



# Jefferson Journal

February 2011

## PTO NEWS

Next meeting is February 2nd @ noon in the conference room. All are welcome to attend.

Teacher classroom requests that were purchased were:

Mrs. McLaughlin - easel

Mrs. DeSpiegler - conversation rug for group activities

Mrs. Stemwedel - Carry all for transporting items

Mrs. Werness - Sound system for music programs

Kari Keup is presently working on constructing the yearbook and still needs help from parents for pictures. If you have any pictures, please send to [kkeup@effectiveimages.net](mailto:kkeup@effectiveimages.net)

TALENT SHOW- date is set for March 29th, 2011. More information to come.

President - Kami Canfield

Secretary - Heidi Fiechtner

Treasurer- Heather Engstrom

Sincerely, PTO

## Principal's Corner

It appears that we still have a little more winter left. Thank you for driving safely. I am working with the city to keep our roads clear. Some of you have alerted me to issues and it has been appreciated. It is our goal to keep our children safe. With that being said, thank you for not parking in the staff parking lot. This area is dedicated for our buses and bus children. Our staff in the circular have appreciated all the kind words, cocoa, and coffee! On those 20 below zero days, it has been appreciated.

Detective Tim Toomey spoke to our 5th and 6th grade classes at the end of January.

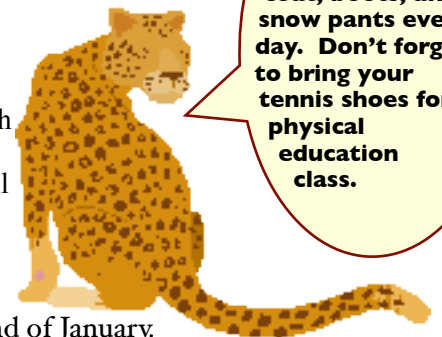
The highlights of parents night were: Setting rules, keep computers in a central room, check your child's internet history, teach your child what is inappropriate, and children must be 13 before joining Facebook.

Chat rooms are not for children. This is where many predators lurk. There are predators in Watertown and some of our children have been victimized. Please don't think this could not happen to your children. 1 in 5 children will be approached online.

### Special Points of Interest:

- ☉ Feb. 2nd - PTO meeting at 12:00
- ☉ Feb. 2nd - Student council meeting at 11:00
- ☉ Feb. 4th - Crazy Sock/Goofy Day
- ☉ Feb. 8th - 5th /6th grade performance @ DD Miller Auditorium @ 7 pm
- ☉ Feb. 10th Elementary Festival Honors Choir in Brookings
- ☉ Feb. 14th Happy Valentine's Day
- ☉ Feb. 15th Rope Olympics 7 -8 pm in the McKinley gym
- ☉ Feb. 16th NAEP testing for 4th grade
- ☉ Feb. 16th End of 3rd quarter
- ☉ Feb. 18th No School - teacher inservice
- ☉ Feb. 21st - No School

**Remember to wear your hat, mittens, coat, boots, and snow pants every day. Don't forget to bring your tennis shoes for physical education class.**





On January 13th, Family Leadership Institute presented information on how “YOU CAN BE THE POWER IN YOUR CHILD’S EDUCATION”. The evidence is clear and convincing. Parent involvement improves student achievement. Here are some possible benefits for your child:

- \*\*\* Higher grades, test scores, graduation rates
- \*\*\* Better school attendance
- \*\*\* Improved behavior at home and at school
- \*\*\* Increased motivation and better self-esteem

Boys and Girls Club - If your child goes to the Boys and Girls Club after school, the District encourages the students to ride bus #78 from the Middle School to the Boys and Girls Club.

List-serve- If you get a new email address, you need to unsubscribe your old address first and then subscribe with the new one. <http://www.watertown.k12.sd.us/schools/elem/jefferson/index.htm>

On February 10th, Matthew Donegan and Abby Kays will represent Jefferson Elementary and the Watertown School District at the Elementary Festival Honors Choir in Brookings. Congratulations Matthew and Abby!



Register for Spring Soccer - Watertown Youth Soccer Association will be holding registration for the spring soccer season on March 1 and March 22nd from 5 - 7 pm in the City Auditorium for new players only. Those interested may also register online at [www.watertownsoccer.com](http://www.watertownsoccer.com). For more information contact WYSA Executive Director Terry Hoffman at [terryh22hotmail.com](mailto:terryh22hotmail.com).

#### Child Find Notice

The Watertown School District has an ongoing “Child Find” system, which is designated to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing within its geographical boundaries who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The Watertown School District will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services will be no cost to the parents of the child.

If you know of a child who lives within the boundaries of the Watertown School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please contact Jennifer Heggelund, Director of Special Services, at 882-6399.

“Child Find” activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the Watertown School District will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through “Child Find” is maintained confidentially.

#### Notice of Non-discrimination

The Watertown School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Dr. Lesli Jutting, Superintendent  
P.O. Box 730, Watertown, SD 57201  
605-882-6312

Darrell Stacey, Assistant Superintendent  
P.O. Box 730, Watertown, SD 57201  
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For further information on notice of non-discrimination, see list of Office for Civil Rights (OCR) enforcement offices for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-(800)-421-3481.



