



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.

Whether you are a new family or a returning family, the 2020-2021 school year will definitely be unique and will have challenges for every family. Despite these, your JES PTO is optimistically thinking outside the box and planning a wonderful year, live or virtual, in support of our school. We look forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones. We look forward to another great year making our community "the place to be". We hope you are looking forward to joining us!

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	Liz Tucker-Plasky & Megan Hogarth
Tri-Vice Presidents	Kim Frary, Jaimee de Angelis, & Laura Francis
Treasurer	Cindy Breckheimer
Secretary	Christine Fitzpatrick
Members at Large	Cara Rich, Jim Collins, & 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! 

Look for the Good!
We are looking forward to spreading
kindness and gratitude this year!
Please consider adding to our kindness rocks
garden at Jeffrey. Thank you!

www.jespto.org

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.

September TBD	January TBD	April TBD
October TBD	February TBD	May TBD
November TBD	March TBD	

Upcoming 2020-2021 PTO Fundraisers

We look forward to kicking off this year with some exciting fundraisers. Here's what's on tap for September:

- Back to School Membership Drive
- Jeffrey Love Our Locals Tote
- Our own Cindy Ringer is continuing her Front Porch Project with Back to School Photo Fundraiser
- Jeffrey Community Cookbook
- Rewards Program Sign Up: Stop and Shop, BigY, Amazon Smiles, Box Tops

Jeffrey Spiritwear

You bring the spirit to Jeffrey! Make sure you get your Jeffrey T-shirts, bows, etc so you are ready to start school with Tiger pride! Order forms available on our website www.jespto.org or email us at contact@jespto.org.

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 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. Ours are much more fun! 😊

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!**

Dear Jeffrey Parents,

Welcome to the start of a wonderful school year!

The JES PTO encourages you to sign up for these great fundraisers that are so easy to do in support of our school!



Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards is a program which gives JES an opportunity to earn cash by using your Stop & Shop card.

All you have to do is:

Step 1: Log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus. Select customer registration to register online using your Stop & Shop card.

Register for Jeffrey Elementary School: 06079

Step 2: Shop

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop & Shop using your Stop & Shop card earns CASH for our school. Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Stop & Shop website. You can track the amount of points you earn for your school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at www.stopandshop.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.



Big Y Education Express is a program which gives JES an opportunity to earn points for supplies.

Step 1: Log on to www.bigy.com.

Step 2: Select "Join Education Express" and select Jeffrey Elementary School.

Step 3: Shop. Look for the education express logo on items every week. Purchase these specially marked items and Jeffrey earns points that they can redeem toward school supplies!



AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your JES PTO every time you shop, at no cost to you.

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to

your favorite PTO.

All you have to do is:

Step 1: Go to smile.amazon.com.

Step 2: Sign into your Amazon.com account

Step 3: Search for Jeffrey Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization and SELECT

Step 4: Shop



Box Tops are little coupons found on everyday grocery items. Each one of these coupons is valuable. You will be amazed how quickly those little coupons turn into dollars to help purchase books, materials, and equipment for our school!

Here are a couple Box Tops collection tips:

- Go to www.BTFE.com. Select JOIN FREE in upper right corner. Find your school by zip code (J. Milton Jeffrey Elementary). Fill in your parent/guardian info. Create a log in email and password.
- Download the APP!
- Look for any product with the Box Top logo. Open your app, tap the scan button and take a pic of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.
- Get Others Involved: Increase your collection by asking grandparents, relatives, friends, and coworkers to clip and collect Box Tops for Jeffrey!

To learn more, visit www.BTFE.com—and thanks for choosing to make a difference for our school with Box Tops!

Don't forget to ask your family members to register and participate on behalf of JES as well! Every purchase counts!

Thank you for your support!

Your JES PTO



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2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP FORM

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

Please become a member this year and show your support! 100% of PTO membership donations fund every student's cultural arts and enrichment programs, live and virtual field trips, field day, socials, classroom supplies, teacher appreciation events and so much more. Let's make this school year a success. Please support your school community.

Join online at www.jespto.org OR complete this form and return it to your student's teacher.

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

Student name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

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Student name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES (Circle One)

Jeffrey Family: \$35

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

Total: _____

Please make checks payable to **Jeffrey PTO** and return this form to your student's teacher in an envelope marked PTO.

Check: \$ _____ Check # _____

OR

Venmo to Cindy Breckheimer @Jeffrey PTO and reference "<Your Last Name> PTO membership"

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

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