

JEFFERSON SCHOOL

PARENT

NEWSLETTER

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

Upcoming Dates:

December

- 3** Vision & Hearing Screening
21 Winter Holiday Parties
24-31 Winter Break – NO SCHOOL

January

- 1-4** Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
7 School Resumes

From Mrs. Seaburg's Desk

Did you enjoy Jefferson's Festival of Trees as much as I did? Once again, PTA did a fabulous job and our holiday season has officially started for Jefferson! Our 1st – 3rd graders entertained Festival goers with beautiful music. Thank you, Mr. Kanas, for helping make that possible. The Festival of Trees is the result of many hours of work from tons of parents. Many thanks to all of you for helping us have a great Festival and for supporting Jefferson!

The craziness of December can be overwhelming – take some time each day to read with your children – it will be the best part of your day, promise!

Help Start a Healthy Attendance Habit

Get your child started off right in the morning by making school attendance important. This is the beginning of habits that could last a lifetime! Explain to your child that there may be times when we just want to stay home, but we go to school and/or work anyway. It is our responsibility. Our school day begins at **8:45 a.m.** Your child should be in class and ready to learn at this time. An excessive tardy pattern not only interrupts your student's learning, but also the learning of the other students in the class. We want to encourage positive habits that will serve our students well throughout their life. If your child will be absent, always notify the school office by calling 815-754-2263 or by sending a note to school.

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.**

Outside Recess

Students will be going outside **every day** for recess unless it is raining or the temperature is below zero. When there is heavy snow, those students without proper winter clothing (boots and snowpants) will be asked to remain on the blacktop. We ask that you help in seeing that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Such things as a warm coat, hat, mittens, boots, and snowpants will make the time outdoors more enjoyable!

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.**

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 12/0

(Flyers for events/activities listed below are usually available in our pamphlet rack. us to send a flyer home with your child, or you may stop by school to pick up a flyer)

Sylvan Learning Center - Calling all students to a contest to help your local school. S DeKalb County Schools. In order to do this we are looking for help. We are having a c books! Prizes will be awarded to the students who can collect the most books. We hope

