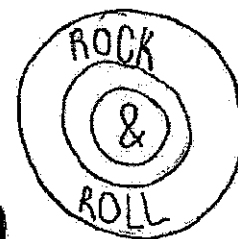


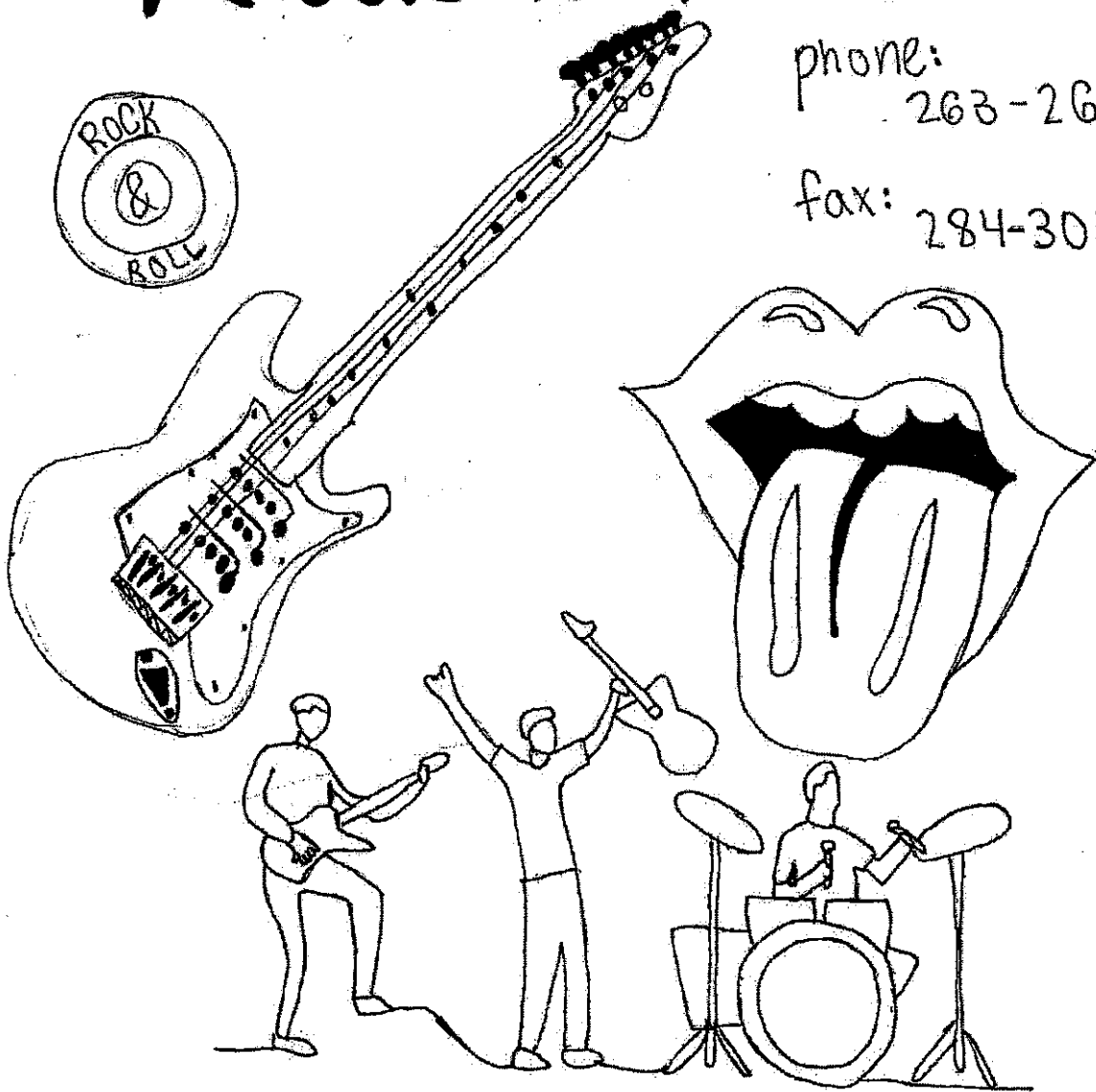
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# **Morton Unit District 709**

## **Mission Statement**

The mission statement of Unit School District 709 is to serve the Groveland-Morton community by stimulating a desire for life-long learning, graduating productive individuals, and challenging all to achieve their highest potentials as active participants and leaders in a dynamic, global society.

