

Welcome to  
**K**in**d**er**g**ar**t**en!

Jefferson Elementary School 2026–27 School Year

# OUR AGENDA FOR TONIGHT

- ▶ **Welcome and Introductions**
  - What to expect in kindergarten: Mr. Gifford/Mrs. Rose
- ▶ Notes from our transportation department: Mr. Connell
- ▶ News from the cafeteria: Mrs. Zarrillo
- ▶ Next steps (K screening, summer meeting)
- ▶ Questions/Answers



# JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WELCOMES YOU!

## Our Team

- **Dr. Reardon**, Superintendent of Schools
- **Mrs. Armine Gonzalez**- Director of Academic and Student Support Services
- **Mr. Joby Gifford**, Principal
- **Mrs. Emily Rose**, Assistant Principal
- **Our Kindergarten team**
- **Jill Facticeau & Kettrick Bailey**, school nurses
- **Mrs. Cori Janis**, K-1 secretary
- **Mrs. Denise Smith**, 2-4 secretary
- **Mr. Campbell, Mr. Alderdice** ,security officers
- Special areas instructors, K-4 teachers, AIS providers, and teaching assistants



## A LITTLE ABOUT JEFFERSON

- K-4 BUILDING
- 6-7 SECTIONS PER GRADE LEVEL
- OUR SCHOOL DAY BEGINS AT 8:50 AND ENDS AT 3:00
- ESTABLISHED, EFFICIENT ROUTINES (ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL)
- OUTSTANDING STAFF
- DEDICATED PTO
- A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND GROW!



# GETTING READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

## I can:

- Zip, snap, and button
- I am learning to tie my shoes
- Take care of my own bathroom needs
- Follow directions
- Clean up after myself
- Follow verbal directions
- Share and take turns
- I am practicing my grip on pencils, crayons, and scissors
- Begin to recognize all upper/lower case letters of the alphabet
- Practice writing my name with a capital letter
- Follow words from left to right
- Begin to read high frequency sight words (Ex. the, of, to)
- Count and write numbers to 20

# TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

- We look forward to meeting your children! Always an exciting time.
- The **safety** of your child(ren) is always our highest priority.
- Please fill out Transportation forms(whether riding or transporting)
- Bus times mailed to all in mid-late August.
- Stopfinder App
- Be ready 5 minutes early!



# TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

## MR. CONNELL

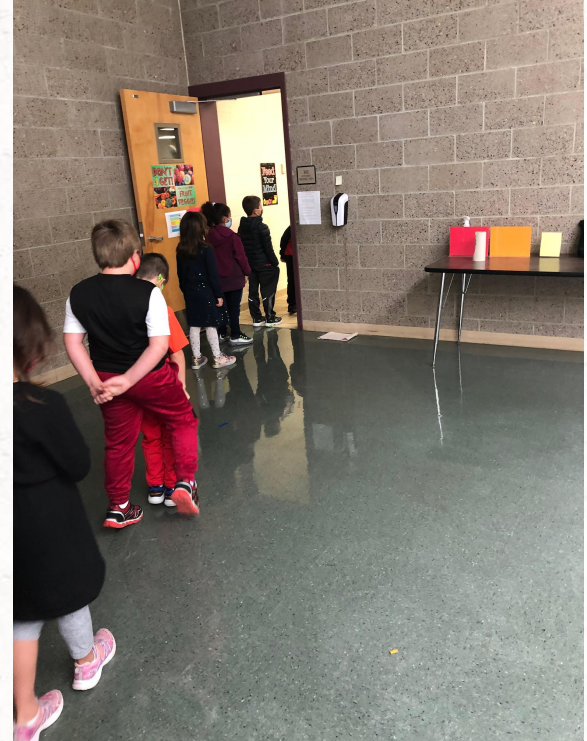
- Safety rules: Stay in seat, hands to self, quiet voice, listen to driver. Kindergarteners sit in close proximity to the front.
- Bus Safety Training in Fall by class.
- Transportation Office Phone: (518) 356-1889
- Please call anytime with questions or concerns.
- Bus Drivers and Bus Attendants needed!  
PAID Training!



