

# JEFFERSON SCHOOL

## PARENT

### NEWSLETTER

*Jefferson Elementary Provides an Excellent Education for All.*  
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#### Upcoming Dates:

##### October

- 26** End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- 27** Market Day
- 31** Classroom parties

##### November

- 6** Picture Retake Day
- 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
- 21-23** NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

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

Last week was a busy and exciting week at Jefferson. 119 families attended Family Night on Tuesday! Thank you to all of the teachers and parents who helped guarantee it would be a special night for everyone. The Book Fair and all of the activities were great. Food was provided by the PTA and Panda Express. What a nice (and delicious) surprise! Helping with food for these events is just another wonderful thing that PTA does for us all.

Thursday was our first ever Celtic Music Assembly. Mr. Kanas, our music teacher, and Mrs. Cook, our speech therapist (who is also a talented musician), were joined by local fire fighters Tom Murphy and Sean Freeman in performing all of the great Celtic music. We even had Irish dancing demonstrations from some of our own Jefferson students! Students had a great time hearing and learning about bagpipes, tin/penny whistles the Irish low whistle and many other instruments!

#### Lunchroom/Playground

##### Supervisors/Greeters Wanted

Jefferson is looking for individuals who are interested in working a few hours each week to assist in our lunch room, help supervise on our playgrounds and/or greet and sign-in visitors to our school. Hours vary and are flexible. If you think you might be interested, or interested in being a substitute on an as-needed basis (or if you know someone else who might be), please contact the school office at 815-754-2263.

#### Brrrr...It is getting colder outside!

Leaves are falling and the temperature is dropping too! Please make sure children are sent to school dressed appropriately for the outdoors. Children will have recess outside unless it is raining or the temperature (with the wind chill factor) is 0 or below. Dressing in layers is helpful this time of year as sometimes it is cooler in the morning and the temperature warms up as the day progresses.

#### Calendars Dates

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.

**Fall/Halloween 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.

**Missed the Chance to Order School Pictures? Picture Retake Day is 11/6/07**

Fall pictures will be retaken on Tuesday, November 6. All students new to Jefferson, any students who were absent on the original picture day, as well as students returning a portrait package, or who missed the opportunity to purchase a package on September 27th should have their pictures taken on this day. *Portrait packages were sent home last week with students who ordered pictures. If you are not satisfied with your child's portrait and would like the picture retaken, the complete portrait package must be returned to school to give to the photographer when your child gets his/her picture retaken.* Additional payment envelopes are available in the office. Questions? Call Lifetouch at 1-888-666-9508.

**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.

**Market Day**

There is still time to get your Market Day order in and order your holiday desserts! Don't forget to place an order this month and help Jefferson earn more profit for Dessert Bonus Days! Every order helps us reach our goal! Orders are due to school by October 24 or order online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) until NOON on October 24. Pick-up Saturday October 27, 10 AM.

**Thank you** to our excellent team of volunteers last month. We had the whole Young family: Dede, Phil, Emma, Holly and Laura. Also volunteering were Kendal, Jackson and Megan Hampton, Kim and Katherine Nelson. Our team sorts, counts, fills, double checks and hands orders out with big smiles. *We need* volunteers who would like to contribute to Jefferson and be a part of a great team. Many hands really do make for light work. We begin at 9AM Saturdays of the sales and finish around 11 AM. Details: Pam (815)761-3025. We appreciate your support and we're looking forward to seeing you at our Market Day Sale!

**Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL**

Thanksgiving Break is from Wednesday, November 21 through Friday, November 23. There will be NO SCHOOL on these days. School will resume on Monday, November 26. Please be sure to mark your calendar!

## **Community Information for 10/22/07**

*(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)*

**10th Annual Halloween Trick or Treat Spooktacular** - DeKalb- Re:New DeKalb, Inc. is hosting the 10th Annual Halloween Trick or Treat Spooktacular in downtown Dekalb on Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Last year the popular Spooktacular event drew over 600 participants. So grab your costume and come join the fun! The event is free and includes trick or treating over 30 downtown businesses, making crafts at the House Café's Kreepy Kraft Shack, and new this year is an inflatable not so scary haunted house for kids to tour. For additional information on Spooktacular contact Jennifer Groce, Executive Director of ReNew DeKalb at 815-748-7788 or email [jennifer@renewdekalb.com](mailto:jennifer@renewdekalb.com)

**Bethany Health Care and Rehabilitation Center Boo Bash** – Friday, October 26 from 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Trick-or-treating, candy & games and raffle prizes for 1 girl's and 1 boy's bike. 3298 Resource Parkway, DeKalb, IL 815-756-5526.

**Ben Gordon Center Foundation 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charity Dodgeball Tournament.** The Ben Gordon Center Foundation invites you and your friends to join them on November 17<sup>th</sup> for a Charity Dodgeball Tournament at NIU's Rec Center. Teams can be made up of 6-10 players and divisions include: Youth: grades 4-5; 6-8; 9-12 (boys or co-ed); Business; Adults: (men; women; co-ed). Cost is \$100.00 per team. Registration deadline is Nov. 1, 2007. To register, stop by the Ben Gordon Center at 12 Health Services Drive or go to [www.bengordoncenter.org](http://www.bengordoncenter.org) to download a registration form or call 815-756-4875. Proceeds benefit care for mental health and substance abuse services for adults, children and families in need. See flyers in Jefferson's pamphlet rack.

**Junior Wrestling** – Pre-school to 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Huntley Middle School from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on November 7, 14, 28; December 5<sup>th</sup> and December 12 (Tournament) Participants will be given instruction in wrestling and safety in wrestling. During the last session, a tournament will be held to allow participants to use what they have learned in a scored match. All participants will receive a t-shirt, medal, and certificate at the tournament. Presented by DeKalb High School Wrestling. If you have questions, please contact Mike Pater at 815-754-2137. Flyers are available in Jefferson's pamphlet rack.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.physics.niu.edu) or contact Pati Sievert at [psievert@niu.edu](mailto: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, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 – 6<sup>th</sup> and Youth Indoor Soccer for grades Pre-K-8<sup>th</sup>. Visit their website at [www.kishymca.org](http://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](http://www.sycamoreartattack.com)

*Please see pamphlet rack outside of the Jefferson School Office for more information on these events. **Note:** Community activities are not sponsored by nor affiliated with DeKalb District 428.*