



*“The general mind
must be strengthened
by education.”*

Th. Jefferson

HAPPY “THOMAS JEFFERSON’S BIRTHDAY” FROM THE LEWIS CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH!

Today we celebrate the 368th birthday of the great lyricist of American Democracy, Thomas Jefferson. The author of the Declaration of Independence, and our third President, Jefferson argued that education is the very foundation of democracy. At the Lewis Center for Educational Research in Apple Valley, CA, we share Jefferson’s belief that schools play a pivotal role in sustaining our democracy and the evolution of the American experience. “Let us in education dream of an aristocracy of achievement arising out of a democracy of opportunity,” he said. Jefferson founded the University of Virginia and made education his highest priority. “A system of general education, which shall reach every description of our citizens from the richest to the poorest...will be the latest of all the public concerns in which I shall permit myself to take an interest,” he said. The Lewis Center is very thankful for the life of this brilliant leader, whose sweeping vision and commitment to education continues to help empower the American Dream.