

JEFFERSON SCHOOL

PARENT

NEWSLETTER

Jefferson Elementary Provides an Excellent Education for All.
COMMUNICATING TO CONNECT HOME AND SCHOOL

Upcoming Dates: **September:**

- 13** PTA Meeting , 7:00 p.m.
- 21** International Day at NIU, 5th Grade
- 27** Fall Picture Day
- 27** Parent Open House
- 28** Walk for Education Kick-off
- 29** Market Day Pick-up 10-11 a.m.

From Mrs. Seaburg's Desk

"Jefferson Elementary is the BEST school near or far; we're proud to stand and shout that we're the Jefferson Jaguars; we will carry on values that are strong, we are friends from many places just look at all our faces! Yes we are, yes we are, we're proud to be the Jefferson Jaguars!" These are the words to the Jefferson School Song. On Friday, we had our first POD of the year and sang our song. If you are one of our new families, POD is a one of Jefferson's traditions. Most Fridays we try to come together as a school in our POD (Library) and spend time together as a building; we say the pledge, sing our school song, cheer our school cheer, and share information.

Another tradition is Family Friday. Parents are always welcome at Jefferson! On Friday we especially welcome parents to come and join their children for lunch. This Friday will be our first Family Friday of the year. We're a little space challenged this year but we'll figure it out and we'd love for you to join us! If you will be joining us, please

can the school office. Note: 1st and 5th grade eat the first half, and 2nd, 3rd, and 4th eat the 2nd half of the lunch period. Thanks! Have a great week.

Free/Reduced Lunch

Parents, if your child was eligible for Free/reduced lunch during the 06/07 school year, please be sure to re-apply for this school year if you still qualify. Families who have not re-applied will be put back on "paid" status after the 30 day grace period expires on September 28, 2007.

Visitor Photo Identification

Photo identification is now required and must be presented before visitors are admitted into the school. Please be sure to have your photo identification ready and available as you are signing in. This is a District 428-wide security policy and helps ensure the safety and security of all of our students while at school. Thank you for your cooperation!

Jefferson E-mail Updates

Parents, if you would like to receive e-mail reminders from Jefferson, here is how to subscribe: send a blank e-mail (nothing in the subject line or body) to jeffersonparents-on@dist428.org. You will receive a follow-up confirmation e-mail. Follow the directions in the e-mail and you will be subscribed. You may unsubscribe at any time; simply send a blank e-mail to jeffersonparents-off@dist428.org.

Family Access

If you haven't checked out Family Access via the District 428 website, you should! This is a great place to make sure all of your contact information is correct, check your food service balance, payments and purchases, see your children's schedules, attendance, and/or grades, etc. **Now Family Access offers e-mail notifications when your food service balance is below \$15.00.** (Be sure to click the box if you would like to receive this e-mail notification and "save"). Family Access is constantly updating and changing, so check back frequently! If you would like more information on accessing your Family Access via the website, or if you need your user name and password, please contact the school office at 815-754-2263

Misplace your Parent Newsletter?

If you misplace your Parent Newsletter during the week, you will also find it posted on the District 428 webpage, along with past newsletters. Go to www.dist428.org and look for the link to Jefferson. You'll find our newsletter and current Jefferson PTA information. Also, check out the online calendar for information on what is happening at Jefferson, as well as other District 428 schools.

Fall Picture Day.

Fall picture day will be on Thursday, September 27. Please watch for information and payment envelopes to come home soon.

Market Day

Purchase Market Day this month and help us earn \$400 in FREE books! If Jefferson has 82 Market Day orders totaling \$4,620 Market Day will donate \$400 in FREE books to Jefferson! Please help our school reach this goal. Place orders at www.marketday.com until NOON on September 26. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, you can call Pam Pollack @ (815)761-3025 With your support, we're looking forward to reaching our fundraising goals!

Jefferson T-Shirts For Sale

Jefferson t-shirts are now on sale for \$5.00 each. Orders will be taken now until September 14th. We have some sizes now available at school, but we will place an order for more shirts with Sports of All Sorts on September 14th. Parents, don't forget to order a shirt for yourself!

Community Information for 9/10/07

(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)

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. Everyone participates in practice and at swim meets. Flexible practice schedules for busy schedules. Winter Season: begins Monday, September 24 with Rookie Week for all new swimmers. A two week trial is available for those who have never been on a swim team. Returning swimmers begin on Monday, October 1. Informational meeting for parents of all new swimmers interested in joining DCST will take place at the YMCA on Tuesday, September 18 at 6:15 p.m. If you can not attend this meeting, please call the YMCA at 815-756-9577 and information will be sent to you.

Mardi Gras Lanes Saturday Morning Youth League. Bantams: ages 6-8; Preps: ages 9-12; Juniors; ages 13-18. Sign-up is Sept. 1 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. League starts September 8th at 9:30 a.m. (orientation at 9:00 a.m.) League bowls 3 games per week, 4 bowlers per team. Only \$8.00 per week! \$20.00 registration fee. Fee includes sanction fee, scholarship registration, and paid advancement in tournaments. Please call Mardi Gras Lanes at 815-756-9411 or visit their webpage at www.mardigraslanes.com for more information. Bright yellow flyers are available in Jefferson's pamphlet rack with more information and registration form.

Kishwaukee Family YMCA

Flyers for their Fall 1 Sports Leagues are available in Jefferson's pamphlet rack. For more information call 815-756-9577 or visit their website at www.kishymca.org

Please see pamphlet rack outside of the Jefferson School Office for more information on these events.

Note: Community activities are not sponsored by DeKalb District 428.