



# The Bear Essentials

Theodore Judah Elementary Newsletter  
April, 2018

## A MESSAGE FROM Mr. Holding

Dear Theodore Judah Families,

Spring is here and excitement is in the air as we continue to have a wonderful year of learning here at Judah. As always, we greatly appreciate the combined efforts of all as we support our students in successfully meeting the highest standards set before them!

As we enter the month of April, our teachers and staff continue to introduce and review rigorous academic skills and content across all grade levels. With roughly two weeks remaining before our CAASPP testing weeks, it is imperative that our students are present each day and eager to actively participate in applying the purposeful teaching and learning taking place.

With the end of the school year quickly approaching, we want to thank each of you for your ongoing support of our students, our teachers and staff, and our mission here at Judah. This year has been, and continues to be, a success due to the collective efforts of all in providing opportunities and possibilities for all of our students to succeed and grow.

Sincerest Regards,  
Mr. Holding

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- PTA Annual Gala 4/14
- SBAC/CAASPP Testing 4/16-5/11
- Lockdown Drill 4/18

## 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)

## CAASPP Testing for grade 3-6

Students in grades 3-6 will begin taking their state test beginning this month. Your child's teacher will inform you with the exact dates.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. Also visit the following website for more testing information:

[www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/)

## Arrival/Dismissal

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 uturns 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.

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- 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.

### **April’s Citizenship Theme: Tolerance**

This student will work will in any group. They look at problems as challenges rather than obstacles.

## **Contact Information Changes/Enrollment**



**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. 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!

## Rainy Day Procedures

Parents this is a friendly reminder that when the weather is inclement, students in grades 1-6 need to report to the cafeteria in the morning where they will be greeted and picked up by their classroom teacher. Playground is off limits on rainy days. Students in Kindergarten will continue with the same routine in reporting to their classrooms daily.

## **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!