



The Bear Essentials

Theodore Judah Elementary Newsletter
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A MESSAGE FROM Mr. Holding

Dear Theodore Judah Families,

February is Black History Month, when stories of heroism, resilience, justices and injustices are told, and the recounting of our uncommon and powerful pasts is shared to help lead us to a common future of equity and justice for all. This month, teachers and students are engaging in Black History activities, and discussions about equity for all. It is a value we must share and a goal we take pride in together at Judah.

February also marks the halfway point of the school year. The faculty and staff are continuing to excel and make positive contributions across the school. We are also continuing to celebrate our students for their talent and contributions.

Let's keep doing the great work together; may our differences make us stronger. May the paths of success we strive to pave for our students bring them joy and success. Your support and feedback is always appreciated as we proceed with the all too important process of moving our school forward and offering an education that prepares our students for the 21st century. And, please may Spring soon spring and bring days of warmth and sunshine to our fair city.

Sincerest Regards,
Mr. Holding

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- February 6-20: Open Enrollment (on-line)
- February 9th: 2nd Trimester Progress Reports
- February 12th: No School- Lincoln's Birthday
- February 19th: No School- President's Day

Theodore Judah Spirit Days

Show your school spirit every Friday by wearing the following:

- Your favorite TJ shirt ("Bear Wear")
- Blue or Gold (our school colors)
- Bear Wear order forms will be coming out soon!

Lost and Found

Please remind your children to take home their belongings at the end of each day. The Judah Lost and Found is growing to capacity again.

Flu Season

With cold and flu season upon us, please keep the following guidelines in mind when deciding whether or not to send your child to school. This will help to control the spread of infectious diseases at school and allow your child to be available for learning. Students should remain home for the following reasons:

- **For temperatures greater than 100 degrees. Children should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school and not taking fever reducing medication to control symptoms.**
- **If diagnosed with a strep infection. Students need to be on an antibiotic for a minimum of 24 hours, fever free, and feeling well before returning to school.**
- **If your child has vomited or had persistent diarrhea during the night or in the morning before school.**

- If your child has a heavy, moist productive cough, chest congestion, or discolored nasal drainage.
- If your child has pinkeye (conjunctivitis). Students need to have completed 24 hours of medication, and have no visible redness or discharge before returning to school.

Character Counts

The goal of character education at Theodore Judah Elementary is to develop socially responsible citizens as evidenced by kind, respectful, responsible, and safe student behaviors, so they can be the best learners each and every day. We call this the “**Principal High-Five**”. As a school community, we focus on five school-wide expectations, educate the students about kindness through our “Kindness Program”, promote and celebrate positive student behaviors and deliver a strong anti-bullying message through education and ongoing development of a safe and respectful learning environment. We try and use a lot of our supports through the PBIS model. It is always our goal to provide opportunities for every student to be recognized for making good choices throughout the school day.

As a school community, Theodore Judah Elementary helps teach children skills needed to become respectful, responsible and caring young citizens. Please take some time out at home to review these expectations with your children and have purposeful discussion so that we can best support their success at school. Thanks for all that you do!

Contact Information Changes



PLEASE NOTE THE
NEW ADDRESS &
PHONE NUMBER

Your contact information is very important to us in case of an emergency. If any information should change, please notify the school office so that we can update the information in our system.

PTA Funded Enrichment Programs

Students are attending Science Alive, Garden, Music and Art classes as part of the many enrichments that Judah offers at your neighborhood school. Check out all the great artwork on our hallway bulletin boards throughout our campus. These programs are fully sponsored by all the hard work and efforts of our school PTA. We appreciate all that you do!

February’s Citizenship Theme: Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm is “putting my whole heart into what I do.” Whatever the task, no matter how big or small, **it will always turn out better if you put your whole heart into it!**

Another great thing about enthusiasm is—it’s contagious! Your "spark" of energy and excitement can ignite others to live their lives with enthusiasm.

Daily Attendance is Important

One of the basic foundations for success in school is regular school attendance.

Additionally, teaching our children that regular attendance to school is important helps send the message that education is important. It also teaches the importance of keeping one’s responsibilities. Our monthly attendance goal is 97%.

To that end, please be sure to stay home only when truly ill, or due to a real family need. See the attendance section in our school handbook for additional guidance. Remember to schedule appointments outside of the school day when possible, or to return to school when finished. Minimize early dismissals. Family vacations are not excused absences. Thanks to everyone for supporting daily attendance!