

THOMAS JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Dear Thomas Jefferson Elementary Families:

It is hard to believe that this is my first school update for you in 2021! We hope that all of your families had a great winter break. For those that experienced COVID over break, we thank you for reaching out to us as requested so that we could plan for the collection of work for your students and for their return to school.

With the continued rise in COVID-19 cases in our communities, we are reviewing our plans for what instruction would look like should we have to close a classroom, a grade level, or even our school. As such, you may be receiving information from your child's teacher regarding a "practice run" with a chromebook coming home one afternoon for students to do an assignment that night, so we can ensure they are prepared and ready should we have a closure.

I am happy to share that the Superintendent of Public Instruction for Virginia, Dr. James F. Layne, has announced that Thomas Jefferson Elementary School has been selected to receive the **2020 Board of Education's Continuous Improvement Award** through the Exemplar School Recognition Program. We received this award for being *Accredited* in the 2019-2020 school year and for significantly improving academic indicators for the past three years. This shows how hard our students and staff are working.

I want to share some important dates:

- January 18th: Martin Luther King Holiday (Schools/Offices Closed)
- January 19th/20th: Instructional Collaboration Day (school closed for students)
- January 22nd: Report Cards go home
- January 27th: Instructional Collaboration Day (school closed for students)

We are excited to have 25 additional TJES students returning from virtual learning for second semester which begins on Thursday, January 21st. I will be mailing out packets to each of these families with information to make the transition as smooth as possible. We look forward to having your children back and to reconnecting with your families.

Lastly, I am attaching a January 2021 Newsletter from Nurse Cote. Please review this handout for important health related information. As always, if you have any questions for me, please feel free to reach out by calling the school or by sending an email. Wishing you and your family good health in 2021!

Respectfully,

Mr. Overstreet