



JEFFREY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Back-to-School!

PTO NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back!

Whether you are a returning Jeffrey family or new to our wonderful school, the JES PTO is so excited to welcome you back for what is sure to be a great school year!

The enclosed welcome packet has detailed information on the JES PTO, how to join (we'd love to see you!!) and upcoming events. Please look for flyers similar to this one in your child's folder on a monthly basis summarizing upcoming events and reminders.

While we continue to adapt to changing guidance as necessary, we are optimistic that we will be able to bring back many events that were greatly missed last year - including Parent's Night Out, Family Fun Nights, the Holiday Shop and after school workshops!

Important Please sign up to be included in the Jeffrey Class Directory online at JESPTO.org so that you receive our emails!

IMPORTANT DATES

August 26th: Back-to-School Front Porch Photo fundraiser begins!
August 27th: Orientation for grades K/1 Last names A-M 9:00
August 27th: Orientation for grades K/1 Last names N-Z 9:45
August 27th: Orientation for grades 2/3 Last names A-M 10:30
August 27th: Orientation for grades 2/3 Last names N-Z 11:15

Please visit the JES PTO Welcome Table outside at orientation!

August 30th: First day of school!
September 6th: Labor Day/No School
September 7th: Rosh Hashana/No School
September 8th: Back-to-School Ice Cream social for grades K&2
September 9th: Back-to-School Ice Cream social for grades 1&3
September 16th: Yom Kippur/No School
September 23rd: Back-to-School Open House Night
September 27th: PTO Pies & Cookie Dough Fundraiser begins

Mark your calendars for October
October 6th: General PTO Meeting 7:00 PM

Please follow us on Facebook for updates!
Search for:
J.Milton Jeffrey PTO



Visit **JESPTO.ORG**

Please send any PTO questions to:
Contact@JESPTO.org
We are here to help!
THANK YOU
for your support!

Save the date: Parent's Night Out is BACK!

We are so excited to bring back the popular "Parent's Night Out" fundraising event this year!

Mark your calendars for a Halloween Soirée on Saturday evening October 23rd. We are excited to announce that the dueling piano group "Savage Pianos" from New York City will be performing! This group has sold out the Madison Beach Hotel on multiple occasions and is sure to provide an evening to remember. The event will be held at the Surf Club and will feature a silent and live auction. Much more detailed information to come!



Back-to-School Ice Cream Socials - Please join us!

On September 8th & 9th the JES PTO will be sponsoring a back-to-school ice cream social for all students!

Students and an adult guardian are invited to come to the Jeffrey blacktop and playground to play with classmates and enjoy an ice cream treat! The PTO will provide each Jeffrey student with an ice cream treat from the ice cream truck! Additional ice cream will also be available for purchase.

September 8th: Kindergarten 5 - 5:45
2nd Grade 6 - 6:45
September 9th: 1st Grade 5 - 5:45
3rd Grade 6-6:45



September Fundraisers!

Front Porch/Back-to-School Photos with LJR Images!

Jeffrey's own Cindy Ringer has partnered with us again to offer this fantastic fundraiser. Cindy will come to your home and take pictures of your whole family and/or your Jeffrey student from a safe distance. The cost is \$75 and includes at least 4 digital images. Please see the enclosed flyer for more detailed info and visit JESPTO.org to sign up! This was a huge hit last year!

Please note we will also begin the popular Lyman Orchards Pie and Cookie Dough fundraiser beginning on September 27th! Details to come!



Jeffrey Elementary School PTO

WELCOME TO JEFFREY!

On behalf of the Jeffrey Parent Teacher Organization, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you and your families. With our exceptional teachers, administration and community, our students are fortunate to be enrolled in a school that strives to fulfill the school's mission of celebrating the pursuit of life-long learning and fulfilling the commitment to each student to achieve his or her personal best.

While we will continue to adapt to changing circumstances and guidance as necessary, we are optimistic that we will be able to bring back many fun events that were greatly missed last year! These include Parent's Night Out (save the date - October 23rd!), Family Fun Nights (including BINGO this year!), the student-favorite Holiday Shop and after-school workshops.

We hope that you find the information enclosed in this packet helpful in getting a great start at Jeffrey Elementary School so that you and your child(ren) have a successful school year! We can't wait to get started together!