### **JEFFERSON**

### **SCHOOL**

#### **Vision**

Educating Patriots today, to be leaders tomorrow.

Our students will be respectful, responsible, and ready to excel in learning and serving.

#### **Mission**

We are **P.A.T.R.I.O.T.S.**

**Positive role models & Problem solvers**

**Achievers**

**Team players**

**Readers and Rigorous learners**

**Independent thinkers**

**Open-minded & Offering opportunities to all**

**Technology innovators**

**Setting examples by serving others**

Jefferson Patriots – A Tradition of Academic Excellence since 1928

## THE 3Rs

### RESPECTFUL

### RESPONSIBLE

### READY

	Arrival/Dismissal	Assembly	Bathroom
<b>I am RESPECTFUL</b>	Level 2 voice Hands & feet to self	Level 0 voice Hands & feet to self	Level 1 voice Hands & feet to self respect privacy
<b>I am RESPONSIBLE</b>	Walk to your destination Know how you are going home	Sit flat Face forward	Flush toilets Wash hands Use what you need Report broken or empty equipment to staff
<b>I am READY</b>	Have belongings Eyes forward in line Be on time	Give attention to speaker Eyes forward	Wait in line Leave restroom when finished

	Hallway	Lunchroom	Recess
<b>I am RESPECTFUL</b>	Level 0 voice Hands & feet to self	Level 2 voice Hands & feet to self Use manners & polite words	Level 3 voice inside; Level 4 voice outside Hands & feet to self Be kind & include all
<b>I am RESPONSIBLE</b>	Walk on right side Move to your destination	Clean up	Use equipment appropriately Put away recess equipment Report concerns
<b>I am READY</b>	Eyes forward in line	Eyes forward in line Know your lunch choice	Eyes forward in line Dress for the weather

## JEFFERSON SCHOOL SONG

### **You're a Grand Old School**

(Sung to the tune of *You're a Grand Old Flag*, by George M. Cohen)

You're a grand old school.  
You are Jefferson school. And  
forever and ever we will say

You're the emblem of

The school I love,

The Red, White, and Blue all the way!

Every boy and girl loves the Jefferson school,  
Where there's never a boast or a brag; And  
the Patriots are here to stay!  
We are loyal to Jefferson school!

Words by: Bobby Reese, former Jefferson student

## JEFFERSON MASCOT AND COLORS

Our mascot is the Patriot, as shown on the sign mounted on a gym wall. This wood sign was constructed in the 1980's in front of the school building and was the first to identify the school as Jefferson School by Principal Allan Larocco. Up until then, the school's only labeling was Morton Grade School, the original lettering on the building when the school was built in 1928.

The school colors are red, white, and blue.



## **JEFFERSON SCHOOL STAFF**

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Chelsea Camp	Nicole Gold	Jeany Righi	Keshia Wenninger
Carrie Claassen	Cassandra Grabowski	Jackie Seaton	
Mandy Collins	Lori Green	Robin Sizemore	

### **Support Staff**

Teri Goodspeed	Dave Keen	Octavia Wolf
Hannah Guenther	Stacy Krantz	Lisa Raisor
Doug Hutchison	Dante Williams	



# **STUDENT AMBASSADORS**

5th Grade

Gracie Braker, Gabe Carr, Paige Knuppel,  
Carter Stephens, Sal Zapata-Zarate, Riley Zilla

6th Grade

Emme Dean, Oliver Henricks, Colton Kidd,  
Zia Maldonado, Zac Pflederer, Lilyana Woods

