

JEFFERSON SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER

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

November

- 6** Picture Retake Day
- 8** PTA meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 9** NO SCHOOL – Institute/Planning 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
- 30** Vision & Hearing Screening

December

- 1** Festival of Trees, 10-5, Hopkins Park Community Center
- 1** Market Day Pick-up, 10-11 a.m.
- 3** Vision & Hearing Screening

From Mrs. Seaburg's Desk

Jefferson surpassed the goal of 451 books by reading *540 books* in conjunction with the October "Big Read - Fahrenheit 451" challenge. Way to go Jefferson!

Thank you all for your help with the Halloween parties last Wednesday and for coming to watch our costume parade. Our students had a great time, thanks to all of you who helped make it happen!

Parent/Teacher conferences are next week. Please make sure to schedule your conference if you have not yet done so.

Have a great week and keep on reading!

Parent/Guardian State Pupil Transportation Reimbursement Information for the 2007-08 School Year

During the 2007-08 school year, parents and/or guardians of pupils that qualify may be eligible for pupil transportation

reimbursement. In today's Monday Mail is a "Notice to Parents/Guardians" in English and Spanish with eligibility and claim information. If you have questions, please call the school office.

Festival of Trees

Jefferson's 5th 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

Reminder: NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, NOV.

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There will be NO SCHOOL Friday, November 9 due to an Institute/Planning day for staff. Please be sure to mark your calendar!

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.

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. *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

11/21 – 11/23

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!

Memorial for Mrs. Beguin

As you may 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 ever 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.

District 428 Substitutes Needed!

District 428 is in need of substitutes throughout the district to serve as teachers, assistants, and nurse. To serve as a substitute, the following requirements must be met:

- Substitute Teachers – must hold a Bachelor’s degree in any subject
- Substitute Teaching Assistants – requires the completion of 60 college credit hours or a passing score on the Paraprofessional examination.
- Substitute Health Assistants – current CPR and First Aid certification required.
- Substitute Nurses – candidates must hold a valid RN license.

If you are interested in working as a substitute assistant, or nurse, or have any questions about subbing, please contact the Human Resources and Development Office at 815-754-2293 or tori.addison@dist428.org. To register as a substitute teacher, please contact the DeKalb County Regional Office of Education at 815-895-3096.

Community Information for 11/05/07

(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)

Junior Wrestling – Pre-school to 5th grade at Huntley Middle School from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on November 7, 14, 28; December 5th 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 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.

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.

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

*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.*