

JEFFERSON SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER

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

Upcoming Dates:

November

- 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

I trust everyone had a happy and thankful thanksgiving. We were able to spend some fabulous time with the LaPorte Seaburgs, and now - welcome back to some of the busiest weeks of the year! Several activities will be taking place in classroom. Your child's teacher will keep you informed, and we will include as much of that information weekly as possible. During this season of rushing around try to take a few minutes each day to read with your children, it is a gift you can share together. This weekend is our famous Festival of Trees at Hopkins Park; I look forward to seeing many of you there as we kick off the Holiday Season!

2007 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Hopkins Park Community Center. Please be sure to take the time to visit and view the beautifully decorated trees and wreaths and do a little holiday shopping! Buy raffle tickets to enter the drawings for chances to win some of the beautiful trees and wreaths! All elementary children who visit may enter the FREE drawing for a chance to win their school's snowman!

Market Day – Still Time to Order!

There's still time to get your Market Day order in. Don't forget to place an order in December and help Jefferson earn more profit through Cookie Dough Bonus Days! Plus, receive one free **Festival of Trees** Raffle ticket for every box of Bonus Days Cookie Dough ordered. You can also receive FREE Gingerbread Men with the purchase of 1 roast and 2 holiday dishes! Order online until NOON on November 28. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, you can call Pam Pollack at 815/761-3025.

We appreciate your support and we're looking forward to seeing you at our Market Day Sale!

Dental Requirements for Kindergarten and 2nd Grades

The School Code of Illinois requires a dental examination for all children in kindergarten and second grades. Dental examinations must be completed by a licensed dentist and documented

on the official dental examination form and presented to the school nurse prior to May 15, 2008.

Jefferson Parent E-mail Reminders

Parents, if you would like to receive e-mail reminders from Jefferson, here is how to subscribe: send a blank e-mail to jeffersonparents-on@dist428.org. You *should* receive a follow-up confirmation email. Follow the directions in the e-mail and you will be subscribed. You may unsubscribe at any time; simply send a blank e-mail to jeffersonparents-off@dist428.org.

If you have trouble subscribing, or if you don't receive a confirmation e-mail, please call the school with your e-mail address and we will manually subscribe you.

Family Access

If you haven't checked out Family Access via the District 428 website, you should! This is a great place to make sure all of your contact information is correct, check your food service balance, payments and purchases, see your children's schedules, attendance, and/or grades, assignments etc. Family Access offers e-mail notifications when your food service balance is below \$15.00. (Be sure to click the box if you would like to receive this e-mail notification and "save"). Family Access is constantly updating and changing, so check back frequently! **Now, you can enter absence notifications for your child via Family Access.** If you would like more information on accessing your Family Access via the website, or if you need your user name and password, please contact the school office at 815-754-2263.

School Emergency/Weather Closing Information

Every attempt will be made to have a decision about school closings or bus routes broadcast by these stations by 6:30 a.m.

Internet:

District 428 web site
Automated email/phone notification
(coming
fall 2007)

Radio:

WLBK - 1360 am
WNIU - 90.5 fm/WNIJ - 89.5 fm
WLEY - 107.9 fm

Television:

WBBM - Channel 2
WMAQ - Channel 5
WLS - Channel 7
WGN - Channel 9
WREX - Channel 13
WIFR - Channel 23
WQRF - Channel 39

Newspaper:

Daily Chronicle - www.daily-chronicle.com
MidWeek - www.midweeknews.com

At Jefferson, we will also make every attempt to also include school closing information on our office voice mail. (Dial the school number, 754-2263 and press 0 to go to the office voice mail for updated message); and will also make every attempt to send the info via e-mail to parents who have subscribed to our Jefferson Parent e-mail list serve.

Jefferson Office Phone Number

Have you tried to reach us by redialing the number appearing on your caller ID for Jefferson and gone through the voice mail system, or received a constant busy signal when trying to reach us during the day? This is because our only incoming line is **815-754-2263**. Several other numbers are for outgoing lines only! Please use **815-754-2263** when calling the school. Thank you!

Community Information for 11/26/07

(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)

Midwest Museum of Natural History – Animal Planet’s Ruud Kleinpaste - At the last minute, Midwest Museum of Natural History in Sycamore, IL has been able to bring international wildlife personality Ruud Kleinpaste of Animal Planet’s “Buggin’ With Ruud” to Sycamore! This will be his only performance during the U.S. visit. This quirky entomologist from Auckland, New Zealand, will provide an entertaining and educational performance on Tuesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sycamore High School Auditorium. Tickets are on sale now: \$20 general; \$15 for members. All are general seating. Call 815-895-9777 or stop by 425 W. State to get tickets. For more information, please visit the Midwest Museum of Natural History’s website at www.mmmnh.org, or you can visit the Animal Planet website at: <http://animal.discovery.com/fansites/buggin/bio/bio.html>. (Kids will find some fun puzzles and games on this site too.)

NIU Winter Muggle Academy: An Interdisciplinary Harry Potter® Camp – For some, Harry Potter is just a stack of books on a shelf; for others, it is a rich source for understanding culture and how the world works. It is a magical story dealing with issues that were important in the past, are important today, and will continue to be important in the future. The Muggle Academy is for Muggles who have passed their O.W.L.S. (completed grades 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11, or 12) While learning, you will work with experienced teachers and meet peers from other schools who share a passion for the Harry Potter® series. Participants will leave with their own Monster Book of Monsters and a souvenir blanket in the colors of their “house” by the end of the day. Fee is \$95 (\$85 if registered by 11/21/07); \$75 per additional family member (\$65 if paid by 11/21/07); returning LA&S Academic campers are eligible for a \$15 discount upon request. Please see green flyers in Jefferson’s pamphlet rack for registration form and additional information. *(Note: this event is not endorsed, sanctioned or any other way supported directly or indirectly, by Warner Bros. Entertainment, the Harry Potter book publishers, or J.K. Rowling and her representatives).*

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.

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.

*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.*