

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

May

- 12 CRMS Parent Night for parents of incoming 6th graders, 6:30 p.m. @ Clinton Rosette
 12 Storyteller Assembly, 1:00-3:00
 13 HMS Orientation Night for incoming 6th graders and their parents, 7:00 p.m. @ Huntley
 16 1st Grade Field Trip
 16 2nd Grade Field Trip
 18 Mrs. Seaburg's Retirement Open House, 2-5:00 @ Jefferson
 19 4th Grade Library Field Trip
 20 3rd Grade Field Trip
 22 Kindergarten Field Trip
 26 NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day
 30 Track and Field Day

June

- 2 Track and Field Rain Date
 4 Last day for kindergarten and Pre-K
 5 Last day of school, early dismissal

From Mrs. Seaburg's Desk:

I hope all Jefferson Mother's were honored and appreciated even more yesterday than normal! Mother's are so important and set the tone for everyday throughout the year for their children and families. I appreciate what you do daily to help your children be successful and please know in my book you are fabulous! ☺

I want to make sure you all know how pampered the Jefferson staff felt last week. Jefferson parents did an outstanding job spoiling us all week. The lunch on Friday was delicious --- there are some great cooks out there! Thank you PTA for coordinating the

week and making us all feel very special!

I promised the PTA I would let you know that there are still a few yearbooks left if you haven't yet secured yours. If you want to know what you're missing feel free to stop in the office and take a look at mine — it is very, very, good! Have a wonderful day!

Kindergarten Registration for 2008-09

Kindergarten registration was held April 23 & 24. If you have not yet registered your kindergartener for next year, or if you know of someone else who will be attending who still needs to register, please contact the Jefferson office ASAP. Packets are available here at school.

A Note from Mrs. Butler in the Library

The end of the school year is quickly approaching! The last week for students to check out books is May 12-16 (next week!!). All students MUST return library books the week of May 19-23. Thank you!

Open House in Honor of Mrs. Seaburg's Retirement May 18, 2008

Please join us in celebrating the retirement of Mrs. Seaburg at an Open House in her honor on Sunday, May 18, 2008 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Jefferson.

Yearbooks Still Available

Yearbooks are still available for purchase. Make checks payable to Jefferson PTA. If sending cash, please send **exact** amount, as change will not be available.

Please Use Front Entrance Only

We ask all parents and visitors to *only* enter the school through the front entrance and to sign in on the visitor clip board. Please leave items such as lunches, homework, etc., with the greeter or in the office. If visiting a classroom, please see the secretaries in the office after signing in, before proceeding to a classroom. Thank you for your cooperation!

Parent/Guardian State Pupil Transportation Reimbursement Program

This program is for parents/guardians to whom free bussing is not provided. It is also utilized by parents/guardians who live less than 1.5 miles from the school and have a serious safety hazard approval on file with their Regional Office of Education. The reimbursement rates are usually prorated, and are paid out on a per pupil basis. The purpose of the Parent/Guardian Pupil Transportation Program is to reimburse parents or guardians of eligible students for qualified transportation expenses. Eligibility criteria includes the following:

- The pupil must be under age 21 at the close of the school year;
- The pupil must be a full-time student in grades K-12
- The pupil must live either 1) 1 ½ miles or more from the school attended; or 2) within 1 ½ miles or more from the school attended where a verified safety hazard exists; and The pupil did not have access to transportation to and from school provided entirely at public expense.

Parents who wish to submit claim information may do so by contacting Brenda Jergens, District 428 Transportation Liaison at the District 428 Education Center, 901 S. 4th Street in DeKalb, 815-754-2350.

Deadline for submitting claims for the 2007-08 school year is June 30, 2008.

Community Information for May 12, 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)

Huskie Track Club – Registration Monday, May 12th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at DeKalb High School's front lobby. Registrations will also be taken during practice times May 19-23 at the track. See orange flyers for fee information, practice schedule. Deadline for registration is May 31, 2008. A copy of a birth certificate is required for all NEW members of HTC in order to complete registration. Visit the website at www.huskietrackclub.com.

8th Annual DeKalb J-Barbs Volleyball Camp – Huntley Middle School, August 11-August 15, 2008. 3rd, 4th and 5th grades from 8:30- a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; 6th, 7th and 8th grades from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$35. Each participant will receive a T-Shirt. Make checks payable to Huntley Middle School. For more information, call 915-754-2241 and ask for Mrs. Thomas; or, contact Mr. Quade at 815-758-1843.

NIU HUSKIE PUP CAMP – A recreational day camp for children ages 6-12. Arts, crafts, sports, swimming, field trips, outdoor exploration drama and more! First session begins on June 9, 2008; last session ends August 8, 2008. Times are 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with extended care times 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. For fee information and questions, contact Staci Brown, Camp Coordinator at 815-753-0231 or stacib@niu.edu or visit www.stuaff.niu.edu/rs/pupcamp.shtml

Children's Community Theatre Imagination Camp – Monday – Friday, June 9-20, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon. NIU's O'Connell Theatre, DeKalb. Imagination camp is for children entering 1st – 6th grade in Fall 2008. See pink registration forms in Jefferson's pamphlet rack for more information.

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.

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.*