



Jefferson Journal

December 2010

PTO NEWS

Next meeting is December 1st @ noon in the conference room. All are welcome to attend.

Turkey Bingo was a success! A big thank you to our sponsors: Arrow's Wrestling Booster Club, Bernie's Body and Glass, Brueggeman Insurance, Charlie's Pawn, Coca Cola, Culver's Dakota Outdoors, Discount Seeds, Engstrom Appraisal, Family Dental Care, First Premier Bank, Hometown Building Center, Hy-vee, Insight Design, Journey Mortgage, Lea's Hallmark, McDonald's, Midcontinent Communications, Minerva's, Mr. T's Sports Bar, National American University, Nitro Hobbies, Northeast Area Orthodontics, Pro-Tec Roofing, Redlinger Bros Plumbing and Heating, Reliabank, Riddle's, Slumberland Furniture, Technicolor Screen Printing, Venerts Investments, Walmart, Watertown Mall, and Weiss Eyecare Clinic!

President - Kami Canfield Secretary - Heidi Fiechtner

Treasurer- Heather Engstrom

The holiday season is upon us and for many that brings up thoughts of family, traditions, and of course gift giving. Many parents enjoy adding their child(ren)'s teacher(s) to their shopping list for Christmas. We have a gift idea that all teachers will enjoy receiving and will make your holiday "to do" list a little shorter. Please consider giving the gift of money so the teachers can purchase items for their classrooms as a gift. For example, the donations can be used to acquire new learning games for indoor recess times, for sponsoring a "Wild Child" at the Bramble Park Zoo, or helping the less fortunate in our community.

Each classroom teacher will decide how their class funds will be spent. They may pick out items from educator catalogs and work with their room parents to order items from the catalogs or local stores.

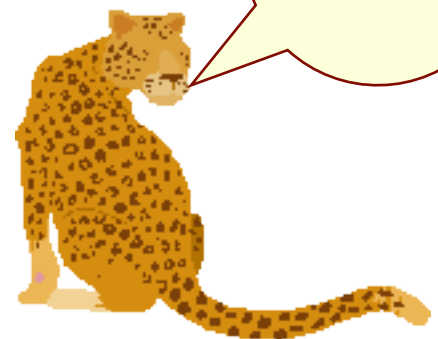
If you are wanting to participate in this activity, \$2 would be a good amount to get a game or two for the class (more money would be appreciated to receive more games) or to have a furry or feathered friend visit the school for a hands-on learning opportunity. The money would need to be turned in by Friday, December 17th. Please send the money in an envelope to school and label it, classroom gift.

Sincerely, PTO

Special Points of Interest:

- ☺ Dec. 1st - PTO meeting 12:00 in conference room
- ☺ Dec. 3rd - midterms go home
- ☺ Dec. 9th - 4th grade music program @ 6:30 in the gym
- ☺ Dec. 13th - 2nd grade music program @ 6:30 in the gym
- ☺ Dec. 22nd Full day of school
- ☺ Dec. 23rd - NO SCHOOL
- ☺ Jan. 4th - School Begins ☺

**Last
Day of
School is on the
22nd. Dismissal
time is 3:20.**





Principal's Corner

The snow is in the air! Some of our holiday music programs are happening this month. Student council will be sharing with their classmates about the season of giving. The Salvation Army is in need of our help. They would like boxed and canned food, not perishable or glass items. We will place the items under our tree in the Jefferson foyer and give the items to Lieutenant Tony Bowers on December 16th. All students can bring items through December 16th.

Conferences went well! Parents, thank you for taking the time to come to your child's conferences. We had 100% success. The Book Fair went very well. The school was able to purchase \$2559.71 worth of books for the library. Thank you for your support.

Most of the students are coming with winter gear. All students should be prepared to wear hats, mittens, snow pants and boots. If you are unable to afford these items, please visit with me. With that being said, anyone with hand-me-downs that are gently used, we will be happy to have in our building for students.

The 4th and 2nd graders will be having their music concerts before the holidays in December. The 4th graders will present on the 9th and the 2nd graders will present on the 13th. Both concerts are at 6:30 in the gym.

Social Work Corner - Sarah Foust

Your school social worker is here to provide support and connect parents with resources. Here are a few resources for the month of December:

Salvation Army Angel Tree

The Salvation Army is once again coordinating the Angel Tree for the Watertown Area. If you need of help providing gifts and food for your family this year, please stop in and fill out the simple registration form at the Salvation Army between 1pm-4pm Mon-Fri. Also, this is a great way for kids to give back. If you are looking for an activity for your family this Christmas season, please consider picking up a gift for the Angel Tree.

Household Products

Through donations and support from the Watertown community, we have household cleaning and personal care items such as laundry soap, toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, etc. to give to families who cannot afford them. If you need these items to help you get by, please contact Mrs. Sarah Foust or Mrs. Morrow.

Winter Gear

We have received several generous donations of winter gear for students. If your child is in need of a winter coat, snow pants, or boots please contact Mrs. Foust or Mrs. Morrow and we will be happy to help make sure your child has everything he/she needs for the cold weather.

Free and Reduced meal applications

Remember, if your income changes at any time, please stop in and fill out a new application for free or reduced lunches. If you're not sure you will qualify – stop into the school and fill one out. The application is simple and could save you money!





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We wish you and your family a very safe and happy holiday season!

PIZZA BASH

ARROW FANS

FRIENDS OF ARROW EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Let us *“do the cookin’”* while you *help support the Foundation and what they do for students in the Watertown Public Schools!*

Friday, December 17th
5:00 to 7:00 PM
at the WHS Cafeteria

before the Boys’ Basketball Game

Join us for **Godfather’s Pizza,
Hy-Vee Salad
& Coca Cola**

**\$6-Adults
\$3 - Children 10 and under
\$20 - per family**

LOOKING AHEAD

INNOVATIVE EDUCATION GRANTS to be AWARDED IN March

\$27,500 will be available for Arrow Education Foundation *INNOVATIVE EDUCATION GRANTS* which will be awarded **in March**. Applications will be accepted from WSD staff and other grant partners until 5 pm on **February 15, 2011**.

See www.arrowfoundation.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS:

MARTY KRANZ, ERIC TENNIS,

BRUHN ARTS

Arrow Education Foundation Scholarship applications will be available on the WHS website [http://
watertown.k12.sd.us/schools/srhigh/
student_services/scholarships2.htm](http://watertown.k12.sd.us/schools/srhigh/student_services/scholarships2.htm)
in mid-December. Applications will be accepted until February 22nd. Please contact the Foundation if there are questions.

The Foundation also awards the Donus D Roberts Forensics Scholarship and supports the Davis Award.

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