

# JEFFERSON SCHOOL

## PARENT

### NEWSLETTER

*Jefferson Elementary Provides an Excellent Education for All.*

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COMMUNICATING TO CONNECT HOME AND SCHOOL

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#### Upcoming Dates:

##### January

28 Report cards sent home with students  
28-29 Take Your Family to School

##### February

1 Take your Family to School  
5 Smile Mobile Dentists visit  
6 Market Day Orders Due  
8 Smile Mobile Dentists visit  
9 Market Day Pick-up 10-11 a.m.  
14 Valentine parties, 2:30 p.m.  
22 Fun Fair, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

#### *From Mrs. Seaburg's Desk:*

We had a fabulous turn out for our Multicultural Night last week! Jefferson has approximately 275 families, and last Thursday night, 127 families (over 400 people!) braved the cold and enjoyed the evening learning many cultures. The Jefferson students entertained everyone with our first performance of the original work from Mr. Kanas: [Follow the Drinking Gourd](#). It was a very busy and enjoyable evening. I hope you had as much fun as I did!

This week District 428 and Jefferson Elementary School are celebrating "Take Your Parent to School Week". This event is sponsored and organized by Executive Parent Advisory Council (EPAC). Jefferson is always happy to have parents visit their children's classroom. Please feel free to visit during school hours anytime this week. *We must ask you to please make arrangements for any younger siblings. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide babysitting.* Our students will be doing all of their regular important learning and we will want to keep distractions to a minimum. Thank you for your understanding and I look forward to seeing many of you.

#### **Report Cards Sent Home Today**

Report cards will be sent home with students today. Please be sure to look for your child's report card in his/her backpack.

#### **Smile Day- Mobile Dentists are coming!**

Just a reminder: Jefferson School is hosting Smile Illinois/Mobile Dentists on February 5, 2008 and February 8 for those students who have completed enrollment forms. Unfortunately, due to the great response it has received, Mobile Dentists cannot take any more enrollment forms for Jefferson at this time.

#### **Market Day**

Purchase qualifying Cookie Dough items in this month and receive a FREE 6-pack of Nesquik® Chocolate Milk! Now that's a delicious deal! Back by popular demand: *Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough* (this month only). Simply place your order online or return order forms to school - it's that easy!

Order forms should be returned to school by Friday, Feb. 1; or order online at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com) until NOON on Feb 6. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, you may call Pam Pollack at (815)761-3025. With your support, we're looking forward to reaching our fundraising goals!

**Calling all Principals, Faculty and Parents to the DeKalb Education Foundation's Comedy Night Challenge**

**Be the school with the most representation at Comedy Night!!!!**

***Please help us help your school!*** Join us at **Comedy Night** this year for an evening of fun and laughter. Enjoy the DHS students' performances in Strings, Acapella, Art and Forensics while socializing with other supporting community members. The professional comedian promises to keep us laughing as well.

***Donations by attendees of this event are returned to your school in grants.*** In addition, we are excited to inform you of a **matching** donor for funds raised at this year's Comedy Night.

Parents and staff are all encouraged to attend! The school with the most representation at Comedy Night will be recognized!! There may also be a special reward for the winning school. Don't let another school beat you out of this moment of glory! March 15 needs to be put on your calendar right now

Last year, with the generous support of people and organizations throughout the DeKalb community and the surrounding area, the **DeKalb Education Foundation** was able to award over \$40,000 in grant requests to schools! Unfortunately, \$40,000 met only a small percentage of grant money requested by the DeKalb Community Unit School District #428.

Ticket ordering information will be coming to you soon!

**WHO:** The DeKalb Education Foundation

**WHAT:** Comedy Night

**WHERE:** Duke Ellington Ballroom on NIU's campus!

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 15th

**WHY:** *We need your support to enable us to fund more of your grant requests!*

We hope to see you there!  
Comedy Night Committee:  
Matt Kunz, Co-Chair, mattk@tbc.net  
Terry Sandberg, Co-Chair terrystev@mchsi.com  
Ellen Cabrera  
Bridget Carlson  
Jennifer Hayes  
Barbara Pearson  
*Email Matt Kunz or Terry Sandberg with any questions you may have.*

**From the Health Office**

If your child has borrowed clothing items from the health office, would you please return these to school if you have not yet done so? Also, if you have any clothing your child has outgrown that you would like to donate, we'll gladly accept your donations. We are especially in need of pants – all sizes, (boys and girls). Thank you!

**No School Monday, February 18**

Just a reminder, there will be no school on Monday, February 18 in observance of Presidents' Day. Please be sure to mark you calendar.

**Phone Numbers**

Please contact the school office at 815-754-2263 to update contact numbers for your child whenever they may change. For instance, when you have new cell numbers, new home numbers, or changes in work numbers, please notify our office as soon as possible. Each child should have at least two **local**, alternate emergency contacts listed too, whom we may contact if we are unable to reach you for some reason. Should an emergency arise with your child, up-to-date numbers and local alternative contact numbers are imperative.

## **Community Information for January 28, 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)*

**Salvation Army Martial Arts** announces 2008 Class Schedule and Times. See the flyers in Jefferson's pamphlet rack for more information. First lesson is free with flyer for new students! If you have questions or are interested in private lessons, please contact Shannon Marbutt: 815-766-0603 / [senseishanmar@verison.net](mailto:senseishanmar@verison.net) or visit the website at [www.salvationarmymartialarts.com](http://www.salvationarmymartialarts.com)

**After School Team Bowling Sessions** sponsored by Mardi Gras Lanes will be offered again on Thursdays starting January 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. See the bright yellow flyers in Jefferson's pamphlet rack for more information and enrollment form. Questions? Call Mardi Gras Lanes at 815-756-9411.

**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-6<sup>th</sup>, Instructional Roller Hockey for grades K-6<sup>th</sup> and Youth Roller Hockey for grades 1-9. For more information call 815-756-9577 or visit [www.kishymca.org](http://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.*