

JEFFERSON SCHOOL

PARENT

NEWSLETTER

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

Upcoming Dates:

October

- 15-18** Fall Book Fair/Taffy Apple Sale
- 16** Book Fair Family Night
- 26** End of 1st Quarter
- 27** Market Day
- 31** Classroom parties

November

- 9** NO SCHOOL – Institute Day
- 15** Early Release Day, 12:00 Noon Dismissal. NO KINDERGARTEN or PRE-K
- 16** NO SCHOOL – Parent Teacher Conference Day

From Mrs. Seaburg's Desk

Jefferson's R.E.A.D. Time is all the buzz! This year, students and teachers alike are embarking on a new journey together. This journey is called R.E.A.D. (Reading Enrichment and Development) Time. During this special time each day your student has the opportunity to extend his/her literacy learning by working with a variety of staff members. R.E.A.D. is designed to meet each student's needs. R.E.A.D time is never the same as our groups change monthly. Be sure to ask your student about his/her R.E.A.D. group! They are fun!

Have a great week!

The Magic of Words Family Night, **Tuesday, Oct. 16**

Please come and join us on Tuesday, October 16 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for a night which will include *Dinner* *Game Ideas* *Book Fair* *Taffy Apples* *Market Day* and Fun for Everyone! We can't wait to see you!

Fall Classroom Parties - Wed., Oct. 31

Party festivities will begin Wednesday afternoon on October 31. Children may wear their costumes to school. **Weapon props are NOT allowed at school with costumes.** (Please keep these items at home) The parade will begin at 2:00 (weather permitting) and classroom parties will begin around 2:30 p.m. Morning kindergarten students will have their own parade and classroom party during their morning kindergarten session.

Please Mark Your Calendars!

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming “No School” and “Early Release” days in November. There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, November 9 due to an Institute/Planning Day. Thursday, November 15 is an EARLY RELEASE day. Jefferson students in grades 1-5 will dismiss at 12:00 Noon on November 15. *Pre-K and kindergarten students will NOT attend school on the 15th.* There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, November 16 for all students due to Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Phone Numbers

Please contact the school office at 815-754-2263 to update contact numbers for your child whenever they may change. For instance, when you have new cell numbers, new home numbers, or changes in work numbers, please notify our office as soon as possible. Each child should have at least two **local**, alternate emergency contacts listed too, whom we may contact if we are unable to reach you for some reason. Should an emergency arise with your child, up-to-date numbers and local alternative contact numbers are imperative.

Save Empty Ink Cartridges

Our PE teachers are collecting empty ink cartridges for recycling. Money earned will be used for PE equipment. Please send ink cartridges to school with your child, or bring them to the office. If you own or work for a business that can donate a large quantity of used cartridges, please call the school office at 815 754-2263.

Absence from School and Health Hints

Students should be free of elevated temperature (100 and above) for 24 hours before they return to school.

Students returning to school before they are well are more susceptible to illness and may spread illness by exposing others. Please do not give your student medication to mask a fever and then send him/ her to school. Do not send a student with a rash or spots to school until your doctor has said it is safe to do so. **If your student develops an elevated temperature that persists 24-48 hours and shows little response to a non-aspirin product, consult your doctor.**

If your student does become ill, consider the following:

- *Coughing is more likely to spread disease than sneezing.* Teach your student to cover his/her mouth and turn away from others when coughing or sneezing. Also remind them to wash their hands frequently with soap throughout the day. Please give your student tissue to carry during the school day.
- *The best home care treatment for a cold or flu is plenty of rest.* Push fluids such as water or fruit juice and non-aspirin products as indicated.
- Notify your school if your work or home phone numbers, or emergency contact information has changed.
- Please call the school office/ attendance office every day your student is absent.