**2023 - 2024 JEFFERSON SCHOOL P.T.O**  
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BOOK FAIR – Jennifer Donovan  
CARNIVAL – Amy Jones & Ashly Stephens  
CHRISTMAS BASKETS – Lori Green & Jessica Escribano  
CONCESSIONS – Keshia Wenninger  
FUNDRAISING – Jen Donovan, Lindsay Majors, & Michelle Johnson  
GAMEBALL RUN – Ashly Stephens & Ashley Mathewson  
GIVING TREE – Lauren Lehmkuhl  
LAUGH OLYMPICS – Jen Donovan & Chelsea Camp  
POPCORN – Beverly Carr & Michelle Johnson  
PUMPKIN FESTIVAL CLEAN-UP – Ashly Stephens & Lori Green  
READ-A-THON – Lindsay Majors  
SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS – Lindsay Majors  
SCRIP – Sam Kraushaar  
SOCIAL MEDIA - Ashley Mathewson  
SPIRIT WEAR – Jennie Pollitt  
ST. JUDE WEEK – Amy Jones  
STAFF LUNCHESES/TREATS – Sarah Fore, Lindsay Majors, and Lori Green  
TEACHER APPRECIATION – Lindsay Majors  
YEARBOOK – Lauren Lehmkuhl & Sarah Fore

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The primary purpose of this organization shall be to promote parent, teacher, and child involvement and to cultivate a sound social and educational relationship between home and school. As a secondary function, it will serve as a fund raising medium with such funds being expended to further its primary goals. Every parent with a child attending Jefferson School is automatically a member of the P.T.O.

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**MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709**  
**2023-24 School Year Calendar**

Month	Date	Day	Activity	Notes	Days of Pupil Attendance
August 2023	15	Tuesday	Teacher Institute Day	No School	
	16	Wednesday	First day of attendance for students: <u>Elementary</u> – 8:20 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. <u>Brown</u> – 8:10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. <u>Jr.Hi/H.S.</u> – 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	A.M. Only	12
September	4	Monday	Labor Day	No School	
	15	Friday	<u>Early Dismissal</u> - Elem.-11:55 (BR-11:45) JH/HS-11:00	A.M. Only	20
October	4	Wednesday	<u>Early Dismissal</u> - Elem.-11:55 (BR-11:45) JH/HS-11:00	A.M. Only	
	9	Monday	Columbus Day	No School	
	13	Friday	Inservice, Half-day (p.m.)***	A.M. Only	
	19	Thursday	P-T Conf. for MJHS & MHS ONLY - No School	ECE-6 Full Day	
	20	Friday	P-T Conf. for MJHS & MHS ONLY - No School	ECE-6 Full Day	21
November	1	Wednesday	<u>Early Dismissal</u> - Elem.-11:55 (BR-11:45) JH/HS-11:00	A.M. Only	
	9	Thursday	P/T Conf. for ECE/Elem-6 <sup>th</sup> ONLY - No School	7th-12th Full Day	
	10	Friday	P/T Conf. for ECE/Elem-6 <sup>th</sup> ONLY - No School	7th-12th Full Day	
	22-24	Weds. – Fri.	Thanksgiving Vacation		19
December	6	Wednesday	<u>Early Dismissal</u> - Elem.-11:55 (BR-11:45) JH/HS-11:00	A.M. Only	
	22	Friday	Inservice Half-day (p.m.)*** <u>Grundy, Lincoln, Jefferson</u> – 8:20 – 11:55 a.m. <u>Brown</u> – 8:10 – 11:45 a.m. <u>Junior High</u> – 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. <u>High School</u> – 8:00 - 12:05 p.m. (Final Exams)	A.M. Only	
	25-29	Mon. – Fri.	Christmas Vacation	No School	16
January 2024	1-5	Mon. – Fri.	Christmas Vacation, cont.	No School	
	8	Monday	School Resumes		
	8	Monday	<u>Early Dismissal</u> -Elem.-11:55 (BR-11:45) JH/HS-11:00	A.M. Only	
	15	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	No School	17
February	7	Wednesday	<u>Early Dismissal</u> -Elem.-11:55 (BR-11:45) JH/HS-11:00	A.M. Only	
	19	Monday	Presidents' Day	No School	20
March	6	Wednesday	<u>Early Dismissal</u> - Elem.-11:55 (BR-11:45) JH/HS-11:00	A.M. Only	
	8	Friday	Inservice, Half-day (p.m.)***	A.M. Only	
	25-29	Mon. – Fri.	Spring Break		16
April	1	Monday	Easter Break	No School	
	3	Wednesday	<u>Early Dismissal</u> - Elem.-11:55 (BR-11:45) JH/HS-11:00	A.M. Only	21
May	1	Wednesday	<u>Early Dismissal</u> - Elem.-11:55 (BR-11:45) JH/HS-11:00		
	19	Sunday	High School Graduation – 2:00 pm		
	27	Monday	Memorial Day		
	30	Thursday	Last Day for Students* Inservice Half-day (p.m.) <u>Grundy, Lincoln, Jefferson</u> – 8:20 – 11:55 a.m. <u>Brown</u> – 8:10 – 11:45 a.m. <u>Junior High</u> – 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. <u>High School</u> – 8:00 - 12:05 p.m. (Final Exams)	A.M. Only	
	31	*Friday	Last Day of the School Term* Teacher Institute Day		16

