

JEFFERSON NEWS

Jefferson Elementary School January 2010

PRINCIPAL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** I hope that 2010 is a great year for everyone! I wish you happiness, health, & strength. May you always have much to be thankful for, & may you exceed all the goals you set for yourself this new year. I have my own goals to work on—I am excited and ready for the challenge! As I reflect on past years, I truly have a lot to be thankful for—family, friends, & a job I love. (The students here at Jefferson make every day special & enjoyable. I hope you truly know how much I adore your children! I hope they all had a wonderful winter break!)
- I would like to thank **Mr. LaRosa & Mrs. Bilak** for hosting a parent math workshop on December 11. The parents of second & third-grade students had the opportunity to be students for a few hours. (They also got to enjoy bagels & coffee.) Parents received some information about “Chicago Math” & also got to experience some of the concepts first hand. Hopefully those who attended have a better understanding & appreciation for the math their children are using...& hopefully will be better equipped to assist with homework.
- Congratulations to **the 4th & 5th graders who participated in the Christmas concert on Dec. 15.** They did an outstanding job! They sang very cute songs with lots of enthusiasm! Thank you, **Mrs. Norton** for a job well done!
- Congratulations also to the **Wyandotte Academy Youth Choir for their wonderful performance on December 1.** The staff & students enjoyed having you at Jefferson during your Wyandotte tour. Thank you, **Mrs. Kane**, for the **AMAZING** work you continuously do with our students throughout the district!
- I am very proud of the students here at Jefferson not only for their extra-curricular involvements, but also for their overall behavior this year. The *majority* of the students (a majority of the time) **CONTINUOUSLY** follow our four school rules: **BE KIND, BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE.** Sure there are situations that arise & must be addressed (either verbally or with a phone call home, or sometimes with a consequence), but behavioral growth takes time—it doesn't happen over night. We just have to keep working on discipline issues as they arise, keeping in mind, believing that every student wants to do well. (Sometimes life is just difficult or complicated, & we need to patiently nurture the maturity & growth of our children.)
- The **PTO Executive Board & MANY parent volunteers** have sponsored some really great events—the **Halloween Bash, the Fall Book Fair, & the Santa Shop** to name a few. (They will also be hosting a **Family Movie Night** this month, an **Art & Talent Show** in February, & an **adult Dinner-Dance Fundraiser at the Italian American Club in March.** In addition, they will also assist with the next **Effort Challenge & Field Day** in June.) Thank you, all parent volunteers, for helping us, the staff at Jefferson, make this school year special for our students! (School should be safe, educational, & filled with special events to make it memorable!)
- The **next PTO meeting is January 12th at 6:30 p.m.** Any *positive involvement* on your part helps the Jefferson children! **THANK YOU!**
- FYI: The **Basket Raffle** raised over **\$1,700** to be used in each classroom. The December **Angel Fund** raised **\$183.** plus food items! Way to go, Jefferson!
- **More announcements on the back of this newsletter...**



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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

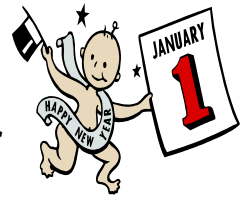
JANUARY

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| 4 | Return from Winter Break | 27 | “Savings Day” |
| 4 | Jefferson PTO Fundraiser @ <i>Joe's Hamburgers</i> (Elm St., Downtown Wyandotte) Every Monday! | 28 | Half Day 11:10 a.m. dismissal (Professional Dev.) |
| 7 | Market Day Pick-up, 5-6 p.m. | 29 | Half Day 11:10 a.m. dismissal (Record's Day) |
| 12 | PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m. | 29 | End of first semester |
| 13 | “Savings Day” | 29 | PTO Family Movie Night |
| 15 | End of Box Top/Campbell Soup Contest | | |



MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO SHARE...

