete the California Healthy Kids Parent Survey. Your input is invaluable in shaping the future of our educational system and ensuring a safe, supportive, and healthy environment for all students. The survey provides critical insights into your child's school experience, highlighting areas where improvements may be necessary. Your perspective on topics like safety, bullying, mental health, and overall wellness helps educators and administrators understand the unique needs of our students. This information aids in tailoring educational programs and support services to address specific challenges your child may be facing. Thank you for your active involvement in this crucial process. Click here to take the survey.

FOOD DRIVE BENEFITING TWIN LAKES FOOD BANK

The Theodore Judah Leadership Club is sponsoring a food drive benefiting the Twin Lakes Food Bank. Please bring non-perishable food items to the blue barrels in front of the office beginning October 29, 2024. Twin Lakes Food Bank will pick up all donated food items on November 7, 2024. Click here for a list of the most requested items.

COUGAR CHASE RECAP

Our annual Cougar Chase has officially ended and now it is time for celebrations and thank yous! Thank you to our amazing TJE families. Your generous donations and collection of sponsors raised $22,597, exceeding our goal by $2,597. This is truly amazing and 100% of the money will directly support TJE academic programs and other functions. Click HERE for a summary of things your donations will (or already have) funded.

Thank you to Coach James for planning and running a super fun obstacle course! The three days were filled with lots of running, jumping, and laughter.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped the three-day Cougar Chase run smoothly. We could not have done it without you!

Thank you to the local Folsom businesses that donated prizes for the student drawing and other goodies for the Cougar Chase and PTO events. These included Lazy Dog, Red Robin, Leatherby's, Palladio Guest Services, Nuyo Frozen Yogurt, Target, WinCo, In-N-Out, and Chick-fil-A.

Thank you to Action Day Learning Center, the PTO's 2024-2025 Gold Level business sponsor. Action Day provides a quality Preschool and After School program and is conveniently located across from the Library and Zoo. Action Day is currently enrolling. Click HERE to visit their website.

Class and student winners were announced at the PTO Trunk or Treat event on Saturday and are summarized in the attached document. If you are a student winner and were not at the event, your

prize will be given to your teacher for pick-up. Dates for the class parties will be set in the coming weeks. Click here to see the list of student winners!

And finally, because we exceeded $16,000 in donations, Teddy J will be delivering a face pie to Principal Johnson!! More information on this is to come. Go Cougars!

AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

Dream Enrichment classes include Chess, Coding, Early Engineers, and Firefly Art. Sign up HERE.

Cool Robotics is coming to Theodore Judah for Grades 2-5! Click here to register.

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

MOEMS- Registration for Math Olympiad opens on October 7. 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 the 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 3-15 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:

November 2	Parent Summit- 8:30 am-11:30 am at Rancho Cordova Elementary School
November 8	Diwali Night- 6-8pm at Sutter Middle School
November 11	NO SCHOOL- Veterans Day
November 18-22	Minimum Days grades K-5: dismissal at 1:21 pm on M, T, W, & F; 1:15 pm dismissal on Th
November 25-29	NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Break
December 2	School Resumes