

# JEFFERSON SCHOOL

## PARENT

### NEWSLETTER

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

##### October

**31** Parade 2:00 (weather permitting) classroom parties – 2:30 p.m.

##### 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

**30** Festival of Trees, 10-5, Hopkins Park Community Center

##### December

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

We are all very excited that one of our excellent Jefferson teachers, Brenda Woker, has been named the first runner-up in the Illinois Ag Teacher of the Year! Brenda teaches fourth grade at Jefferson and we are very proud of her for winning this very prestigious award!

This week we will celebrate Halloween with our annual parade (weather permitting) and classroom parties. Please feel free to join us for our parade Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 in front of the school. Read on for specific information about costumes and parties.

Parent Teacher conferences are fast approaching. Please check with your child's teacher to schedule a time for your conference if you have not yet done so.

We continue to make *fabulous* progress on our goal of reading 451 books during the month of October. This is the last week we will be keeping track. Please return all of your child's slips in by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Watch next week for a final October count and please keep on reading!

As you know Jefferson and District 428 lost a dear friend and educator, Mrs. Marian Beguin this year. Marian touched all of our lives as a dedicated Jefferson teacher through her belief that "no child will be invisible in her classroom." To honor her memory Jefferson will be placing an arc bench near our kindergarten room along with some other plantings in the spring. Everyone will be invited to attend a dedication ceremony at that time. Contributions to Mrs. Beguin's memorial may be labeled as such and sent to the Jefferson School office.

**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 after the parade @2:30 p.m. Morning kindergarten students will have their own parade and classroom party during their morning kindergarten session.

### **Late to School?**

Chronic tardiness disrupts class and counts towards truancy totals. Please call the school if your child will be late. You must stop in at the office and receive a pass to class for your child. **Note: School breakfast will not available for children arriving late to school.** Please be sure your child has had breakfast before arriving at school if he/she will be tardy.

### **Suggested Trick-or-Treating Times for City of DeKalb**

The suggested time set for trick-or-treating for DeKalb is from 4:00 p.m-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31.

### **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.

### **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!

### **Festival of Trees**

Jefferson's 5<sup>th</sup> annual Festival of Trees will be held Friday, Nov. 30 & Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Hopkins Park Community Center. Crafters, sponsors and volunteers are still needed. If interested, please contact Allison at 815-748-5872. If you know a family or business that would like to sponsor a tree or wreath, please call Allison Hess, 815-748-5872 or Kim Leopardo at 815-758-8391

#### **\*Help Wanted\* – Special Volunteer Needed for the Festival of Trees**

Requirements: Male who loves the color red and reindeer, and who is available on 11/30 & 12/1. If interested, call Allison at 815-748-5872

### **Community Information for 10/29/07**

*(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)*

**2007 NIU N.A.T.I.O.N.S. Pow-Wow** – November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. Place: NIU Student Recreation Center, DeKalb, IL from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Enjoy Native American dance, food, crafts, and music (invited drums only). Free for all. For more information, contact Michael Augsburger at 815-758-3604 or email [NiuNations@yahoo.com](mailto:NiuNations@yahoo.com) Flyers available in Jefferson's pamphlet rack.

**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.

**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.*