



# The Bear Essentials

Theodore Judah Elementary Newsletter  
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## A MESSAGE FROM Mr. Holding

Dear Theodore Judah Families,

It is so hard to believe that we are well into our third trimester and our year is drawing to a close. What a wonderful spring we have had with so many of our students being able to take part in so many activities. From our hugely successful Nature Bowl, to our many field trips to the library, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Camp Alliance, The Wizard of Oz, State Testing, and our end of the month Open House/Spring Concert, Theodore Judah is always busting with activity and energy. A big thank you to all of the parents, partnerships, and teachers that work to ensure that these opportunities keep happening and evolving.

As the nicer weather is upon us, please keep in mind that your child wears the appropriate school wear. Many of our scholars or in sandals and flip flops during PE and recess and we are experiencing our more than usual slips and falls.

As we finish up the last days of this school year, I want to thank you for your continued focus on academics, citizenship and extracurricular activities. Our partnership with parents is something we truly value at Theodore Judah. I would like to extend one final thank you to PTA and parents volunteers for organizing our Staff Appreciation Week. All of us have felt very spoiled. Thanks again for all that you do.

Respectfully,  
Troy Holding

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- SBAC/CAASPP Testing 4/16-5/11
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Alliance 5/14- 5/18
- Open House 5/31

## 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)

## Welcome

Please help me welcome, Kayla Weldon, as Theodore Judah’s new office manager. She is here to support our students and all our Judah families. Please introduce yourself if you stop by the office. She is very excited to be a new member of the Judah family.

## Arrival/Dismissal (On-going Concern) School Zone Speed Limit= 15mph- 25mph

Student safety is important. At Judah, you can help by following the procedures for drop off and pick-up. Recently Traffic Enforcement was on campus ticketing those who are not adhering to the signs and making u-turns in the school zone. PLEASE do your part!

- NO Supervision on campus until 7:45 am
- The front left of the school in the morning allows for a few parking spots. The right of the entrance is a drop-off area only! Have your children ready to exit when you arrive so that others may pull in behind you.
- Please pull your car all the way forward. There is plenty of sidewalk.
- The street is not a drop off area. It is not safe

- The staff parking lot is for staff parking only and this is absolutely not a drop off area.
- Students need to come through the pedestrian gate and walk along the path.
- Please don't make u-turns where children are present. This is not safe.
- Don't get mad or angry if you are told to move your car. This is in the best interest of the school and the safety of our children.
- Please be on time to pick up your children from school. They will not be supervised after dismissal.
- If children are not in one of our after-school programs or on campus participating in an enrichment activity they are asked to leave campus and return home safely.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated

## 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 and Love and Logic model. It is always our goal to provide opportunities for every student to be recognized for making good choices throughout the school day.

## **May's Citizenship Theme: Respect**

This student will raise their hand if they have a question, and say "excuse me" if they bump into someone else.

### **Contact Information Changes/Enrollment**



**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. Also, if you have moved out of our school boundary, it is imperative that you go through the district's enrollment process to remain at Theodore Judah. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us at (916) 395-4790.**

## **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!



## **Lost and Found**

We need your help in having your children retrieve their belongings on our lost and found racks. Our little scholars are being quite forgetful and leaving things all around our campus. Please stop by the rack and take ownership of their belongings as it is at capacity. If by the first week of June, items aren't retrieved, we will donate all the items to a charitable cause. Thank you for your assistance.

### **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!