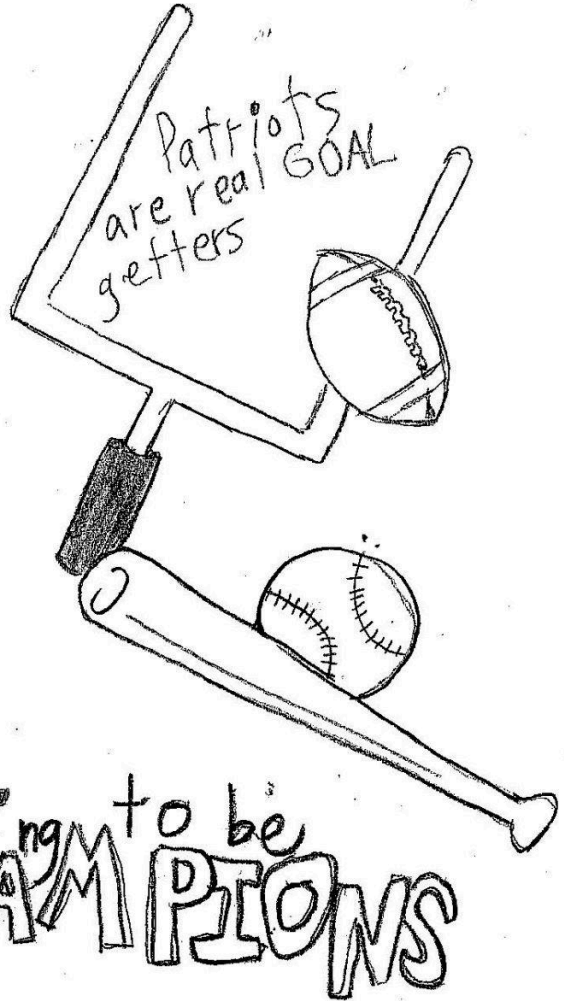


2024-2025 JEFFERSON directory



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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 & **P**roblem solvers

Achievers

Team players

Readers and **R**igorous learners

Independent thinkers

Open-minded & **O**ffering 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
I am RESPECTFUL	Level 2 voice Hands & feet to self	Level 0 voice Hands & feet to self	Level 1 voice Hands & feet to self respect privacy
I am RESPONSIBLE	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
I am READY	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
I am RESPECTFUL	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
I am RESPONSIBLE	Walk on right side Move to your destination	Clean up	Use equipment appropriately Put away recess equipment Report concerns
I am READY	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.



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Chelsea Camp	Nicole Gold	Lindsay Lewis	Marissa Troxell
Carrie Claassen	Erika Gordon	Christy Powers	Zoë Troxell
Mandy Collins	Cassandra Grabowski	Jeany Righi	Sarah Webb
Elsa Dean	Lori Green	Jackie Seaton	Keshia Wenninger

Support Staff

Doug Hutchison	Amber Miller	
Dave Keen	Lisa Raisor	Octavia Wolf
Stacy Krantz	Tonya Smith	



2024

Student Ambassadors

Nasia Foday
Mia Camp
Audrey Henricks
Owen Taylor
Brady Hadden
Graham Owen

Indie Luhring
Karina Williams
Evy Kirk
Jacob Trine
Hewy Erickson
Jace Kuras



2024 - 2025 JEFFERSON SCHOOL P.T.O.
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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

BOOK FAIR – Jennifer Donovan

BOX TOPS/AMAZON SMILE – Jaclyn Whitlock

CARNIVAL – Amy Jones & Ashly Stephens

CHRISTMAS BASKETS – Lori Green

CONCESSIONS – Keshia Wenninger

FAMILY IN NEED – Ashley Mathewson

FUNDRAISING – Lindsay Majors, Michelle Johnson, Ashley Mathewson, Alli Hutchings, Ashly Stephens, Lori Green

GAMEBALL RUN –Ashley Mathewson, Chelsea Camp, Ashly Stephens

GIVING TREE – Lauren Johnson

POPCORN – Beverly Carr & Michelle Johnson

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL CLEAN-UP – Ashly Stephens, Lori Green, Jason Carnal, Jennifer Carnal

READ-A-THON – Lindsay Majors

SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS – Lindsay Majors

SCRIP – Sam Kraushaar

SOCIAL MEDIA - Ashley Mathewson

SPIRIT WEAR – Jennie Pollitt

ST. JUDE WEEK – Jason Carnal & Angela Brown

STAFF LUNCHESES/TREATS – Ashley Mathewson

TEACHER APPRECIATION – Lindsay Majors

YEARBOOK – Lauren Johnson & Sarah Fore

THANK YOU NOTES - Krissy Funkhouser & Jennifer Carnal

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.

