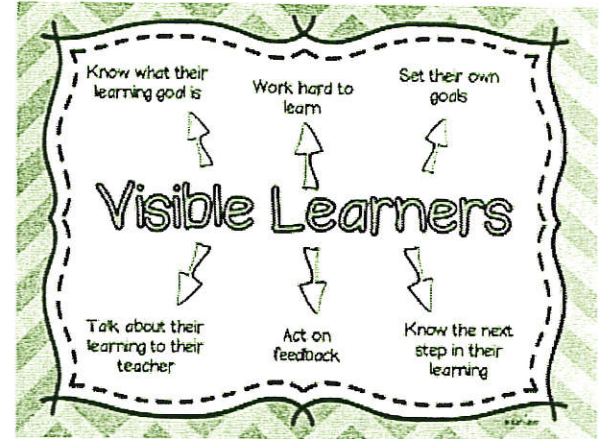


August 2018

Welcome back Jefferson Elementary learners and families. I hope you had a wonderful summer, but now it's time to get back into a routine of learning and growing. The new mission statement for the district is Think, Learn, Be More Together. This fits nicely into what we are trying to do at Jefferson. We do all that we can to support one another so that we can be our best. In fact, the theme for the 2018-19 school year is BE YOUR BEST SELF. We want all of our learners, families, and staff to always be the "BEST." Our focus is to build relationships of trust and to create a community where everyone feels safe and respected.



This year the entire district is implementing Our Safe Schools: All Day Every safety measures to safeguard learners and maintain a positive learning environment. All exterior doors will remain locked during the school day and a video doorbell has been installed at the main door of the school. Please bring valid identification each time you visit the school. A staff member will assist you as soon as possible so please be patient. We are continuing with our Visible Learning this year so remember to ask your Learner the three questions.



1. What am I learning?
2. What progress have I made in my learning?
3. What are my next steps in my learning?

As the new school year begins it is our goal to continue to build culture. As a culture it is our responsibility to identify a uniform purpose. Our purpose is to support learners, staff, and stakeholders so that we build a strong community. This strength comes from the relationships of trust we build with one another. When we work together and have an understanding of where we are going the possibilities are limitless. Lets continue to build are school culture and make Jefferson Elementary the best it can be.

Yolanda Lopez, our PTO President, is still looking for people to join the PTO this school year. They meet the 2nd Friday of each month from 1:30-2:30. The Next meeting is scheduled for September 14th and they are meeting at Fremont park. If you would like to get involved, and we need more volunteers, please contact Yolanda at botelope22@yahoo.com.

Have a safe Labor Day Weekend and thank you for supporting the learners and staff at Jefferson Elementary. If you have questions, ideas, or concerns, you can contact me at thomsoki@sd25.us, or 208-232-2914.

Thank You,

Kirk Thomson

Be Your Best Self!!!!!!!