

Joe Michell

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL LEMBO

Dear Joe Michell Families,

Fall is in the air. The weather is changing and the end of the first trimester is right around the corner. We have lots to celebrate this first trimester. Here are just a few highlights:

Our Boys' Basketball team placed second in the Livermore Area Championship Game! This is the very first time a team from Joe Michell has competed at this level. The game was so close and we couldn't be more proud of these boys: Makhi Braziel, Drayden Curtis, Seth Downey, Estevan Duarte, Noah Olmos, Anthony Ponce, Rahul Prassana, Tristen Tia, and Leo Wu. Go Eagles!

We held a school wide community service project with Kids Against Hunger and packed 19,229 meal pouches. Each meal pouch feeds 6 people, which translates to almost 115,400 meals for people in Bahamas. Our students raised enough money to purchase all of the supplies for this meal packing event. I was so impressed by how seriously our students were about this project, many brought in their own money and shared how they had earned their contribution. This is such a reminder that when we pool our efforts and work together we can have a greater positive impact on the world.

Our Associated Student Body (ASB) Student Leadership students created t-shirt designs that will be used to support Discovering East Africa, a non-profit organization founded by Emily Matthews, who is a teacher on staff. The mission of this organization is to support quality education so that students can have access to the opportunities for a better future. Currently, they are supporting rural schools in East Africa. Check out their t-shirt designs at:

https://teespring.com/shop/discovering-east-africa-support?tsmac=recently_viewed&tsmic=recently_viewed&pid=369&cid=6514

Four of our 8th grade student were recognized for their participation in Tri-Valley Haven's Pace for Peace Event. Josh Yelavich was awarded First Place, his art work was displayed on a t-shirt that will be used to raise funds for this non-profit organization. Teagan Bailiff was awarded Second Place and both Annie Verbinski and Elysse Yepiz were awarded Honorable Mention. These students, along with our art teacher, Mrs. Sausunna, volunteered their time and their talent to a local Livermore organization to support this important cause.

Our middle school students provided opportunities for our younger students to participate in Dia de los Muertos Museum they had created to teach the significance of this cultural tradition. The museum will be open from 8:00 – 5:30 pm on Friday, Nov. 1st in our Multipurpose Room if you would like to come visit.

It is hard to believe that we have already completed one third of this school year. We have so much more to look forward to.

With warm regards,

UPCOMING EVENT

10/23-10/31: Red Ribbon Week

10/31: Halloween Parade



LOOKING AHEAD

11/3: Set your clocks back

11/4-11/13: FJMS - Thankful for Education

11/8: Trimester 1 ends

11/11: NO SCHOOL

11/12: Trimester 2 begins

11/20: IB Awards Assembly

TK-2nd @ 8:45am

3rd-5th @ 9:30am

11/25-11/29: Thanksgiving Break

JOE MICHELL HALLOWEEN GUIDE

TK -5th

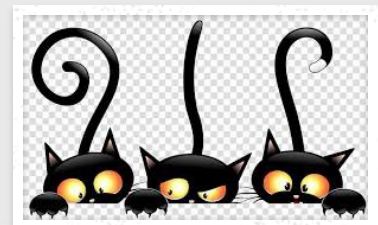
Parade will begin at 8:45am on the blacktop (right-side of the campus) Just a reminder, please NO masks, No Weapons, and NO blood. Students will be asked to change out of their costume after the parade, please make sure they have a change of clothes.

Parents and siblings are welcome to see the parade. If your child(s) classroom is hosting a celebration, all parents must sign in at the office and be a CLEARED VOLUNTEER to remain in the classroom. Siblings are not allowed in the classroom.

Middle School

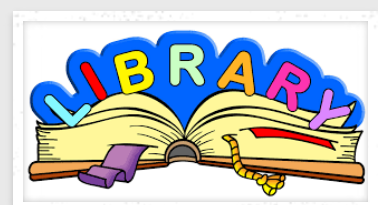
Middle School students are welcomes to dress in costume on Halloween, but will not be participating in the parade. ASB will be hosting a costume contest at lunch for Best Group(2 or more), the funniest, and the most Creative.

Just a reminder, please NO masks, No Weapons, NO blood, and appropriate dress attire is mandatory. Thank you in advanced for your cooperation.



LIBRARY NEWS

- I recently challenged our Fourth graders with a list of summaries of classic books, and they had to name the



book. Leading the pack with 15 correct out of 16 were the team of Anya Wood and Mayer Shaffer. Great job!