# NOTES FROM OUR CAFETERIA

## MRS. ZARRILLO

- ▶ **Breakfast served daily - 8:35 am**
- ▶ **Lunch served daily - 11:00 am-1:00pm**
- ▶ **All students eat lunch in the cafeteria**
- ▶ **Additional support at both times to help students.**
- ▶ **Menu changes monthly-available online**
- ▶ **Any allergies/diet restrictions require a note by the nurse**
- ▶ **Birthday Snack Program information on website**
- ▶ **Linq Connect**



# Health Information

## Notes From The Nurse

**Immunization Requirements:** New York State law requires that all children entering school must have all of their required vaccines. Please see this site for a complete list of required vaccines: <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf>

**PLEASE NOTE:** If your child turns 5 **AFTER** the start of school, or if they have not yet had their 5 year physical before starting school, they will likely need to be seen for a vaccine appointment before school starts in order to be considered up to date for Kindergarten. Please contact your child's doctor to make an appointment.

**Physical Form:** New York State law also requires that all Kindergarten students must have a physical exam. A physical exam is acceptable if it is administered within 12 months prior to the first day of the school year. (For the 2025–26 school year, that would be an exam that was done any time **AFTER** September 5, 2025). You can find the physical exam form here: <https://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/documents/health-exam-form.pdf>

A dental exam is also recommended but not required. That form can be found here: <https://www.schoolhealthny.com/healthexam>

**School Health Services Form (emergency card):** This form will be sent home by your child's teacher the first day of school. Please fill this form out and return it immediately. It provides the nurse with pertinent information regarding your child as well as parent/guardian and emergency contact information.

**Gym excuses:** If your child cannot participate in gym due to illness or injury, please provide the nurse with a written excuse. If your child needs to be out of gym for an extended period of time, a note from the doctor is required. A follow up doctor's note is needed for them to return to gym.

## Notes From The Nurse

**Reporting an absence:** Please call 518-355-1342 to report an absence. Include your child's name, teacher, and reason for the absence.

**If your child is ill:** If your child has ANY symptom of an illness, please keep them home and call the school to notify us. You will receive information on when your child will be able to return to school.

**Dispensing medications:** Administration of prescription and nonprescription medications can only occur with a written order from a doctor, a permission note from the parent, AND the medication provided in its original container. These items are to be brought to the Health Office by an adult. Never let a child bring any medication to school.

**Allergies:** If your child has a food, latex, insect, or environmental allergy requiring medication such as an EpiPen or Benadryl please contact the school nurse regarding additional paperwork needed.

**Please see the Schalmont website for more information:**

<https://www.schalmont.org/district-office-services/health-offices/>

**As always, please feel free to reach out to the school nurse with any questions.**

**Jill Facticeau— 518-355-1342 ext 5036 or [jfacticeau@schalmont.net](mailto:jfacticeau@schalmont.net)**

## Communication

[www.schalmont.org](http://www.schalmont.org)

[Jeffersonpto.com](http://Jeffersonpto.com)

ParentSquare

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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION!

## Jefferson YMCA Program

For more info please contact:

Kristen Reamon, site director, [KREAMON@cdymca.org](mailto:KREAMON@cdymca.org)

518-881-0117 extension 4421

- Morning and Afternoon childcare is offered from 7:00 AM - 8:45 AM and 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- Children may enroll full-time or part-time and schedules can be changed throughout the school year
- All staff are OCFS trained and CPR/First AID certified and maintain all state-regulated training
- Children are split into groups by grade level.
- Snack is provided for each child every day!

# THE JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY PTO

## What is the PTO?

1. Parent Teacher Organization (comprised of parents, family members, and staff members)
2. Plan and execute annual events
3. Help supplement and support (classroom parties, author visits, field trips, winter gear and more.)
4. Maintain PTO website and provide volunteer opportunities for various events.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM

President: Corrie Hoffman- Haddix ([corrie@jeffersonpto.com](mailto:corrie@jeffersonpto.com))

Vice President: Christina Tremante ([christina@jeffersonpto.com](mailto:christina@jeffersonpto.com))

# PTO EVENTS

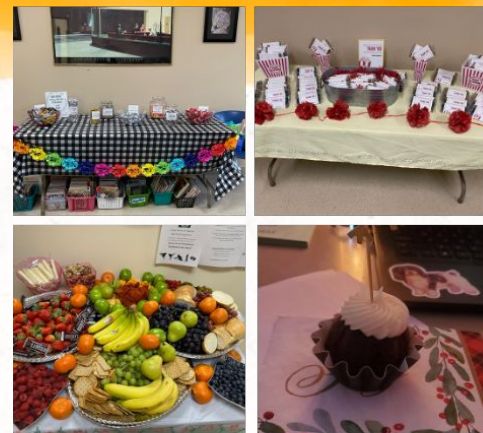
## Trunk or Treat



## Lunch with Santa



## Teacher Appreciation



## Turn off the TV



## 3 & 4 grade Dance



## Journey to Jefferson



**THANKS!**



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