

# JEFFERSON NEWS

Jefferson Elementary School

March, 2010

## PRINCIPAL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- As I type this newsletter on February 26th, I cannot believe how much snow is falling from the sky! It looks absolutely beautiful! (Maybe not as beautiful to those who must travel in it, but beautiful to me.) I know that we will all be saying "THINK SPRING!" soon, but for now, I hope you all enjoy the rest of our winter season.
- I can't believe March is upon us! This may be the fastest school year in my 18 years as an educator! (Do I say this every year? Maybe it simply means I am getting older.) It has been a wonderful year—sure there have been some "interesting" situations—maybe even a few difficult ones. Regardless, it has been great! I absolutely love working with the parents & students here at Jefferson...your children are amazing! (I truly adore them—I hope that you know this not only through my words, but also through my actions. Thank you all for your support & kind words throughout this year—they have meant a lot.
- Currently, students are working hard to make **Effort Challenge 3** (behavior & effort). All those who meet the challenge will enjoy a special day which is yet to be determined. Congratulations to all those who made **Effort Challenge 2!** The **ice-cream sundaes were a hit, & the exotic animal assembly** was extremely interesting & educational! (Students bragged that this effort challenge was "one of their favorites" to date.) Thank you, PTO members for funding this event.
- **Q. 3 Progress Reports (for students in grades 2- 5)** will be given out during the **week of March 8th**. If you don't see your child's by March 12th, you may want to inquire!
- Our **February Angel Fund Day raised \$172 dollars!** Thank you, students & parents, for continuing to support this fund's great causes. If you know any Jefferson families who could benefit from our Angel Fund, now or throughout the year, please contact me anytime. Also, **Mr. Jim Farnsworth** (maintenance) & I have created an organized area to store **donated clothes & shoes to benefit our students**. We have assisted a number of students by giving them bags of clothing. Other times, we have helped students that had "accidents" of various sorts. If you have any **NEW or GENTLY-USED, AGE-APPROPRIATE clothing/shoes to donate, please bring them into the office, washed & ready to be worn**. No undergarments, please, unless they are brand new. Thank you!
- The PTO-sponsored **Art & Talent Show (Mrs. Michelle Blankenship and her husband, Mr. Mike Grazier** headed this event) was a HUGE success! Some students had their art work on display, while others showcased their talents live (singing, dancing, gymnastics, hula hoop skills, etc.). **GREAT JOB, student participants!** (A list of participants is attached to this newsletter...There were over 65 participants, & well over 200 people were in attendance.) Highlight for me: I received a towel from "Elvis." He even wiped his sweat on it before handing it to me! What a fun event.
- More announcements on back of this newsletter...



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## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

### MARCH

- 2 Dr. Seuss' Birthday
- 4 Market Day, 5-6 p.m.
- 8 Progress Reports go out this week (grades 2-5)
- 9 Gr. 1 & 2 Concert, 6:00 p.m.
- 9 PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Half Day, 11:10 a.m. dismissal
- 10 Angel Fund Day, PJ's (\$1 Donation)
- 11 Credit Union "Savings Day"
- 12 & 15 NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)

- 16 Jefferson Staff presents at the Board Meeting
- 22 "Book Fair Week" begins (Specifics TBD)
- 24 Gr. 5 "Wax Museum"
- 25 Kindergarten Round-up, 1:30 p.m.
- 31 Credit Union "Savings Day"

### EARLY APRIL DATES

- 1 Half Day, 11:10 a.m. dismissal/Market Day, 5-6 p.m.
- 2 No School through April 11th (Spring Break)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT!!!

# \* JEFFERSON'S GOT TALENT!!!\*



Art Work by Michael Makuch (age 4)



Elvis really is alive!  
(Clyde Granzier, first grader)



Madison Hamilton & Taylor Amos...  
Future *American Idol* contestants?

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- **Congratulations to those students who made the Q2 Honor Roll or Principal's List (grades 4 & 5)! A list of honorees is attached to this newsletter. Thank you Mrs. Ruston, Mrs. Cross, & Mrs. Sims** for your help at the Honors Breakfast! (Long story short, these parents saved the day when the catering business failed to show up for this event because they "had the days mixed up." These parents jumped in their cars & raced around town, picking up items to create our own special breakfast for the students. When all was said and done, students enjoyed breakfast burritos, hash browns, donuts, bagels with cream cheese, & a variety of drinks. According to the excited students, this was "one of the best Honors Breakfasts ever." Great TEAM WORK!)
- The **school store** continues to be a hit with the students thanks to **Mrs. Cross** & the student volunteers that have been trained. (Store hours: daily at lunch)
- **TRAFFIC UPDATE** (Everyone's favorite topic these days): PLEASE remember that the area located in front of the school (15th Street) is a "Drop Off Only" area which is **strictly enforced in the morning**. When students are dropped off, they must exit the car & parents must leave immediately. (As I like to say: Stop, Drop, & Go) If police come

around, & you are "standing" for any amount of time, you will be ticketed. The traffic congestion in the morning has made this necessary. Since the signs have been posted (about three weeks), the traffic has been running much more smoothly. I must also remind drivers that parking in any person's driveway is unlawful & just plain wrong! No one should drop off students (or park) in a resident's driveway! One more reminder: Students should not be dropped off or picked up in the staff parking lot—not only because it's the staff parking lot, but also because it is dangerous, as cars are coming & going.

