



# The Jefferson Journal

## Early May 2022

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

[Jefferson Elementary School \(helenaschools.org\)](http://helenaschools.org)

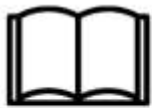
### The VIGILANTE PARADE is back!

The Vigilante Day Parade is returning to pre-pandemic festivities Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, starting downtown at high noon, with an 11:00 A.M. dismissal for students in grades K - 8. There is no afterschool SACC on this day.

Students will be provided the option of taking a sack lunch with them when they are dismissed from school for the day. Breakfast will be served as normal.



New to Helena and want to learn more about the history of the Vigilante Parade? Learn more at [http://www.helenahistory.org/vigilante\\_parade.htm](http://www.helenahistory.org/vigilante_parade.htm).



## LOVE READING? LOVE RIDING? CHECK OUT "READ TO RIDE!"



This fantastic program, brought to you by Montana Radio Company and Helena Motors, is designed to encourage kids to read and to get outside! It's simple: every time you read (5 minutes? 5 books? Whatever!), write it on the weekly tracker form. Bring in the tracker each week to your teacher and get a new one! Every week you read...even a little bit...you get an entry!

The program runs through May 20th. At the end of the school year, there will be a drawing for winners...one fantastic bike per grade level at every school! That's six bikes at our school!

**GOOD LUCK...AND HAPPY READING!**





### **Moving?**

We are in the process of planning for the next school year. If you know that your child will not be attending Jefferson Elementary School next year, please let us know by emailing or calling our school secretary, Brenda Laramore, at [blaramore@helenaschools.org](mailto:blaramore@helenaschools.org), or (406)324-2060. Thank you!

## **JEFFERSON PARENT COUNCIL (JPC) NEWS**

### **Greater Helena Gives**

The [Jefferson Parent Council](#) is pleased to announce our participation in the Greater Helena Gives initiative! Greater Helena Gives is Helena area's annual **24-hour giving campaign** held on May 5-6 (6pm-6pm). The campaign creates awareness to our local non-profits, including our JPC! Check out the [JPC Greater Helena Gives page](#), and be sure to share with friends and family! You'll notice an amazing video created by staff and students asking for your support!

All donations to the JPC will be earmarked for new playground equipment - our goal is \$100,000 with \$16,764 already raised!

Be sure to follow the [Jefferson Parent Council Facebook page](#) for reminders and updates. Lastly, [check out these incredible prizes](#) provided by the initiative, including fun opportunities to receive additional donations! A huge thank you to all sponsors!

On behalf of our Parent Council and Jefferson Community, thanks in advance for your support!

### **Pedestrian Safety**

In coordination with Principal Carter, JPC is communicating with the City of Helena and State of Montana officials regarding pedestrian and traffic safety measures on Broadway Avenue in front of Jefferson Elementary. We are requesting two sets of pedestrian-activated crosswalk signals on Broadway Avenue. JPC representatives have met with Mayor Collins, the Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Committee, State of Montana Department of Transportation, Montana Highway Patrol, and Helena Citizens Council in order to raise concerns regarding student safety and traffic on Broadway.

### **JPC Officer Elections for Next School Year**

Elections for JPC officer positions for next school year will be held at the next meeting - May 12, 5:30pm to 7pm on Teams. If you are interested in an officer position, please join us!



# Mark Your Calendars

**Early Release (2:30) Dismissal ~ Every Monday!!**

**Secretaries Day ~ April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Kindergarten JumpStart ~ April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Teacher Appreciation Week! May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigilante Parade Day! All School Dismissal 11:00 ~ May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**National School Nurse's Day ~ May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Last JPC Meeting 5:30 – 7:00 ~ May 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Memorial Day ~ No School ~ May 30<sup>th</sup>**

**All School Field Day and BBQ ~ June 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Last day of school ~ 12:00 Noon Release ~ June 9<sup>th</sup>**