Community Information for 10/15/07

(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)

CLC –Children’s Learning Center provides extended-day kindergarten programs for kindergarten children enrolled at Jefferson School. There are morning and afternoon groups with bus transportation to or from the day care center at lunchtime. CLC also offers After School care at Jefferson for 1st-5th graders attending Jefferson or Brooks. Transportation from Brooks is provided daily by CLC’s school bus. CLC does not offer before school care for Jefferson or Brooks students at this time, but will consider a before school program if there are enough requests. Nutritious meals and snacks appropriate to each child’s schedule are included at no additional charge. Quality licensed child care means convenience, snacks and age-appropriate activities for enrolled children – and peace of mind for their parents. For more information, call 815-756-3506 or visit the CLC office at 905 South Fourth Street. Children’s Learning Center is a not-for-profit agency and is not affiliated with the DeKalb Schools, District 428.

NIU’s Haunted Physics Laboratory – Northern Illinois University’s Department of Physics invites you and your family to explore the science behind the mysterious. The fifth annual Haunted Physics Lab will have over 60 hands-on physics demonstrations where you can investigate blacklights, plasma globes, fun-house mirrors and more. Saturday, October 27, 1-5 p.m. Free to families – with something for everyone over the age of three. The Haunted Physics Laboratory is located in the lower level Faraday Hall, behind Faraday West on Normal Road. Free parking is available in NIU’s Normal Road parking garage. Check out the Physics Department website for more information: www.physics.niu.edu or contact Pati Sievert at psievert@niu.edu Flyers are available in Jefferson’s pamphlet rack.

Kishwaukee Youth Bowling League – registration days at Mardi Gras Lanes: Saturday, October 27 from 1-4 p.m. and Sunday, October 28 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. League starts Sunday, November 4 at 1:00 p.m. For boys and girls ages 4-14, 4 bowlers per team. Sign up with your own team or as an individual. See the yellow flyers in Jefferson’s pamphlet rack for more information including registration fee and cost per week. Sign up form is also attached to the flyer.

Youth Basketball – DeKalb Park District announces registration for the 2007-2008 Youth Basketball Program at the Sports & Recreation Center, 1765 S. Fourth Street in DeKalb now through Saturday, November 3, 2007. Leagues are for boys and girls, 3rd – 6th grades. Registration fee: \$40 for residents; \$50 for non-residents. See the orange flyers in Jefferson’s pamphlet rack for more information and for the November Activity Schedule. Questions? Call 815-758-7756.

Girl Scouts – Girl Scouts Sybaquay Council is pleased to offer a short-term troop/group for girls who have an interest in and would like to participate in Girl Scouts. A Taste of Girl Scouting is a 4 week program which meets weekly after school. Girls participate in activities that are centered on the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Each activity allows girls to exercise their minds, work with their hands and lift their spirits. Registration as a member of GSUSA is required. The cost is \$10 per year. No girl is turned away for the inability to pay; assistance is available to cover the registration fee. During the 4 weeks the Taste of Girl Scouting is offered, one experienced staff member will provide program leadership, along with the help of two adult helpers. Parental support and assistance is needed in order for the meetings to take place. Meeting time and location: Jefferson Elementary School, 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Oct. 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 2007. See the pink information sheets in Jefferson’s pamphlet rack for information and registration form.

Kishwaukee Family YMCA Fall II Sports Leagues – offering Youth Basketball for grades Pre-K – 6th and Youth Indoor Soccer for grades Pre-K-8th. Visit their website at www.kishymca.org or call 815-756-9577 for more information. Orange flyers are also available in Jefferson’s pamphlet rack

The Art Attack – School of Art is offering a variety of art-themed workshops for artists of all ages and experience. See the flyers in Jefferson’s pamphlet rack for a listing of all that is offered this fall at the Art Attack, 215 W. Elm St., Sycamore, IL, 815-899-9440. You may also visit them on the web at www.sycamoreartattack.com

Salvation Army Martial Arts: Thursdays from 7:15-8:15 p.m. at the Salvation Army Martial Arts Studio, 830 Grove Street, DeKalb. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age, experience (or lack thereof). Cost is \$10 a month for current students and \$15 a month for new students. Pick-up a flyer for schedule and registration form. If you have questions, please contact Shannon Marbutt at 815-766-0603 / senseishanmar@verizon.net or visit the website at www.salvationarmymartialarts.com.

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.