\*\*\* - End of quarters. 1<sup>st</sup> 10/13/23 \* 2<sup>nd</sup> 12/22/23 \* 3<sup>rd</sup> 3/8/24 \* 4<sup>th</sup> 5/22/24

Note: \*Any unused emergency days can be declared as special holidays. In the event that no emergency days are used, May 22 would be the last student attendance day and May 23 a Teacher Institute day.

Approved: December 13, 2022-a revised: 7-24-23



# 2023-2024 JEFFERSON CALENDAR

Calendar is subject to change.

<b>AUGUST</b>	
3	District 709 Registration 7am-1pm
10	Kindergarten Round Up
14	Class Assignments in PowerSchool
15	Kindergarten Unpack Your Backpack 4:00-5:00pm
16	First Half Day for Students – 11:55am Dismissal
17	First Full Day For Students
17	Meet The Teacher – 6:00-7:30pm
22	Picture Day
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
4	No School - Labor Day
11	Patriot Day
13-16	Pumpkin Festival
15	Early Dismissal – 11:55am
25	PTO Meeting – 6:30pm
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
4	Early Dismissal – 11:55am
9	No School – Columbus Day
13	Q1 Ends - Early Dismissal 11:55am
17	Picture Make-Up Day
17	Jefferson's 95th Celebration
23	PTO Meeting – 6:30pm
23-27	Red Ribbon Week
31	Halloween Parade and Parties
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
1	Early Dismissal – 11:55am
7	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Performance 6:30pm
9-10	No School - P/T Conferences
20	PTO Meeting – 6:30pm
22-24	No School - Thanksgiving
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
6	Early Dismissal – 11:55am
7 7	Kindergarten Performance – 6:00pm 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Performance – 7:00pm
13	PTO Christmas Baskets – 8:30am
21	Christmas Parties
22	Q2 Ends - Early Dismissal 11:55am
Dec 25-Jan 5	No School – Winter Break

<b>JANUARY</b>	
8	School Resumes Early Dismissal - 11:55am
15	No School – MLK Jr Day
19	Spelling Bee – 1:00pm
22	PTO Meeting – 6:30pm
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
7	Early Dismissal – 11:55am
8-9	Gameball Run
14	Valentine's Parties
19	No School – President's Day
23	Carnival – 4:30-7:30pm
<b>MARCH</b>	
5	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Performance – 6:30pm
6	Early Dismissal – 11:55am
7	Open House & Book Fair – 6:00-7:30pm
8	Q3 Ends - Early Dismissal 11:55am
11	PTO Meeting – 6:30pm
15	Aide Appreciation Day
25-Apr 1	Spring Break
<b>APRIL</b>	
2	School Resumes
3	Early Dismissal – 11:55am
8-9	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation at MJHS 6:00-7:00pm
22	PTO Meeting – 6:30pm
22-26	St Jude Week
<b>MAY</b>	
1	Early Dismissal – 11:55am
6-10	Staff Appreciation Week
9	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Step Up Day
10	Jefferson School Picnic
20	Kindergarten Celebration
21	Laugh Olympics
22 (With NO Emergency days used)	Last Day of School – ½ Day – Dismissal 11:55am

## **DAILY SCHEDULE**

Office Hours	7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Teachers' Work Hours	7:50 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.
Morning Announcements	8:20 a.m.
All Grades Daily Hours	8:20 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.