Kindergarten Screening will be held at Garfield School on April 13th, 14th, and 15th. This is for all children in the Watertown School District who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2011. Parents are asked to bring a certified birth certificate (not a hospital certificate) and immunization records. Sign up will take place in March. More information to come.

### **Nurses Corner:**

#### Give Kids a Smile Dental Care Day

Does your child need dental care? Area dentists are coordinating services to provide dental care to children who have not recently seen a dentist and are currently unable to receive dental care due to financial needs and lack of insurance or Medicaid. This program is designed for children ages 0-18 who do not receive Medicaid and are unable to afford dental care.

If you would like to find out more about this program, please contact Kari at Lake Area Pediatric Dentistry 753 - KIDS (5437).

## *Social Work Corner*

### *Sara Foust*

Free meals are served every week at these times and locations:

Monday - The Banquet 5:30-7:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church

Tuesday - 7-9 am First United Methodist Church

Thursday - 6:15-7:30pm County Fair Banquet Hall.

Saturday - 7-9am Salvation Army Community Room



#### Food Pantries:

Salvation Army – Food box can be picked up every 30 days, Mon-Fri from 1-3 AND

- Fresh produce & breads – This is a wonderful opportunity for a variety of fresh fruits, vegetable, and breads! Every Thursday from 12:00-5:30. First come first serve. No income requirements. Enter through thrift shop.

Cornerstone Church - Mondays from 10:00-12:30

Family Worship Center Foursquare Church - Third Thursday of the month from 1-3

#### Food Assistance Programs

Angel Food Ministries - Administered through Four Square Family Worship Center. Low cost food. Monthly menus. Must place order approx. 2 weeks prior to food delivery. SNAP accepted. No income guidelines.

Contact Foursquare Church 885-2510 or on-line at [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com).

SNAP (formerly Food Stamps) - Financial assistance to help cover the cost of food. Apply at the Department of Social Services 882-5000. Must meet income qualifications.

Free & Reduced school meals (breakfast & lunch) - Pick up an application at your child's school. Based on income.



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## LOOKING AHEAD

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**INNOVATIVE EDUCATION GRANTS to be Awarded in March** The Arrow Education Foundation will award \$27,500 in **INNOVATIVE EDUCATION GRANTS** to teachers with creative and innovative ideas to enhance student learning. Applications will be accepted from WSD staff and other grant partners until 5 pm on February 15, 2011. See [www.arrowfoundation.org](http://www.arrowfoundation.org). Watch for results in the next newsletter!

**Class Reunions for 2011** Class reunions for the classes of '56, '61, '71, '81, '91, and '01 are being planned. Check the WHS Alumni and Friends Newsletter and our website for details. If you're a WHS grad and didn't receive a Newsletter, please send us your current address.

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS: MARTY KRANZ, ERIC TENNIS, BRUHN ARTS**

Arrow Education Foundation Scholarship applications are available on the WHS website [www.watertown.k12.sd.us/schools/srhigh/student\\_services/scholarships2.htm](http://www.watertown.k12.sd.us/schools/srhigh/student_services/scholarships2.htm) # Applications will be accepted until February 22nd. Please contact the Student Services Office or the Foundation if you have questions.

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

## Volunteers and Sponsors Welcome

The Foundation has opportunities for interested people in the community to help us fulfill our mission of “enhancing educational opportunities for students” in the Watertown School District.

**Business Sponsors are needed for HARVEST and other events** Volunteer projects might include: Assisting with grant process, Community Outreach, Marketing/Advertising, Newsletter preparation, Office work, Social networking, Website updates, and more.

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Is your child one of the 44,000 South Dakota students who is participating in Junior Achievement this school year? We encourage you to ask them about what they have learned through their JA experiences. With the support of the classroom teachers, we are able to provide a unique learning experience that challenges children to achieve. If you have an opportunity, please thank your child's volunteer and classroom teacher for their commitment to business and to education.

Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization that inspires and prepares young people to succeed in a global economy by educating them about work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy. JA programs offer kindergarten through 12th graders an educational experience that combines sequential curriculum with the leadership of a community volunteer to make education and economics relevant to students' lives and future successes. !

Many South Dakota schools invite business and community leaders into their classrooms to conduct hands-on activities to show students how business works. Nearly 2,000 community volunteers have been motivating students in South Dakota's public and private schools this year. !

For more information about the JA program or to volunteer, contact the JA office at 605-336-7318, 1-800-871-7007 or [jasd@ja.org](mailto:jasd@ja.org). A JA representative will be happy to share more information about the program with you. *2010-2011 Junior Achievement Volunteer Consultants*

Patricia Crom, Prairie Lakes Healthcare System Carmen Bakken, Convention and Visitor's Bureau

DeWayne Hibbert, OEM Worldwide Kerry Stager, Plains Commerce Bank Timothy Oviatt, Watertown Public Opinion

Kip Hansen, Dakota Bank Tyler Marthaler, Dacotah Bank Melissa Werner, Farm Credit Services of America

Kami Canfield, First PREMIER Bank Louis Canfield, Boys And Girls Club Watertown Mitch Pratt, First PREMIER Bank

Tina Pratt, Terex Utilities

Jefferson staff and students say THANK YOU!!!!