- Thank you to following individuals: **Police Chief Grant & Board Member Swiecki**, for volunteering to read at Jefferson on **Dr. Seuss Day**; **Grandmother of students Lauren and Christopher Pongracz**, for demonstrating "**Paws for a Cause**" to "K" & 1st-grade students; & **Mr. & Mrs. Vern Elmore**, Wyandotte residents, for their generosity in donating to our **PTO Dinner-Dance fundraising** cause. (Unfortunately, this event has been cancelled due to poor ticket sales. Any donations will be returned or, if allowed, will be used in a future raffle. Thank you to those who tried to support this cause. I am sure it would have been a lot of fun.) **Thank you also to Mr. Joe Hudson** for helping me organize a

**trip to Malcolm X Academy in Detroit.** 25 students were invited to visit their school to enjoy an assembly & presentation of African-American inventions in honor of **Black History Month**. We felt very welcomed by Principal, "Mama Dawson" and the rest of the staff. Transportation was provided by **Trinity Transportation** (Wyandotte) free of charge due to the efforts of Mr. Hudson. It was an excellent experience for all! I hope that every student remains proud of their heritage. We should all celebrate diversity with one another!

- Reminder: Please keep saving **Campbell Soup & Box Tops for Education** labels. We will be doing another school-wide contest in the spring.
- Parents, please make sure your **Emergency Cards** are kept up to date in the office! As numbers and names change, we must be notified! Also, if you did not include an e-mail but would like to be on our e-mail blast, please contact us. (We often send reminders as well as a copy of the newsletter and other information.)
- **Until the April newsletter...TAKE CARE!**



May you  
all have the  
"Luck o' the  
Irish!"

*"The harder I  
work, the  
luckier I get!"*

(Multiple Authors)

## FUNDRAISING

Recycled-paper bins, Campbell Soup labels/Box Tops for Education/Empty ink cartridges (Daily)

Market Day (Monthly)

Angel Fund (Monthly)

Joe's Hamburgers in Wyandotte (Every Monday)

## CURRENT ACTIVITIES (GET INVOLVED)...

- \* PTO Meetings
- \* Savings Days
- \* The Book Fair
- \* Attendance at extracurricular events (see calendar)
- \* Any Fundraising Opportunities

# JEFFERSON'S GOT TALENT!

## FEATURED ARTISTS:

*Chelsey Fritz, Marisa Gonzales, Clyde Granzeier, Alexis Holton, Jozana Hudson, Cecilia Kujawa, Alicia Lawyer, Hayden Loya, Michael Makuch, Miranda Napier, Emily Nestman, Emily Ostrowski, Scout Riddle, Summer Rinaldi, Ethan Rohraff, Delaney Ruston, Patrick Schilk, Abbey Simpson, Kali Sims, Dylan Stone, Ronald Swiecki, Karlee Szczesniak, Rilee Szczesniak, Anna Tertel, Jessica Thompson*



## FEATURED PERFORMERS:

1. *Brianna Chilson, Jordan Vellmure & Chelsey Fritz*
2. *Ronald Swiecki*
3. *Evan Snoes*
4. *Christian Cecil*
5. *Marisa Gonzales*
6. *Julia Williams & Jozana Hudson*
7. *Samantha Brewer*

8. *Lily Gauvin*
9. *Clyde Granzeier*
10. *Madison Hamilton & Taylor Amos*
11. *Miranda Harris & Gillian Hodge*
12. *Hayden Loya*
13. *Matthew Bartolotta*
14. *Morganne Kankula*
15. *"The Motown Dozen": Haley Sands, Cecilia Kujawa, Kali Sims, Trinity Householder, Ashlynn Boggs, Penelope Denson, Grace Smith, Jamie Benson, Carly Allen, Rilee Szczesniak, Tori Fiondella & Summer Rinaldi*
16. *Jordan Vellmure*
17. *Anna Tertel*
18. *Moira Hall*
19. *Kyma Adkins*
20. *Calvin Johns*
21. *Grace Waggoner, Amelia Hall & Emily Ostrowski*
22. *Rylee Trombley & Delaney Ruston*
23. *Emily Nestman*



## 2nd MARKING PERIOD

### 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE HONOR ROLL



#### Mrs. Bresnahan

Taylor Amos  
Chelsea Fritz  
Gino Genrich  
Michael Green  
Madison Hamilton  
Morganne Kankula  
Kaylie Kelley  
Filippo Mannino  
Devin Martin  
Dominic Puleo  
Ethan Rohraff  
Morgan Simpson  
Cameron Tyler  
Jordan Vellmure

#### Mrs. Edelstein

Matt Denson  
Jason Farnsworth  
Preston Grew  
Christopher Jones  
Madelyn LaBell  
Sabrina Morgan  
Aliah Rigley  
Nick Robinson  
Arianna Simm  
Andrew Vellmure  
Briana Warnke

### 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE PRINCIPAL'S LIST



#### Mrs. Bresnahan

Olivia Johnson  
Kenneth O'Grady  
Nick Partin

#### Mrs. Edelstein

Jena Alidinaj  
Colin O'Grady  
Daniel Sarnowski  
Iain Smith  
Evan Snoes  
Ronald Swiecki

### 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE HONOR ROLL



#### Mrs. Matulonis

Luke Arreola  
Lauren Bader  
Carson Cappaert  
Gerald Conz  
Lindsey Gardner  
Mackenzie Lazarek  
Amber Mayrand  
Christopher Simpson  
Lauren Taylor  
Rylee Trombley

#### Mr. Wilt

Austin Bennie  
Jared Berryman  
Mattie Collins  
Alicia Lawyer  
Samantha Pennethy  
Macy Perovich  
Joshua Raupp  
Tabitha Ross  
Hannah West



### 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE PRINCIPAL'S LIST



#### Mrs. Matulonis

Samantha Grant  
Elizabeth Kronell  
Ryan Makuch  
Delaney Ruston  
Brian Shuryan

#### Mr. Wilt

Andrea Baker  
Jonathan Chesney  
Corin Fiondella  
Moirra Hall  
Robyn Loselle  
Jakob Sims