Sincerely,
Your JES PTO Executive Board

Co-Presidents	Megan Hogarth & Sarah DeBenedictis
Tri-Vice Presidents	Kim Frary, Jaimee de Angelis, & Laura Francis
Treasurer	Maria Usiak
Secretary	Christine Fitzpatrick
Members at Large	Cara Rich, Victoria Quinn, & Lauren Preli

The JES PTO Mission: The goals of the Jeffrey PTO are to create a closer relationship between home and school, to enhance the learning environment, to provide and maintain the open network of communication between school and community and to foster parent/guardian involvement in the educational process.

PTO Programs & Fundraising: Our primary objective as a PTO is to provide our school with funds, programs, resources and services that will enrich and maximize the education of every child and benefit the school. To meet this important objective, we fundraise. 100% of your donation goes directly to the PTO for enrichment. Here are a few programs that we sponsor and/or support: Science Month, Art Show, Field Day, Afterschool Enrichment Workshops, Field Trips, Teacher Appreciation, Cultural Arts Events and so much more.

What is the PTO and who can be a Member? The PTO is made up of several officers and our wonderful school staff and volunteers. So, who can be a member? Are you a father, mother, guardian, and/or a person who teaches or instructs at Jeffrey? If you answered **YES**, then we would like you to become a member. The Jeffrey PTO needs involvement from all its families. All your ideas, suggestions, and talents are appreciated.

Become a Volunteer...Why YOU should get involved! We are a small and busy group. This is where you can come in! We need your help, and so do your child(ren). At Jeffrey, we are proud of our strong community. There's no better way to show your support than to get involved. We are in need of growth and are seeking volunteers to continue re-establishing the organization. We have planned some exciting events this year in hopes to get more parents involved in their children's education and meet your community. The PTO is a **TEAM** effort and we cannot succeed on our own. Please come and join us by signing up on our website, friend us on [Facebook](#), contact a PTO officer, or email the PTO at contact@jespto.org.



Check us out on www.JESPTO.org! Like us on Facebook (search for J.Milton Jeffrey PTO)!



JOIN US!! Attend the upcoming meetings and stay involved with the school community, learn about important developments in your child's education, pick up information on our upcoming activities, learn how you can make a difference, and meet new people! Zoom virtual or live meeting details will be emailed to the community.

This year we will be holding the general PTO meetings every-other-month on the first Wednesday of the month. We will alternate between 7:00pm evening meetings via Zoom and 9:30am meetings in-person held at Jeffrey.

October 6th 7:00 pm	April 6th 9:30 am
December 1st 9:30 am	May 4th 7:00 pm
February 2nd 7:00 pm	

Planned 2021-2022 PTO Fundraisers

Fundraisers and PTO membership dues are how the JES PTO is able to support our students and teachers through donations, holding events, and purchasing supplies. The following are planned fundraisers for the 2021-2022 school year.

- Back to School Front Porch Photo Fundraiser with LJR Photography
- Lyman Orchards Pie and Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Fundraiser
- Family Fall Photos with Pamela Aldridge
- Parent's Night Out
- Butter Braids Fundraiser (Spring of 2022)
- Rewards Program Sign Up: Stop and Shop, BigY, Amazon Smiles, Box Tops

Jeffrey Spiritwear

You bring the spirit to Jeffrey! Exciting changes are coming to the Jeffrey Spirit Wear Shop this year - stay tuned!

BE IN THE KNOW

How does your family receive JES PTO and school communications?

JES PTO and Classroom Coordinator Emails

DON'T FORGET! Provide your family contact info the JES PTO Directory to get information from your classroom coordinators and the Board. We are going online as much as possible this year for activity sign ups and communications! We need to please renew your participation **every year** for communication so please do this as soon as possible. This will allow access to important links for forms and activities emailed to you directly from our contact@jespto.org email address or from your class parents for play dates and birthday parades and parties. Also, each classroom has a volunteer classroom coordinator who works with their teacher and the PTO to make sure you know all the great things happening in your classroom. Our communications are separate from Mrs. Frost's school informational emails.

School Communications

- Everything you need to be in the know is available online at <https://www.madison.k12.ct.us/district/communication/>
- eNotify: Messages will be sent to you based on the school your child attends, using the email address on file in the district student information system. If you are not receiving eNotify communications from the district or Jeffrey, check that the district has your correct profile info.
- Backpack Notices and News Alerts: you can subscribe to receive a news alert on school and community activities in the district by text or email at <https://www.madison.k12.ct.us/district/communication/backpack/subscribe>.
- Calendar Sync: This is a game changer! You can sync your iCal to the district and school calendars so that it is populated with the school events and even create reminders. Easy instructions are available at <https://www.madison.k12.ct.us/district/communication/calendar>.
- Madison Public Schools App: downloadable on Google Play and Apple App Store. Don't forget to enable the notifications after downloading.

