

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:

February

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.
18	NO SCHOOL, Presidents' Day
22	Fun Fair, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

From Mrs. Seaburg's Desk:

Happy February! The last week of January was a crazy week with lots of interesting challenging weather. And I don't know about you but I have really had enough of winter and all of its challenges; so although the ground hog in Pennsylvania says to look for six more weeks of winter, the ground hog in Woodstock, IL, says it will be an early spring --- I'm going with Woodstock!

In spite of the weather challenges, last week was pretty exciting at Jefferson:

1. We enjoyed having lots of families come and visit their children's classrooms. Please know you are always welcome to come and visit!
2. Jefferson won the Castle Challenge Spirit Award! We now have our name on a plaque so it is official – Jefferson School showed the most spirit during Spirit Week! YEAH!
3. Miss Woker got news that she has won an all expense paid trip to a national conference for Ag in the Classroom Teachers!

4. We received an Academic Improvement Award from the Illinois State Board of Education! Jefferson is now a 2007 Illinois Honor Roll School!

I am very proud of our students, staff, and families for all of the hard work and commitment that is essential for students and schools to continually demonstrate sustained improvement and academic growth! The ISBE website at www.isbe.net has more information you might want to read. Congratulations Jefferson! *IT WAS A FABULOUS WEEK!*

Wright Elementary School Open Houses

Parents and prospective students will have opportunities this month to explore Paul T. Wright Elementary School. Two open houses are set for 1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on February 12, 2008. Wright School is located at 5068 State Road 38 in Malta, IL. Wright Elementary is a "school of choice". Families must apply to enroll their children at Wright. Application forms are available at all District schools and at the Education Center.

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

There's still time to get your Market Day order in. Don't forget to place an order this March and get your FREE 6-pack of Nesquik® Chocolate Milk with qualifying cookie dough (*Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough, this month only*) purchases.

Order forms may be dropped off at school or order online at marketday.com until NOON on Feb 6. 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!

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 your calendar.

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.

Tickets are \$50 and will be available at any DeKalb location of National Bank & Trust or Castle Bank, as well as from any DEF Board member.

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.

Community Information for February 4, 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)

The Growing Place After School Program currently has openings for children in grades K-5. Hours are 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. with extended hours on early release days and school holidays. Daily schedule includes structured and free choice activities in a variety of areas including games, outdoor play, art, music, and/or dramatic play. Afternoon snack is provided. The Growing Place, Inc. accepts families who receive child care subsidy through 4-C. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please call Andrea Galitz at 815-756-5477.

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 or visit the website at www.salvationarmymartialarts.com

After School Team Bowling Sessions sponsored by Mardi Gras Lanes will be offered again on Thursdays starting January 17th 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-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.*