

JEFFERSON SCHOOL

PARENT

NEWSLETTER

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

November

- 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

Parent/ Teacher Conferences: Next week is the week! If you do not have a date and time for your conference, please contact the Jefferson office ASAP. If you need to change or reschedule your conference, the office can help with that task too. As always, parents will receive lots of good information at conferences so it is not something you will want to miss.

School Improvement: The 2007 school report card is available on the district web site. To access the report card, go to our Jefferson home page and click on the link at the top to the report. Please take the time to look it over. As a building, we made some nice progress that I think you would like to see. Jefferson 4th and 5th grade families will receive the 2007 ISAT individual student reports at conferences.

Have a great week. I look forward to seeing everyone at conferences!

Reminder to Parents

There is no supervision on our playgrounds before school *until 8:25 a.m.* For the safety of our students, we ask that students not be dropped off at school prior to this time. Students who ordered breakfast may be dropped off at 8:15 a.m., and should promptly enter the building to eat breakfast. Students eating breakfast will then be dismissed to their respective playgrounds at 8:25. Thank you for your cooperation.

Calendars Dates

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming “No School” and “Early Release” days in November. 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.

Brrrr...It is Cold Outside!

Winter is definitely around the corner! Please make sure children are 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.

Recess Illness

A student recovering from illness may remain inside during recess with a written, dated, request from his/her parent. Parent requests will be granted for a student to remain indoors for *up to two days per illness*. A student who needs to remain indoors for a period greater than two days per illness will need to have a dated doctor's note stating the student needs to remain indoors for health reasons.

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!

Market Day

We'd like to thank everyone who supported our November Market Day sale and hope that you enjoyed your pies and cheesecakes! Remember that if you purchase 1 roast and 2 holiday side dishes in December you will receive FREE Gingerbread Men. Your order is important to us so please look for your December order sheet to come home soon or visit marketday.com to see the great selection of Market Day foods.

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 owner who would like to sponsor a tree or wreath, please call Allison Hess, 815-748-5872 or Kim Leopardo at 815-758-8391

Health Office

Our Health Office would gladly accept any donations for gently used winter coats, hats, mittens or gloves. If you would like to donate any of these items, please drop them off at the school office. Thank you!

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 11/12/07

(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)

Ladder Golf Games – What began as teaching a lifelong recreational game has turned into a vocational and fundraising opportunity for the students in the MH program at DHS. Students in the program, along with some assistance of peer partners, built a ladder golf game to play. Interest was expressed in building more game sets for purchase. Students within the program build the sets from PVC piping, fittings, golf balls and rope. They are learning skills in safety, measurement, assembly, money management, and keyboarding, as well as recreational skills and communication skills. The MH program at DeKalb High School is currently taking orders for ladder golf game sets. These games can be customized by choosing the color of the golf balls for each team (i.e. orange and black for DeKalb). The games store flat and come assembled. Instructions for play are included. Cost is \$30 per game. Proceeds will be used to provide additional enriching vocational and community opportunities for students in the program. If you are interested in placing an order for a ladder golf game, please contact Wendy Bonneau at wbonneau@dist428.org or 815-754-2163.

DeKalb Wrestling Club Kids Team 2007-2008 – Registration for students (grades K-5) for the 2007-08 DeKalb Wrestling Club “Kids Team” will be held the following dates: Wed., Nov. 7 @ Huntley M.S. from 6 -7:00 p.m.; Mon., Nov. 12 @ DeKalb H.S. mat room 5:45-7:15 p.m. (FIRST PRACTICE); Wed., Nov. 14 @ DeKalb H.S. lobby from 5 -6:00 p.m.; Thurs., Nov. 15th @DeKalb H.S. lobby from 5 -6:00 p.m. All wrestlers will learn the fundamentals of wrestling, goal setting, confidence building, leadership, conditioning and flexibility. The fee for this season is \$35.00 and includes registration with IKWF and USA Wrestling, entry fees for approved tournaments, special guest clinics, a T-shirt, pizza parties and awards banquet. A copy of each wrestler’s birth certificate will be needed at the time of registration if wrestler has not previously wrestled for IKWF. Flyers available in Jefferson’s pamphlet rack. For any questions or more information, please contact Matt Roach at 815-739-6519 or email at dekalbwc@verizon.net. Website: www.dekalbwc.com.

Great Gift Workshop – 4-C and the University of Illinois Extension present the Great Gift Workshop, a family fun night for creating homemade gifts! To encourage giving and sharing, children may bring new or gently used mittens, hats or scarves to be donated to Safe Passage. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 28 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Building, 1350 W. Prairie Drive, Sycamore, IL. Registration is REQUIRED. Register by calling Roxana at 815-758-8149, ext. 288. Registration will be taken until November 26th, or until all spaces are filled. This program is offered FREE of charge. *Activities will be appropriate for toddler through school-age children.*

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.

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 necessarily sponsored by nor affiliated with DeKalb District 428.*