## **REPORTING PERIOD**

<b>9 – Week Periods</b>	<b>Period Ends</b>	<b>Report Cards</b>
1st	October 13	October 20
2nd	December 22	January 12
3rd	March 8	March 15
4th	End of Year	End of Year

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
K-Bohnhoff	PE 1:00-1:25	CL 9:45-10:10 PE 1:00-1:25	Mus 9:45-10:10 PE 1:00-1:25	Lib 9:45-10:10 PE 1:00-1:25	Mus 9:45-10:10 PE 1:00-1:25
K-Cline	Mus 9:20-9:45 PE 1:25-1:50	PE 1:25-1:50	CL 9:20-9:45 PE 1:25-1:50	Lib 9:20-9:45 PE 1:25-1:50	Mus 9:20-9:45 PE 1:25-1:50
1-Herren	PE 11:00-11:25 Mus 11:25-11:50	PE 11:00-11:25 Lib 11:25-11:50	PE 11:00-11:25 Mus 11:25-11:50	PE 11:00-11:25 CL 11:25-11:50	PE 11:00-11:25
1-Ralston	Mus 11:00-11:25 PE 11:25-11:50	Lib 11:00-11:25 PE 11:25-11:50	Mus 11:00-11:25 PE 11:25-11:50	PE 11:25-11:50	PE 11:25-11:50
2-Birkey	PE 11:50-12:15	Mus 11:25-11:50 PE 11:50-12:15	Lib 11:25-11:50 PE 11:50-12:15	Mus 11:25-11:50 PE 11:50-12:15	CL 11:25-11:50 PE 11:50-12:15
2-Washburn	PE 10:35-11:00	PE 10:35-11:00 Mus 11:00-11:25	PE 10:35-11:00 Lib 11:00-11:25	PE 10:35-11:00 Mus 11:00-11:25	PE 10:35-11:00 CL 11:00-11:25
3-Sarver	PE 9:20-9:45 CL 9:45-10:10	PE 9:20-9:45 Mus 9:45-10:10	PE 9:20-9:45 Lib 9:45-10:10	PE 9:20-9:45 Mus 9:45-10:10	PE 9:20-9:45
3-Tomlinson	PE 9:20-9:45	PE 9:20-9:45 Mus 10:35-11:00	Lib 8:55-9:20 PE 9:20-9:45	PE 9:20-9:45 Mus 10:35-11:00	PE 9:20-9:45 CL 10:35-11:00
4-Brenkman	PE 10:10-10:35 Mus 10:35-11:00	PE 10:10-10:35 CL 10:35-11:00	PE 10:10-10:35 Mus 10:35-11:00	PE 10:10-10:35 Lib 10:35-11:00	PE 10:10-10:35
4-Pierz	PE 9:45-10:10	Mus 9:20-9:45 PE 9:45-10:10	Lib 9:20-9:45 PE 9:45-10:10	Mus 9:20-9:45 PE 9:45-10:10	CL 9:20-9:45 PE 9:45-10:10
5-Dirks	PE 8:55-9:20	PE 8:55-9:20 Mus 12:10-12:35	PE 8:55-9:20 Lib 12:10-12:35	PE 8:55-9:20 Mus 12:10-12:35	PE 8:55-9:20
5-Schoen	PE 8:55-9:20 Mus 12:10-12:35	PE 8:55-9:20 Lib 12:10-12:35	PE 8:55-9:20 Mus 12:10-12:35	PE 8:55-9:20	PE 8:55-9:20
6-Geist	PE 8:30-8:55 Mus 10:10-10:35	PE 8:30-8:55	PE 8:30-8:55 Lib 10:10-10:35	PE 8:30-8:55	PE 8:30-8:55 Mus 10:10-10:35
6-Kruzick	PE 8:30-8:55	PE 8:30-8:55 Mus 10:10-10:35	PE 8:30-8:55 Lib 10:35-11:00	PE 8:30-8:55 Mus 10:10-10:35	PE 8:30-8:55

	Kindergarten	5-6	3-4	1-2
	11:00-11:45	11:25-12:10	11:50-12:35	12:15-1:00
Lunch	11:00-11:20	11:25-11:45	11:50-12:10	12:15-12:35
Recess	11:20-11:45	11:45-12:10	12:10-12:35	12:35-1:00