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



“An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.” (Bill Vaughan)

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- A special **thank you to all the supportive parents and staff members** (academic & specials teachers, the secretary, maintenance, instructional aides, lunch aides, social worker, speech therapist, District nurse, & every other employee that affects our students & our school in some positive way) for all they do! Without EVERY SINGLE one of them, Jefferson would not be the great place it is. The dedication of all these individuals makes a difference in our community. (“**What children become, is what the community becomes.**”) You are appreciated, & your actions do not go unnoticed!
- Thank you to all those who assisted Jefferson families during the holidays! It is a very difficult time for many people! I would like to once again thank the many Jefferson parents & staff members, Wyandotte Public School Maintenance and Central Office personnel, Stacey Thomas from the Wyandotte Tech department, the Rotary Club of Wyandotte, BASF,

First Baptist Church, Trinity Lutheran, the Salvation Army, the Jaycees/Goodfellows, Wyandotte Post Office, & the Oak Club for extending a BIG helping hand to members of our school.

- **As always, I look forward to communicating in next month's newsletter.**

ADVANC-ED INFORMATION

It is the goal of the Michigan North Central Association (NCA) to “Advance excellence in education worldwide” through regional & international accreditation. The first year NCA Accredited schools was 1904! In 2006, NCA joined with a couple other organizations to form one unified organization under the name AdvancED which has strong accreditation standards that schools must strive to attain AND maintain through a mandated school plan & evaluation process. This plan is revised regularly—and a school report is submitted yearly. All staff members are required to be involved in this process, & parent/community partnership is also important.

Part of the accreditation process is for each school's staff to discuss & then write Vision, Mission, & Belief

Statements. (These items were recently revised at Jefferson, & they will be posted in the lobby in the near future.) Along with these statements, schools set three goals which can change as needed. See below for our school's specific statements & goals:

VISION: Jefferson Elementary School will continue to offer exceptional educational opportunities to **ALL** students in a safe environment that encourages personal growth while meeting the needs of students in an ever-changing society.

MISSION: The mission of Jefferson is to provide, in partnership with parents & community, a learning environment that empowers students to become lifelong learners.

BELIEF: We believe that every student can learn. All students can be kind, safe, respectful, & responsible. Reading is the foundations of education.

GOALS: All students will increase writing for proficiency & enjoyment. All students will improve reading comprehension across the curriculum. All students will improve problem-solving skills in a variety of contexts.



2010!

“Kindness is the language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”

(Mark Twain)

FUNDRAISING

A few on-going fundraiser reminders:

Recycled-paper bins (Located by the staff parking lot on Alkali)

Campbell Soup labels/Box Tops for Education (Contest taking place Dec. 1—Jan. 15)

Empty ink cartridges

Market Day (Monthly)

School Store (Hours: Daily at lunch)

Angel Fund Days (Monthly)

Joe's Hamburgers (Elm St., Wyan.) Every Monday!

Safety Fundraising (\$1. candy bars)

OTHER CURRENT ACTIVITIES TO GET INVOLVED WITH...

PTO Meetings (Monthly: January 12, 2010, 6:30 p.m.)

Savings Days (Monthly: January 13, 2010)

Jefferson PTO Fun Nights: “Movie Night” will be held on Friday, January 29, 2010.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY and SUPPORT!!!



I would like to take this time to personally thank EVERY STUDENT PARENT, and STAFF MEMBER for their generosity this Christmas. The Christmas cards and gifts were very thoughtful and much-appreciated!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break. May 2010 be filled with peace, love, health, and happiness!!!!

**Sincerely,
Mrs. Makuch**



REMINDER: JOE'S HAMBURGERS PTO Fundraiser

Every Monday

10 % Profits if you mention Jefferson PTO

MENU

“Slider” (Burger) \$1.25

Slider with Cheese \$1.35

Double Slider \$2.50

(Other Burgers also available)

Hotdog \$1.25

Chili Dog \$2.00

French Fries \$1.25

Chili Fries \$2.00

(Also available: Cheese Fries & Gravy Fries)

Onion Rings \$2.00

Chili & Soups \$2.50

Drinks (Soda, Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Milkshake, \$ Malts)

Desserts (Sundaes & Homemade Ice Cream Cookie Sandwich)