MORTON UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 709

2024-25 School Year Calendar

Month	Date	Day	Activity	Notes	Days of Pupil Attendance
August 2024	12	Monday	Teacher Institute Day	No School	14
	13	Tuesday	First day of attendance for students: Elementary – 8:20 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. Brown – 8:10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Jr.Hi/H.S. – 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	A.M. Only	
September	2	Monday	Labor Day	No School	20
	13	Friday	Early Dismissal- Elem.-11:55 (BR-11:45) JH/HS-11:00	A.M. Only	
October	2	Wednesday	Early Dismissal- Elem.-11:55 (BR-11:45) JH/HS-11:00	A.M. Only	21
	11	Friday	Inservice, Half-day (p.m.)***	A.M. Only	
	24	Thursday	Parent-Teacher Conferences	No School	
	25	Friday	Parent-Teacher Conferences	No School	
November	5	Tuesday	Election Day	No School	16
	6	Wednesday	Early Dismissal- Elem.-11:55 (BR-11:45) JH/HS-11:00	A.M. Only	
	11	Monday	Veterans Day	No School	
	27-29	Wed-Thu-Fri	Thanksgiving Vacation	No School	
December	4	Wednesday	Early Dismissal- Elem.-11:55 (BR-11:45) JH/HS-11:00	A.M. Only	15
	20	Friday	Inservice Half-day (p.m.)*** Grundy, Lincoln, Jefferson – 8:20 – 11:55 a.m. Brown – 8:10 – 11:45 a.m. Junior High – 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. High School – 8:00 - 12:05 p.m. (Final Exams)	A.M. Only	
January 2025	23-31		Christmas Vacation	No School	19
	1-3	Wed-Thu-Fri	Christmas Vacation, cont.	No School	
	6	Monday	School Resumes	A.M. Only	
	6	Monday	Early Dismissal- Elem.-11:55 (BR-11:45) JH/HS-11:00	A.M. Only	
February	20	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	No School	19
	5	Wednesday	Early Dismissal- Elem.-11:55 (BR-11:45) JH/HS-11:00	A.M. Only	
March	17	Monday	Presidents' Day	No School	16
	5	Wednesday	Early Dismissal- Elem.-11:55 (BR-11:45) JH/HS-11:00	A.M. Only	
April	7	Friday	Inservice, Half-day (p.m.)***	A.M. Only	20
	24-28	Mon – Fri	Spring Break	No School	
	2	Wednesday	Early Dismissal- Elem.-11:55 (BR-11:45) JH/HS-11:00	A.M. Only	
May	18	Friday	Good Friday	No School	16
	21	Monday	Easter Monday	No School	
	7	Wednesday	Early Dismissal- Elem.-11:55 (BR-11:45) JH/HS-11:00	A.M. Only	
	18	Sunday	<i>High School Graduation–2:00 p.m.- Tentative Date</i>	No School	
June	26	Monday	Memorial Day	No School	16
	30	Friday	Last Day for Students*** Inservice Half-day (p.m.) Grundy, Lincoln, Jefferson – 8:20 – 11:55 a.m. Brown – 8:10 – 11:45 a.m. Junior High – 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. High School – 8:00 - 12:05 p.m. (Final Exams)	A.M. Only	
	2	*Monday	Last Day of the School Term* Teacher Institute Day		

*** End of quarters. 1st 10/11/24 2nd 12/20/24 3rd 3/7/25 4th 5/22/25 *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: January 23, 2024

2024-2025 JEFFERSON CALENDAR

Calendar is subject to change.

AUGUST	
1	District 709 Registration 7am-1pm
8	Kindergarten Round Up
9	Class Assignments in PowerSchool @3pm
12	Meet the Teacher/ Unpack Your Backpack 6:00-7:00pm
13	First ½ Day for Students – 11:55am Dismissal
14	First Full Day For Students
20	Picture Day
SEPTEMBER	
2	No School - Labor Day
11	Patriot Day
11-14	Pumpkin Festival
13	Early Dismissal – 11:55am
23	PTO Meeting – 6:30pm
OCTOBER	
2	Early Dismissal – 11:55am
4	PATS Card Reward Day
11	Q1 Ends - Early Dismissal 11:55am
15	Picture Make-Up Day
21	PTO Meeting – 6:30pm
21-23	Red Ribbon Week
24-25	No School - P/T Conferences
31	Halloween Parade and Parties
NOVEMBER	
5	No School - Election Day
6	Early Dismissal – 11:55am
8	PATS Card Reward Day
11	No School - Veterans Day
14	3 rd /4 th Grade Performance 6:30pm
25	PTO Meeting – 6:30pm
27-29	No School - Thanksgiving
DECEMBER	
4	Early Dismissal – 11:55am
11	PTO Christmas Baskets – 8:30am
13	PATS Card Reward Day
17	Kindergarten Performance – 6:00pm
17	1 st & 2 nd Grade Performance – 7:00pm
19	Christmas Parties
20	Q2 Ends - Early Dismissal 11:55am
Dec 23-Jan 3	No School – Winter Break