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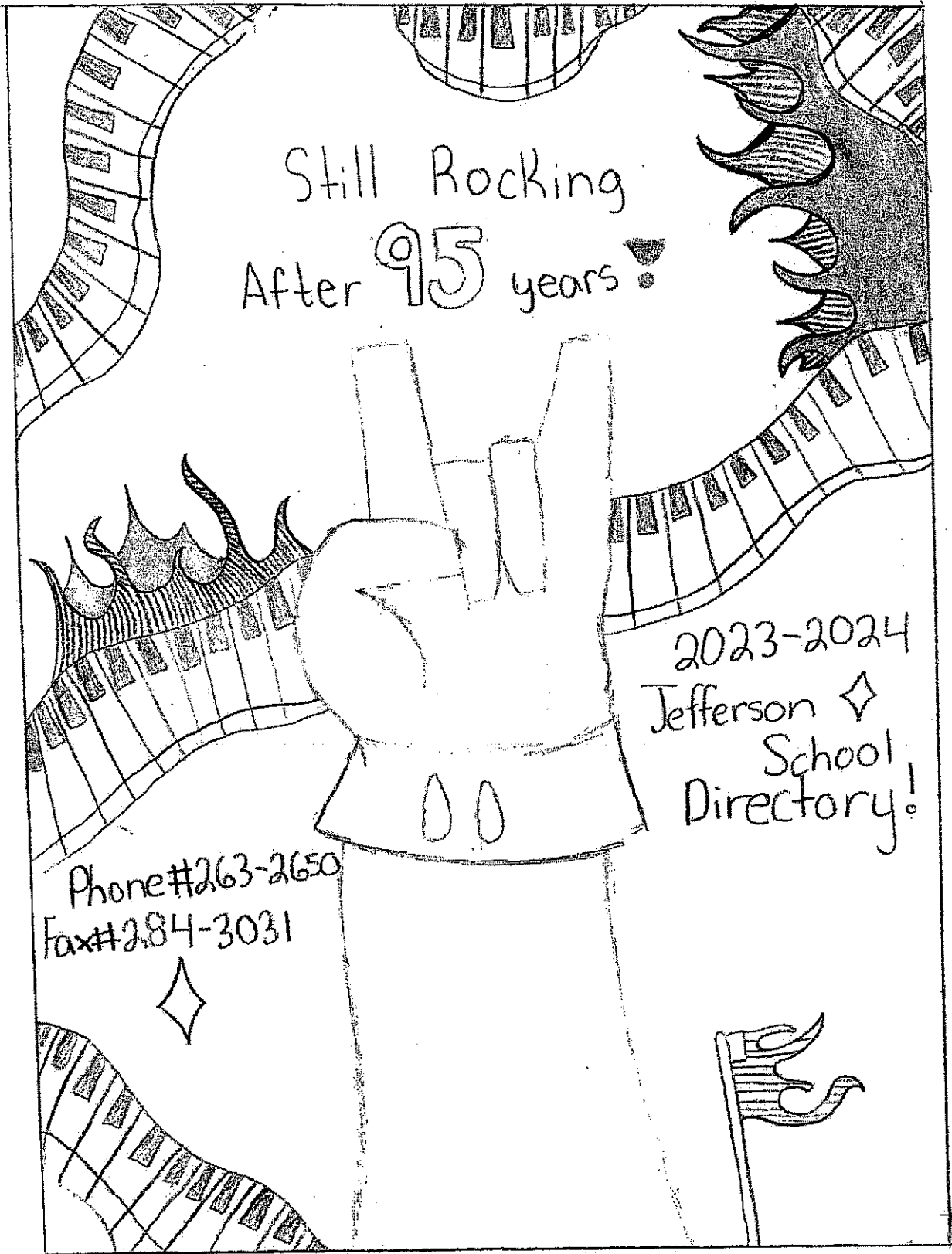
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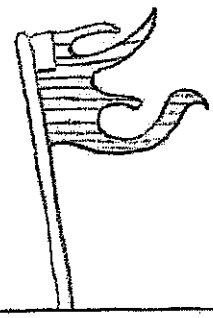
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