

JEFFERSON SCHOOL

PARENT

NEWSLETTER

Jefferson Elementary Provides an Excellent Education for All.

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Upcoming Dates: **April**

- 23-24** Kindergarten registration, 12:00 Noon-7:00 p.m., Education Center
24-30 Book Fair

May

- 1** Book Fair ends
2 NO SCHOOL – Teacher Institute Day
10 Market Day pick up 10-11 a.m.
12 CRMS Parent Night for parents of incoming 6th graders, 6:30 p.m. @ Clinton Rosette
13 HMS Orientation Night for incoming 6th graders and their parents, 7:00 p.m. @ Huntley
16 1st Grade Field Trip
18 Mrs. Seaburg's Retirement Open House, 2-5:00 @ Jefferson
20 3rd Grade Field Trip
22 Kindergarten Field Trip

From Mrs. Seaburg's Desk:

I really enjoyed seeing so many of you at Parent Teacher Conferences last week. I also appreciated being able to share this important opportunity with many of you to discuss your children's progress. Our students, your children, are the winners when we work together for their success! Thank you for helping make Jefferson a committed place of learning with involved parents all working to achieve the same goal!

Good things are happening at Jefferson. We celebrated some great successes last week at POD too. Several of our students have recently been recognized for excellent work and achievement. Two of our fourth graders were winners

Haley Scott and Lizzy Small! Ebby Liebenritt was a winner in the Chronicle / MidWeek Design an Ad Contest – congratulations to Ebby! Maddi Overton and Abby Kiley are Jefferson's first grade scientists in the making. These two young ladies entered a Toshiba / NTSA science contest to design a product that one might use in the future.

Their invention was to use a futuristic force field which would hold broken bones in place while allowing a person to be mobile. Their design and presentation won National Recognition for them both and placed them among the top 10% of all entries. Congratulations to Abby and Maddi!

From the Health Office

Attention 4th grade parents: students entering the 5th grade for the 2008-09 school year **do not need a new 5th grade physical examination.**

Physical examinations are now **required for students entering the 6th grade, not 5th grade.**

However, 5th grade students who **turned in a physical examination this school year, will not need another physical examination for 6th grade** entry in August 2008. If you have any questions, please contact Jefferson's health office at 815-754-2263.

Moving or will be moving?

Please let us know if you have moved or are planning to move from the Jefferson Elementary School attendance area. This information is important in helping us to plan for next year. Please complete the moving form sent home last week and/or notify the school office.

Dental Requirements

The School Code of Illinois requires dental examination for all children in kindergarten and second grade. Dental examinations must be completed by a licensed dentist and documented on the official dental examination form and presented to the school nurse prior to May 15, 2008.

Art News

The DeKalb School District Art Show will be held the week of April 28th in the DeKalb High School Media Center. On Thursday, May 1st, there will be a reception from 5-7 p.m. Come join us and see all of the talented art students in our district! Art work featured will be from elementary, middle and high school students. If your child's work has been selected to be on display in the art show, they will be receiving a special certificate within the next week. Please come and support the Arts! Any questions, please e-mail Lisa.Borden@dist428.org

Spring Pictures/Payments Due NOW

Spring picture payments are due now. If sending cash, please send **exact** amount, as change isn't available. Checks should be made payable to Lifetouch. Lifetouch is now accepting payments online at spring.lifetouch.com.

Payments/portrait packages are now due.

Kindergarten Registration for 2008-09 School Year April 23 and 24, 2008

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 4th Street in DeKalb. **Registration packets are available** at all DeKalb elementary schools and at the Education Center to complete prior to registration.

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 basis, but on need.