Your JES PTO welcomes you!
We hope you find this information helpful in starting your school year
at Jeffrey Elementary School!

Help us go paperless this year and complete your membership form and payment on our website www.jespto.org! Each family membership completed before and during orientation on August 27th will receive a fun gift!



Jeffrey Elementary School PTO

2021-2022 MEMBERSHIP FORM

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

Please become a member this year and show your support! 100% of PTO membership donations fund classroom supplies, teacher appreciation events and so much more. Let's make this school year a success. Please support your school community.

Parent/Guardian(s) Name: _____ Name: _____

Student name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Student name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Student name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES (Circle One)

Jeffrey Family: \$35

If you are able, please
consider an additional amount: _____

Total: _____

Scan here for payment

Maria Usiak- PTO treasurer

@jeffreyppto



Venmo preferred: PTO Treasurer Maria Usiak @JeffreyPTO and reference "<Your Last Name> PTO membership"

OR

Please make checks payable to **Jeffrey PTO** and return this form to your student's teacher in an envelope marked "Attention: JES PTO Treasurer - Maria Usiak"

Check: \$_____ Check #_____

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Jeffrey Elementary School PTO is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charity. Your contribution is tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

No goods or services are provided in exchange for your donation. www.jespto.org



Back-to-School Photos at Your Home!



Jeffrey's own Cindy Ringer of LJR Images has partnered with the JES PTO to offer this amazing fundraiser again this year!

Inspired by 2020's #TheFrontStepsProject, this is a great opportunity to pose with the whole family at your home and/or have your children pose for a professional back-to-school photo (feel free to make signs, etc.!).



The photo shoot will last approximately 5 minutes and you will receive 4 or more digital images via email. Please note this does NOT replace the Back-to-School photos offered by Jeffrey in the Fall, and these will NOT be used in the yearbook.



**Cost is \$75 per family
(includes digital photos)**

**Photos will be taken August 26th - September 12th.
Please visit the JES PTO Website to sign up!**

SIGN UP: [JESPTO.ORG](https://jespto.org)

Please send any questions to Contact@JESPTO.ORG

**If you would like to receive financial assistance for this activity, please contact
Becky Frost at FrostR@madison.k12.ct.us.**



www.LJRImages.com
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OUR NEW SPIRIT WEAR!

Look for online ordering soon. Will be available for in-person purchase at orientation!

JEFFREY SCHOOL

Vios will be at orientation on Friday 8/27 from 9-12 for on the spot printing. Select personalization available.



Long Sleeve Tee

Navy

PC54YLS Youth XS-XL \$20

PC54LS Adult S-4XL \$25

Black or Gold

Drift Short Sleeve Tee

YST350 Youth XS-XL \$20

ST350 Adult S-4XL \$25

Black

Short Sleeve Tee

PC54Y Youth XS-XL \$12

PC54 Adult S-XL \$15



New Era Hat

Black

YCP80 Youth \$20

PC80 Adult \$20



Tie-Dye Short Sleeve Tee - Black or Gold

PC147Y Youth XS-XL \$20

PC147 Adult S-4XL \$25



Full Zip Fleece

Black

Y217 Youth XS-XL \$40

F217 Adult S-4XL \$45

Personalized Add \$5

Sweats

Black

PC90P Youth XS-XL \$25

PC90 Adult S-4XL \$30



Hoodie

Black

PC90YH Youth XS-XL \$28

PC78H Adult S-4XL \$35



Mesh Shorts

Black

YST510 Youth S-XL \$20

ST510 Adult S-4XL \$25



Crew Sweatshirt

Black

PC90Y Youth XS-XL \$20

PC78 Adult S-4XL \$25



Bag

BC970 - Gold/Black

\$30

Personalized Add \$5



Beanie

Black

NE902

\$20

Personalized Add \$5

PAYMENT - Cash/Checks/Paypal Note: Make checks out to Vio's Sports Plus

Spirit wear can be purchased through the PTO website www.jespto.org all year.