

# JEFFERSON SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER

*Jefferson Elementary Provides an Excellent Education for All.*

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Upcoming Dates:      **March**

**18**      Spring Pictures  
**21-28**    Spring Break – NO SCHOOL  
**31**      School resumes

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

I feel I can say that **the 2008 Jefferson Spring Sing was the best ever!** It was a great night; I enjoyed seeing so many families and our students were excited to share their talent. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! Thank you for supporting us and our music program! My staff surprised me with flowers and that made it extra special.

I know many of you often use the "back door" to Jefferson. As we continue to monitor our security we ask that the front door at Jefferson be your primary entrance to our building. Our students have been instructed to get an adult to open the door, so please do not encourage students to open the door for you. Thank you for your support.

Have a great week and Spring Break!

### **A Note of Thanks from Mr. Kanas**

Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank you for your excellent level of participation at the Spring Sing by listening so closely to our fine music! *You* really did help us do our best by paying such close attention to our performance! We all raised the bar Thursday night.

Thank you very much!

Jim Kanas, General Music  
Jefferson Elementary 2008

### **Spring Break March 21-28**

Spring break will start on Friday, March 21 (there is no school on Friday, March 21) and continue through Friday, March 28. School will resume on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Enjoy your break!

### **Spring Pictures, Tuesday, March 18**

On **Tuesday, March 18th**, Lifetouch will be here to photograph students for spring portrait packages for our families. Every child will be photographed. Do not send money on this day as packages will be sent home later, and families will have the option of purchasing the package or a portion of the package, or returning the package to school. . *Please note, there are not retakes for spring pictures.* **“Picture Pose Selection” forms went home last week. Extra forms are available in the office.**

### **Announcing...The Jefferson Elementary School 2007-08 Yearbook!**

This year's yearbook is planned to include vibrant, full-color pages that bring memories to life; sturdy soft cover with resilient coating for long-lasting memories; school name and year imprinted on the cover! Your yearbook is a quality Lifetouch product that will preserve treasured memories for years to come! Reserve your copies today! Order forms were sent home last week. Extra order forms are available in our pamphlet rack. Make checks payable to Jefferson PTA. If sending cash, please send **exact** amount, as change will not be available. Order deadline is April 30, 2008.

### **Box Tops News**

Congratulations to Mrs. Springer's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class for winning the Box tops and Campbell's labels contest! Mrs. Warren-James' 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Mrs. Jensen's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes came in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks also to Stacey Roach, Sonja Scott, Kim Trapp and Cindy Hodgens for volunteering their time to cut and count. You may continue to send in box tops and labels if you wish, or save them for next year! Thanks to everyone for sending in those labels and box tops!

### **Kindergarten Registration for 2008-09 School Year**

Kindergarten registration for the 2008-2009 school year will be held on Wednesday, April 23, and Thursday, April 24 from 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m. at the Education Center, 901 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street in DeKalb.

**Registration packets are available** at all DeKalb elementary schools and at the Education Center.

**Bring all the completed forms to registration as well as the following documents:**

- **Child's Certified Birth Certificate**
- **Proof of Residency**
- **All Registration Documents**
- **Guardianship Documents (if applicable)**

It is important to register your child if he/she will be attending kindergarten in the fall to enable school officials to adequately plan and schedule classes and transportation. If you have any questions you may phone the school district office at 815-754-2350. Please also provide this information to any friends/relatives with kindergarten age children.

*Please note: placements in morning and afternoon sessions will not necessarily be based on first come, first served, but on need.*

### **Market Day News**

We'd like to thank everyone who supported our March Market Day sale! Thank you also to our team of volunteers: Emma and Dede Young, Alex, Austin and Sherry Wisdom, Katherine and Kim Nelson, Kendall, Jackson and Megan Hampton, Deanna and Carmen Phanenbecker. Help our school earn triple profit this month by purchasing new Market Day Gourmet items! Your order is important to us so please look for your April order sheet to come home after spring break or visit marketday.com to see the great selection of Market Day foods.

## **Community Information for March 17, 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)*

**YDAY CAMP – Kishwaukee Family YMCA** – Enrollment forms with descriptions of Summer Camp sessions are available in Jefferson's pamphlet rack. Contact the Kishwaukee Family YMCA at 815-756-9577 or visit [www.kishymca.org](http://www.kishymca.org) for more information or questions.

**Magic Show** – The NIU Chemistry and Biochemistry Department and the Youth Service Bureau invite you to a Magic Show like you've never seen before!!! Chemistry + Magic = an evening of fun and entertainment for all ages! This event will be held on March 19, 2008 from 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at Faraday Hall, Northern Illinois University (On the east side of Normal across from the parking garage). \*Try some Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream! \*Try your luck with the 50/50 raffle! \*Experience the excitement of science! All donations benefit the youth of DeKalb County. For more information, please call 815-748-2010

**The Dee Palmer Statue and ..."the Band Plays On"** There is a funding drive being started in our community to honor Dee Palmer of the DeKalb Municipal Band, established in 1854 by Dee's grandfather. The Band had its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2004. The committee's goal in the next 6 months is to raise \$50,000 from citizens, businesses, industries and corporations in our community to install a life-size bronze statute of Dee next to his Band Shell in Hopkins Park in DeKalb. If not enough money is raised for a statue, the statue will be replaced with a bust of Dee. If both of these goals are unattainable, a Palmer Family Music Endowment Fund would be established to provide for music scholarships, grants, or other music-related activities. Donation forms are available in Jefferson's pamphlet rack. Committee members are Charlotte Bross and Fred Foster. For more information or questions, contact Mr. Foster at 502-232-5436.

**Sylvan Learning Center** – Whatever subject your child needs help with, from Reading and Math to Study Skills or Test Prep, Sylvan's proven system inspires kids to learn Skills needed to succeed are pinpointed and Sylvan helps students to master those skills one by one. See the blue flyers in Jefferson's pamphlet rack for more information.

**Kishwaukee Family YMCA Spring Sports Leagues** – See green flyers in Jefferson's pamphlet rack for registration, dates and times for Youth Indoor Soccer for grades pre-k through 8<sup>th</sup> and Youth Drop-in Soccer for grades K -8<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call 815-756-9577 or visit [www.kishymca.org](http://www.kishymca.org).

**DeKalb Park District Summer 2008 Youth Baseball and Softball Registration** – Youth baseball leagues for ages 5-14 (as of Aug. 21, 2008) Girls softball leagues grades 1-8 (2007-08 school year) Open registration Sat., Mar. 1, 2008 from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 Noon, and Sat., Mar. 8, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 Noon at the Sports & Recreation Center, 1765 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., DeKalb. Walk-in registration is weekdays from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00-12:00 Noon. Deadline for all leagues is March 31, 2008. See the bright orange flyers in Jefferson's pamphlet rack for more information.

**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.

*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.*