

OCTOBER JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY

POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRALS REIMAGINED: A Conscious Discipline Approach:

Positive Office Referrals are still happening at Jefferson, but we've given them a Conscious Discipline spin! Our goal is to shift the focus from extrinsic rewards to intrinsic motivation. We continue to use our traditional referral forms, which recognize qualities such as compassion, dependability, and kindness, while also offering new forms that celebrate students for demonstrating our Power Skills. Students can be recognized using either form, ensuring that we continue to celebrate the many ways our students contribute positively to our school community. The biggest change comes in how we celebrate students. Instead of choosing a prize from the cart, students are invited to Mrs. Thorpe or Mrs. Full's office, where their parents are contacted on speakerphone so students can hear every word of the positive recognition being shared about them. And the smiles say it all! Students are truly beaming as they hear their accomplishments celebrated by the adults who care about them most. Students also have their picture taken with the group, and their celebration is featured on our hallway television throughout the week. They leave the office feeling proud, valued, and genuinely good about themselves. We are helping our students experience something powerful: doing good feels good... with or without a prize!



★ UPCOMING EVENTS ★

Fall Family Fun Night: October 29 | 5:00–6:00 PM

Join us for an evening of games, fun, and family time!

1st Quarter School-Wide Celebration: Date TBD

Students will choose from a menu of celebratory activities offered throughout classrooms across all grade levels. We're looking forward to a day filled with fun, connection, and celebration!

2nd Power Skills Rally October 30, 2026 | 8:00 AM

Join us for an all-school "Morning Meeting" as we celebrate and honor our students' hard work using encouragement. We'll also introduce our next Power Skill: Assertiveness!

Power Skill Rally: Composure

Jefferson held our first official Power Skill Rally, and it was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our students and build a strong sense of community across our school. Students were honored for their hard work and growth in Composure, with their families invited to join us and witness their recognition by their teachers. The Jefferson PSI team also led students and participating families in a school-wide Brain Smart Start, giving everyone an opportunity to engage, connect, regulate, and commit together as one large group. We wrapped up our focus on Composure and introduced our next Power Skill: Encouragement. Throughout the month of October, teachers will facilitate lessons focused on the Power Skill of Encouragement while providing students with meaningful opportunities to practice this skill in their daily interactions. As students put these skills into action, we will continue to recognize and celebrate their hard work, growth, and positive contributions to our school community.



Title I Reading Night

The Jefferson Title I team hosted a Title I Family Reading Night designed to strengthen the connection between learning at school and literacy support at home. Families were provided with practical resources, handouts, and engaging "make-and-take" activities to use with their children. The evening gave parents an opportunity to learn strategies that align with

classroom instruction while also providing meaningful ways to support reading development at home. To celebrate a love of reading, each student was also invited to choose a book to take home and add to their personal library.

