

## **Jefferson Middle:**

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1. Weekly email to approximately 250-300 parents
2. Reading is Fundamental week- every student gets a book of his/her choice
3. Thumbs Up ~ Positive Rewards Program with weekly drawings
4. Two parent-teacher conferences annually (Fall/Spring)
5. Each teacher makes a minimum of 20 parent contacts each semester
6. Yearly Open House in the fall
7. Sign-in sheets are kept for all parent activities
8. Video and traditional yearbooks produced by students
9. Both School and teacher websites are parent friendly
10. Midterm reports and nine weeks grade reports
11. Each student has a school planner that goes home weekly and must be signed
12. Sixth grade student orientation (counselors to 3 feeder schools to speak with students in May)
13. Sixth grade parent orientation (parents are introduced to the faculty and the building in August)
14. Parents are encouraged to attend/participate: daily activities at the school, pep-rallys, during and after school athletic events, school dances, chorus concerts, band concerts, Drama performances, student and faculty talent shows, field trips, BETA Club trips, Relay for Life team, PTO meetings, PTO annual Fun Day on the last full day of school, PTO Basket Auctions , University of Tennessee Science Fair in Knoxville, Red Ribbon Week activities, Homecoming Week Activities
15. Parents and students are encouraged to collect Food City Apples for Students, Campbell's soup labels, Box Tops for Education, and Tyson A+ to earn school supplies
16. Parent volunteers help coach basketball, football, softball, tennis
17. PTO sells JMS flags at athletic events
18. PTO hosts Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in April
19. PTO purchased sign out front to advertise upcoming JMS events
20. PTO takes and honors many teacher requests each year
21. Parents are provided with "Adjusting to Middle School" and "How to help your child succeed" pamphlets for parents.
22. Second Harvest weekend food program for about 30 families
23. The Jefferson Middle School Improvement Plan committee includes parents
24. Parent volunteers are in the building weekly
25. RTI meetings with students failing 2 or more subjects & their parents
26. The JMS Leadership Team includes parents
27. Family Engagement Notebook with photos
28. Three separate Honors Day programs (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)
29. Scholars Bowl in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grades
30. Shoe Party for needy students by Masons
31. Standard Banner advertises & highlights school functions