JANUARY	
6	School Resumes Early Dismissal - 11:55am
20	No School – MLK Jr Day
23	Poetry Cafe - 5:30pm
24	Spelling Bee – 1:00pm
27	PTO Meeting – 6:30pm
FEBRUARY	
5	Early Dismissal – 11:55am
7	PATS Card Reward Day
14	Gameball Run
14	Valentine's Parties
17	No School – Presidents' Day
21	Carnival – 4:30-7:30pm
MARCH	
5	Early Dismissal – 11:55am
6	Open House & Book Fair – 6:00-7:30pm
7	Q3 Ends - Early Dismissal 11:55am
13	5 th & 6 th Grade Performance – 6:30pm
14	Aide Appreciation Day
14	PATS Card Reward Day
17	PTO Meeting – 6:30pm
17-21	Inclusion Week
24-28	Spring Break
APRIL	
2	Early Dismissal – 11:55am
4	PATS Card Reward Day
7-8	6 th Grade Orientation at MJHS (tentative) 6:00-7:00pm
18	No School - Easter Break
21	No School - Easter Break
22-25	St Jude Week
28	PTO Meeting – 6:30pm
MAY	
2	PATS Card Reward Day
5-9	Staff Appreciation Week
7	Early Dismissal – 11:55am
8	6 th Grade Step Up Day (tentative)
9	Jefferson School Picnic
20	Kindergarten Celebration
21	Laugh Olympics
26	No School – Memorial Day
30 (If ALL 5 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

9 – Week Periods	Period Ends	Report Cards
1 st	October 11	October 18
2 nd	December 20	January 10
3 rd	March 7	March 14
4 th	End of Year	End of Year

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
K-Bohnhoff	Mus 9:45-10:10 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 9:20-9:45 PE 1:00-1:25	PE 1:00-1:25
K-Campbell	Mus 9:20-9:45 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	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	CL 11:00-11:25 PE 11:25-11:50	PE 11:25-11:50
2-Birkey	PE 10:10-10:35	PE 10:10-10:35 Lib 10:35-11:00	PE 10:10-10:35 Mus 10:35-11:00	PE 10:10-10:35 Mus 10:35-11:00	PE 10:10-10:35 CL 11:40-12:05
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 Lib 9:45-10:10	PE 9:20-9:45 CL 9:45-10:10	PE 9:20-9:45 Mus 10:10-10:35	PE 9:20-9:45 Mus 9:45-10:10
4-Brenkman	PE 9:45-10:10 CL 10:10-10:35	PE 9:45-10:10 Mus 10:10-10:35	PE 9:45-10:10 Mus 10:10-10:35	PE 9:45-10:10 Lib 10:10-10:35	PE 9:45-10:10
4-Pierz	CL 9:20-9:45 PE 9:45-10:10	PE 9:45-10:10 Lib 10:10-10:35	Mus 9:20-9:45 PE 9:45-10:10	PE 9:45-10:10	Mus 9:20-9:45 PE 9:45-10:10
5-Dirks	CL 8:30-8:55 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 CL 9:20-9:45	PE 8:55-9:20
6-Geist	PE 8:30-8:55 Mus 10:10-10:35	PE 8:30-8:55 CL 8:55-9:20	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-Trueblood	PE 8:30-8:55 Mus 10:35-11	PE 8:30-8:55	PE 8:30-8:55 Lib 10:35-11:00	PE 8:30-8:55 CL 8:55-9:20	PE 8:30-8:55 Mus 10:35-11:00

	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

Class Lists

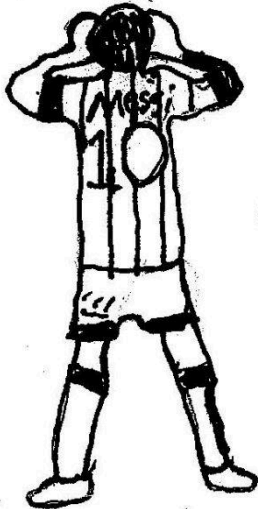
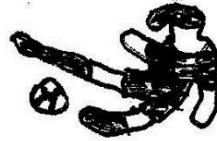
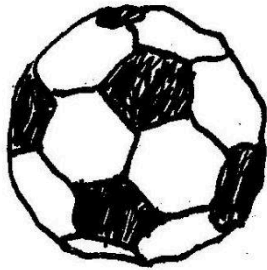
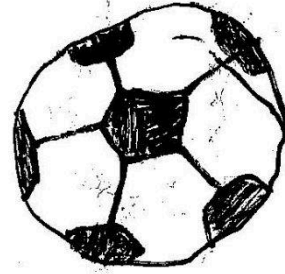
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