Mail-In Registration for the 2008-09 School Year (for returning students only who will be in grades 1-8)

Registration packets for current District 428 families (in current grades K-7) have been mailed. Packets need to be completed and returned/postmarked to the Education Center, 901 S. 4th Street in DeKalb **by Monday, May 5, 2008 to qualify for the lowest registration fees.** (Additional fees will be added to packets received after May 5, 2008) **AVOID HIGHER FEES AND LONG LINES AND REGISTER BY MAY 5!**

Walk-in/General registration for returning families who do not take advantage of the mail-in registration will be held July 9 & 10, 2008 at the Education Center, 901 S. 4th St., from 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m. **(\$10 increase in registration fees for returning families and you may have to wait in lines!)**

Current District 428 families who have not registered by July 10 will need to make an appointment in August at each school and pay and additional **\$20 increase in registration fees for returning students.** *Avoid lines and higher fees by taking advantage of the online or mail-in registration by May 5, 2008!*

***NOTE:** *to receive your registration packet, we must have your current address. Packets will not forward to a new address. Packets for students entering 6th grade will be mailed out by respective middle schools. Please contact your child's middle school if you do not receive a registration packet.*

Note: ****Families must fill out forms or turn in to Food Service pre-qualification letters received from the State to qualify or re-qualify for the free or reduced lunch program each year.** Forms will be available in the Food Service Office at the Education Center at General Registration on July 9 & 10, or any time afterwards.

Lost and Found Tables

Is your child missing a coat, items of clothing or shoes? If so, they might be found at Jefferson! Please be sure to stop and check the items on our "Lost and Found" tables near the office next time you are in the building. All items that do not find a home will be donated at the end of the year.

Jefferson Elementary School 2007-08 Yearbook! Orders Due by April 30

Reserve your copies today! 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.**

Community Information for April 21, 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)

AYSO – Walk-in registration dates. You must register in person. Birth certificate is necessary for first time players of all ages. Registration in DeKalb will take place on April 30 in the DeKalb High School Main Commons from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and May 3rd from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon. Please use entrance on Barb Boulevard. Fee is \$55 per player. \$75 for late registration after May 10. (Financial assistance is available, funded by the Kishwaukee United Way). Visit www.dekalbayso.com for more information and registration forms. See the bright yellow flyers in Jefferson's pamphlet rack for more information.

KYFL Football and Cheerleading Registration – All youths entering the 5th and 6th grades in the fall of 2008 are eligible. Registration for football and cheerleading will be on Saturday, April 26 and Saturday, May 10 at Energym, 1715 DeKalb Avenue in Sycamore (Across from Burger King) Registration will be from 9:00 – 12:00 Noon on both days. Fees: \$90/participant for football; \$40/participant for cheerleading; \$10 late fee after 5/10/08 (if space is available) Participants are encouraged to attend registration. See the bright orange flyers in Jefferson's pamphlet rack for information and registration form.

Egyptian Theatre will present Willy Wonka – Directed by Gavin Wilson and a production of Dreamers Theatre Group. April 25, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.; April 26, 2008 @ 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.; April 27, 2008 @ 2:00 p.m. Adults \$8 / Children \$5 – tickets available at the door.

Memorial Day Parade – Attention DeKalb school students! If you would like to participate in the 2008 Memorial Day Parade, report to the parade line up on Monday, May 26, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at City Parking Lot #7 on North 3rd Street in DeKalb. The Parade begins at 9:00 a.m. at North Third Street and Lincoln Hwy., and ends at the Ellwood House. Walk with a friend or a family member. Wear blue jeans and a white shirt. Wave an American flag in memory of those who have served our Country. Questions? Call Patti at the City Manager's Office, 815-748-2090.

Kishwaukee YMCA DeKalb County Swim Team (DCST) DCST is an age group swim team for children ages 5-18 who can complete 1 length (25 yards) of the pool. Swimmers practice in groups by age and ability and compete in meets against swimmers their own age. Please see the tan flyers in Jefferson's pamphlet rack for more information, or, visit the web site at www.dcst.org. You may also call the YMCA at 815-756-9577.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day – Friday, April 11, 2008 at Kishwaukee Family YMCA from 5:30-8:00 p.m. FREE to the community!!! Fitness/sports games by the YMCA and the NIU PE Majors Club, arts & crafts, karate presentations, hip hop dance class, swimming, and meet the YMCA Camp Staff. Many local businesses will be there with information and activities as well!

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 for more information or questions.

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 8th and Youth Drop-in Soccer for grades K -8th. For more information, call 815-756-9577 or visit www.kishymca.org.

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.*

