



Jefferson Journal

December 1st, 2011

Principal's Corner



Winter is upon us! Thank you to everyone that has brought in supplies for students who may need clothing and winter gear. If you are unable to afford these items, please visit with me. Families have been very generous and we want all students to have what they need.

Conferences went very well. Parents, thank you for taking the time to come to your child's conference. This is the only conference for the year. Remember that teachers desire close communication with parents. If you would like to visit with your child's teacher, please give them a call. You can set up a meeting or talk with them on the phone.

Book Fair

The Book Fair had another successful year. \$2152.96 of free books can now be purchased for our library. Thank you for purchasing and making this event a success.

The 2nd graders will have their concert on the 8th of December. Mrs. Magstadt, the 5th grade band teacher, will have a band concert at 1:30 in the lunchroom on December 15th. All are welcome to attend each concert.

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 in the school and fill out a form. The application is simple and could save you money.

Nature Adventures

Nature Adventures, a PBS programming animal show, came to share about South Dakotan snakes, turtles and reptiles. Students in grades 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th participated in this event.

Parents if you would talk with your child the night before or in the morning before school about their evening plans this would be very helpful. Some students get upset not knowing where they need to go after school. This also builds responsibility with your child.

I wish you all Happy Holidays with your family and friends!



Special Points of Interest:

- ☺ December 5th - 6th grade band at MS
- ☺ December 6th - midterms go home
- ☺ December 7th - PTO @ noon
- ☺ December 8th - 2nd grade concert @ 6:30
- ☺ December 12th - 5th grade full band at the Middle School from 3:40 - 4:30
- ☺ December 15th - 5th grade band program @ 1:30
- ☺ December 19th - 6th grade band at MS
- ☺ December 22nd - last day of school for winter break
- ☺ January 3rd - teacher in-service
- ☺ January 4th - school resumes
- ☺ January 4th - PTO @ noon

Jaguars!

Remember your boots, snowpants, gloves and hats. This is the way to have fun in the snow.





HEAD START

Head start program is available in town. If you think you may be eligible for your preschool age children, please give them a call. Dawn Sikkink, Family Case Manager, Inter-Lakes Community Actions Partnership, 605-886-7674, Fax 605-884-0973.

Band

5th grade full band practice on December 12th from 3:40 - 4:30 at Middle School.

6th grade full band practice on December 5th and 19th from 3:40- 4:30 at Middle School .



5th grade band concert on December 15th @ 1:30 in the Jefferson lunchroom.



Honor's Choir

Sixth graders had the opportunity to try out for Honor's Choir. 30 Jefferson students tried out and 4 of our students made it. They will perform in Brookings at SDSU at 4 pm on February 9th. 600 students across the state tried out and 150 students made it. These students will be representing our school: Matt Leadabrand, Samantha Rasmussen, Candace Higgins, and Kasidy Tvedt. Congratulations students!

If you would like to have the school newsletters sent through your email and haven't done so yet, you can still get this done. If you get a new email address, you need to unsubscribe your old subscribe with the new one. <http://www.watertown.k12.sd.us/schools/elem/jefferson/index.htm> website, click on LIST SERV at the top of the page.



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KIDSCOPE

Emergency closing information.

Closing due to inclement weather will be broadcast on local radio stations.

You may also refer to www.gowatertown.net

The programs will give a credit for tuition paid for times we are closed. (Full time unlimited accounts excluded.)

When school is closed or called off early, Kidscope will be closed for the day.

Thank you from your Kidscope team!



PICTURED: MADDY STEIN, MASON STOICK, DANICKA SCHOENEFELD, SAYLOR BURKE, & MYKEL HOFFMAN





“I DONT FEEL SO GOOD”....

As parents, we always want what's best for our children. When they don't feel good, we'd gladly trade places with them. There is a great balance between reinforcing the importance of being at school and making a good parent decision that your child will not be able to be "in attention" at school because of an illness. Here are some pointers that may be helpful in this decision.

Please be cautious sending your child to school if:

Has a fever of 100 or greater. The question is what has caused the fever. Coming to school sick (and possibly contagious) not only exposes other children to the illness, but also delays your child's healing time.

The dreaded vomiting and diarrhea. It is an excellent idea to keep your child home for at least 24 hours after the last time they vomited or had diarrhea. Feeling ill in school makes learning more difficult and also exposes other students and staff to the illness.

Has red eyes which can be a symptom of allergies, irritants, injury, and/or pink eye. If you see that your child has eye redness with drainage or crusting around the eye, it is possible that it is conjunctivitis (pink eye). More than likely you will get a call from the school asking that your child see an doctor to rule out a contagious illness. Red eyes also can be a symptom of allergies, irritants, injury, and/or pink eye.

Head lice or scabies. Your child must be treated prior to returning to school. It is very important to inform the school so we can take appropriate measures to ensure a healthy environment for all.

As with any virus, a fever does not always accompany the illness. If your child seems listless, has a persistent cough, or endless runny nose, or tummy troubles, it may be best to keep them home for the day.

And as always, if your child needs medication at school, a form must be completed and the medicine brought in the original bottle. (no baggies allowed).

For more information on recommendations for temporary exclusion from a school setting, go to <http://doh.sd.gov/documents/schoolexclusion.pdf>

Message for Parents

December is designated as 3D "Drunk and Drugged Driving" Awareness Month. During the 2010 holiday season, there were 480 crashes in South Dakota.

During the 2011 holiday season, let's keep our loved ones safe by following a few simple rules:

- Be a positive role model.
- Plan ahead, and obey the laws.
- If you drink, have a designated driver.
- Never serve alcohol to minors.
- Follow posted speed limits, and
- Before driving, make sure everyone is buckled.

Please celebrate the season responsibly and enjoy family & friends.

Check out these web-sites as a family:
www.toosmarttostart.samhsa.gov
www.thecoolspot.gov
www.timetotalk.org

A message from the Watertown Police Department, Codington County Sheriff's Department, SD Highway Patrol and Watertown Healthy Youth Coalition .