

JEFFERSON SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER

Jefferson Elementary Provides an Excellent Education for All.

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Upcoming Dates:

January

- 10** PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 12** Market Day Pick-up, 10 – 11 a.m.
- 24** Family Night – more information to come

From Mrs. Seaburg's Desk

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a very good vacation. All of the Seaburg's were home for Christmas so, we really enjoyed having A Full House for a few days!

January is going to be a BUSY month! Here are some events you may want to attend:

January 10: Community Information at DHS. (Read today's newsletter for more information.)

January 14: MLK contest (Read today's newsletter for more information.)

January 15: PTA monthly meeting

January 24: Jefferson Family Night

January 28 – Feb. 1: Take Your Family to School Week.

Have a great week!

Get the Facts – Community Referendum Education Night

WHAT: Community Referendum Education Night

WHERE: DeKalb High School

WHEN: Thursday, January 10th, 2008

- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Guided tours of the high school
- 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Presentation of referendum plan

WHY: This event is designed to inform residents of Cortland, DeKalb, and Malta about the DeKalb School District #428 referendum plan. We invite anyone from these communities who want to learn more about the referendum, the schools, as well as those who have questions or are interested in learning about how they can volunteer their time to the ReNew our Schools campaign. The District #428 Executive Parent Advisory Council (EPAC) is hosting this event.

Free on-site childcare will be provided by V.O.I.C.E.S. volunteers.

After School Dismissal Messages for Students

Arrangements for transporting, going to another child's house, not riding the bus, etc. should be made *prior* to coming to school. Only *emergency* messages should be delivered to students during the school day. **Emergency messages should be called in to school no later than 3:10 p.m. to ensure we have time before dismissal to deliver the message to your child.**

As a reminder, whenever dismissal plans change for your child, please notify the school office via a note or phone call, or your child will follow his/her regular dismissal routine.

Winter Outdoor Wear

Please send your child to school with mittens/gloves, snowpants, boots, etc., so that he/she is prepared to enjoy his/her time outdoors! Children who are not adequately dressed will either have to remain indoors or on the blacktop during recess. *If you need assistance providing these items for your child, please call the school office and ask to speak with Heather Smith, our school social worker.*

If you have winter wear that your children have outgrown and would like to donate the items to the school for students who need them, we would love to hear from you!

JUST A REMINDER:

If your child is experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not send them to school:

- **Fever**
- **Vomiting**
- **Diarrhea**

Additionally, we ask that students do not return to school until they are symptom free for 24 hours.

Martin Luther King Celebration 2008!

The Martin Luther King Celebration 2008 will take place on Monday, January 21, 2008 at DeKalb High School from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. The Artist and Writer Reception will be held from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the DeKalb High School Media Center. Meet the judges, see the art, read the essays and enjoy food and entertainment before the Celebration performance. The Performance will be held from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the DHS auditorium.

Art and writer contest entry forms are available from classroom teachers. Art and writing entries are due with completed entry forms **by 2:00 p.m. on January 14, 2008.** Drop boxes are located in our Jefferson library (and at each school's library) and at the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, DeKalb. Questions? Please contact Beth Campen at 815-758-6880 or email bethcampen@yahoo.com.

Market Day

There's still time to get your Market Day order in. Don't forget to place an order by Wednesday January 9th and be automatically entered to win exciting prizes including a Disney Vacation package for four, iPods® and \$25 Best Buy® Gift Cards! Plus, if **Jefferson gets 55 customers in January, we will have a drawing for either a \$50 DISCOUNT or a FREE ORDER (which ever is less).**

Order online at marketday.com until NOON on Wednesday, January 9. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, you can call Pam Pollack at (815)761-3025. With your support, we're looking forward to reaching our fundraising goals!

Community Information for January 7, 2008

(Flyers for events/activities listed below are usually available in our pamphlet rack. You may call the school office if you would like us to send a flyer home with your child, or you may stop by school to pick up a flyer)

First Student Bus Company is Hiring! (Previously known as Laidlaw) If you are at least 21 years of age with a good driving record, able to pass a drug test/background check, and looking for part-time employment that works with your family's schedule – First Student would be delighted to have you join their team! No previous experience necessary, professional training with a bonus paid upon successful completion. First Student is currently accepting applications at 2652 Wagner Ct. in DeKalb (south of DeKalb High School, off of Harvestore Dr.) See the flyer in Jefferson's pamphlet rack for what to bring when you apply and additional information.

Kishwaukee Family YMCA Winter I Sports Leagues. See the green flyers in Jefferson's pamphlet rack for more information on Youth Basketball for grades Pre-K-6th, Instructional Roller Hockey for grades K-6th and Youth Roller Hockey for grades 1-9. For more information call 815-756-9577 or visit www.kishymca.org

Sylvan Learning Center - Calling all students to a contest to help your local school. Sylvan is collecting books that will be donated to DeKalb County Schools. In order to do this we are looking for help. We are having a contest to see which student can donate the most books! Prizes will be awarded to the students who can collect the most books. We hope you can help us out. Donations will be accepted **at Sylvan Learning Center** starting November 5th and continuing through January 14th. Currently we are located at 1950 DeKalb Ave in Sycamore and we will be moving in late December to 1715 DeKalb Ave in Sycamore. Thanks in advance for your support! Call 815-787-4139 if you need any other information!

*Please see pamphlet rack outside of the Jefferson School Office for more information on these events. **Note:** Community activities are not necessarily sponsored by nor affiliated with DeKalb District 428.*