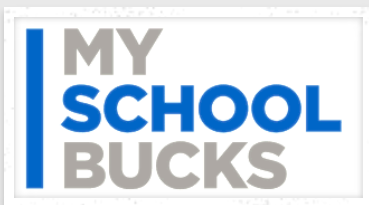
- In Fifth grade, students are playing Library Bingo. If they read a genre of book, they fill in a square. We haven't had any bingos yet, but a few students are close. I am hoping for a few blackouts by the end of the school year.
- Please remind your Middle School student that core novels need to be returned in a timely manner. If they are reading the next book, the previous book needs to come back to the Library. There are a few 8th graders that still have a copy of "The Pearl."
- You can order Scholastic books through the Library on-line. To order, go to:
www.scholastic.com/readingclub

The class code for the Library is LPTTY. Every time you order, you are helping the Joe Michell Library earn books. You will need to set up an account and pay directly to Scholastic, or order with cash or check made out to Scholastic Reading Clubs.

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MY SCHOOL BUCKS

[MySchoolBucks](#) is an online payment service that allows a parent/guardian to add funds to their child's school lunch account using a credit or debit card

FRIENDS OF JOE MICHELL

Hello Joe Mitchell families. I just wanted to take a moment to thank you so much for your participation in our first fundraiser of the year. The color run was a huge success bringing in a total amount of \$34,119.60 that will be used for classroom technology.



The competition was tight this year but please help me in celebrating the following classes:

Gold Shoe: (most money raised) Mrs. Talley's class \$3067

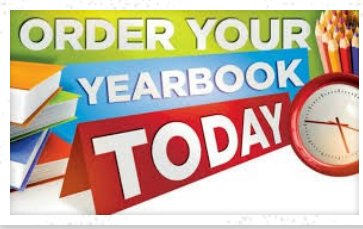
Silver shoe: (most participation) Mrs. Machi's class 81% participation

Blue Shoe: (class spirit) Mrs. Steeley's tie dyed TKers.

And a new added bonus this year the winner of the Disney Raffle was Olivia Casha Mr. Montgomery's class!!!

Thank you all so much. I hope to see you at our November FJMS meeting on Tuesday November 12th at 7pm in the library. We will provide a full financial report, vote on the Shindig theme and highlight important opportunities for you to get involved.

Love, Brook Witherspoon



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IB NEWS

Every five years, the IB organization requires us to complete a Self Study and to reflect on how we are developing as an IB learning community.

As part of our Self Study, we sent out a survey to the community, asking for their input. We received excellent feedback, both on what we are doing well and what we can continue to refine. Here are just a few of the comments we received from parents.



What makes the school attractive to you and your child?

- Since starting at Joe Mitchell, my children now actively ask at home about current events and international news. They started showing an interest in community service and things they could do themselves. They work on Spanish at home every day and are making connections with words and roots from other languages.
- Children have latitude in their learning. When I was at school, there was no choice and flexibility or encouragement of exploration. Our children can explore areas of interest and we like hearing them talk about inquiries and research. They seem to run with it and it doesn't seem force fed.
- The collaborative aspect is very important and there is a lot of creativity. It's like real world learning and it's interesting to think about how these children will turn out in the future and what they will contribute to the world.
- Lessons are planned to not just be subject at hand but how it relates at international levels.
- There is a strong presence of inquiry based instruction and the students are encouraged to explore topics of interest.
- There is a push towards service learning and the helping of others through schoolwide programs that vary at different age groups.
- A focus on world cultures and how we interact with others with a global perspective. Learning a foreign language from a young age. Emphasizing learning and inquiry rather than just the resulting grade.

In what ways can we improve?

- Host a service project and invite the parent community to participate.
- I would love to see students be more active in caring for the school facility and operations by creating "jobs" that every student has to play. They can have a top 3 choice but ultimately rotate through them all. Things like engineering (fixing broken equipment or cleaning up), hospitality (greeting parents, giving new students tours the first week of school), farmer (growing the school garden), chef (preparing and serving meals), etc.
- Offer more foreign language options

- I'd like to see flexible seating in all classes. When these students are in the workforce they won't report a desk that is assigned to them that has 'their belongings;" they can do their job from anywhere.
- Hire diverse staff and teachers, particularly those with global experience. Embrace students' international travel experiences. Develop complementary after-school enrichment activities for kids.

