

February Activities:

- **Wednesday, February 4**
Student Council Meeting
11:30am – Wells Fargo
- **Friday, February 6**
2nd grade students
performing @ Varsity B-
ball game 7:45pm
- **Wednesday, February 11**
PTO Meeting 11:30am
- **Thursday, February 12**
5th/6th grade music
program 7:00pm
DD Miller
- **Friday, February 13**
Valentine's Day
Celebration!
- **Monday, February 16**
NO SCHOOL
President's Day!
- **Monday, February 23**
Wrestling meeting during
our PE classes
- **Tuesday, February 24**
4th grade NAEP Testing
1:00pm
- **Wednesday, February 25**
Early Dismissal 12:30pm
**NO AFTERNOON
KINDERGARTEN**
- **Thursday, February 26**
Orchestra Concert
Grades 5-12 @
DD Miller Auditorium
7:30pm
- **Friday, February 27**
NO SCHOOL – State
Wrestling Tournament

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Principal's Corner

We have selected three goals as a focus during the year (see October's Jefferson Journal). Each one of our goals will also have a designated special day this year. On February 25th we will focus on our first goal **All students will demonstrate academic growth in mathematics.** Our entire school will focus on mathematics through the use of playing cards. Our teachers will set up activities throughout the building using cards games to teach mathematics. It should be a great event! Stay tuned for our other goal days coming up in April and May!

Kindergarten Screening

If you have a child who will be age 5 on or before September 1st, 2009, he or she may enter kindergarten. Screening and registration has been scheduled for **Thursday, April 30 and Friday, May 1**, at Garfield Special Services building. If you would like more information on registration please call Joyce Paulsen at 882-6399.

Early Dismissal/Teacher Inservice

School will be dismissed at 12:30pm on **Wednesday, February 25** so staff can participate in a district wide inservice activity. **MORNING KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS WILL MEET.**

Electronic Newsletter

Starting in March, your monthly newsletter can be sent through email or viewed on Jefferson's web site. Please fill out the attached slip (page 3) to have the Jefferson Journal sent to you electronically.

Morning Drop Off

The recent cold weather has caused many delays in our student drop off procedures. We still encourage you to drop off your child by the playground between 8:15 and 8:25. If it is **too cold** (0 degrees or less) **ALL** doors are open at 8:15. Thank you for your help!

Vocal Music Programs

5th/6th grade students will perform on **Thursday, February 12 at 7:00pm** in the DD Miller Auditorium – WHS.

Coming soon

3rd grade music – March 9th
1st grade music – March 16th

Orchestra Program

Student in grades 5-12 will perform at the DD Miller Auditorium on **Thursday, February 26 at 7:30pm**



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GATE NEWS: THE FOUR ROLES OF THE CREATIVE PROCESS

The product of the creative process is YOU. To achieve high performance, develop your creative roles and make sure that you use them at the appropriate time. Consider these roles- keeping in mind that there is no one "right" way to be creative and each creative thinker has his/her own style.

Explorer – You're an Explorer when you are searching for new information.

Artist – When you're turning your resources into new ideas, be an Artist.

Judge – You're a Judge when you are evaluating the merits of an idea.

Warrior – When you're carrying your idea into action, be a Warrior.

Just as a rock in a stream is molded by the current that flows around it or a cliff-dwelling tree is shaped by freezing rain and thin air, we too are shaped by our environment: the

language we speak, the economic system of which we are a part, the clothes we wear, the food we eat, the media that bombard us. All of these influence the way we think and who we are.

But unlike stream-smooth rocks or Alpine trees, we are free to choose some of the processes in which we immerse ourselves. If you choose to be involved in projects that stretch you creatively, that force you to explore, manipulate, evaluate, and act in challenging ways, then ultimately you will be the beneficiary.

Keep in mind that the world isn't set up to accommodate every new idea that comes along. As a matter of fact, there's a lot of competition out there! If you want your idea to succeed, you'll have to take the offensive. If you really believe in your idea, have the courage to do what's necessary to make it a reality - and that can be the biggest kick of all.

Reference: A Kick in the Seat of the Pants, Roger von Oech, 1986

Preschool Screening

Preschool screening will be at McKinley School on **Friday, April 24th**, **Friday, May 8th**, and **Friday, May 15th**. Eligibility for the District's preschool is as follows: children who will be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2009, household income, and a screening score.

Please bring the following items with you to screening...

Certified birth certificate (not the hospital copy)

Immunization records

To make an appointment, please call McKinley School at 882-6350.