



Jefferson Journal



January 2010

PTO Meeting

12:00—1:00 January 13th

All are welcome to attend. This will be held in the Jefferson conference room.

The Jefferson PTO is looking for new ideas or events to replace spring fling. The PTO would like to plan a family event for some time in February or March. If you have any ideas please email Kami Canfield at kcanfiel@firstpremier.com or Melissa Werner at wernerm@fcsamerica.com Also send us your email address if you'd like to be added to the PTO email group.

Happy Holidays!!

Special points of interest:

- ☺ December 23rd - No School
- ☺ January 5th - School resumes
- ☺ January 6th - Student Council Meeting
- ☺ January 8th - Jag wear and Fit for Life Day
- ☺ January 8th - 2nd Quarter Ends
- ☺ January 11th - School Board Meeting
- ☺ January 13th PTO 12:00 - 1:00
- ☺ January 20th Shelter Reality will perform
- ☺ January 22nd No School District In-service Day
- ☺ January 29th 5th Grade Living History Fair field trip

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Principal's Corner

ACCELERATED READING

December AR student winners! These students were selected by their teachers as the top 2 students in each class. These winners all received a pizza party with Mrs. Morrow and Mrs. Zemlicka.

2 nd JENSEN Jared Dale Ty Althoff	2 nd LEININGER Megan Dockter Raine Devine	2 nd STEMWEDEL Kate Tisher Maddi Spiering	5 th CHILSON Ashlee Caywood Nolan Bowers	5 th ROOK Luke Schmidt Tom Vener	5 th ZINK Ben Sjoberg Mason Ahlers
3 rd DESPIEGLER Andrew Drennan Talli Raml	3 rd HAUGER Morgan Burn Parker Orr	3 rd McLAUGHLIN Emily Alama Keaton Adolph	6 th FEININGER Kade Davidson Molly Walker	6 th HARPER Jennifer Armstrong Marcos Ramirez	6 th SANDEN Hannah Bowers Joshua Kelly
4 th HURLBERT Grace Bach Sam Batta	4 th MAAG Krystle Kellogg Kynsee Stricherz	4 th STRUWE Grace Peterson Logan Stacey			

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Watertown High School Key Club for hats and mittens for our needy students.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS JAGUARS!

TRAFFIC - Between 8:15 to 8:30 and 3:15 to 3:30, thank you for moving forward in the circular drive with your vehicles before dropping off and picking up your child. Dropping them off and picking them up directly in front of the door creates a traffic jam in the street. Please do not leave your vehicle parked in the circular drive during those times as it makes it difficult for traffic to keep moving. Also, thank you for not parking in the north parking lot as it is for buses and employee parking only. This is due to SAFETY. It is not safe for children to walk between the buses to get to vehicles.

Collect -Bring in your Land O'Lakes milk caps, General Mills box tops, Tyson Labels, and Campbells products UPC labels. Also bring in empty ink cartridges and old cell phones. This brings in money for special items for the classrooms. We are still trying to fill our pop tab house. Your child will get their name in a drawing for each filled baggie.

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

Kindergarten had a puzzle exchange, received a special gift from the North Pole, made magic reindeer food, read holiday stories, and watched a short movie.

First grade - Mrs. Tisher's class had special games and treats. Mrs. Stoick's class had treats, a book exchange and watched Polar Express. Mrs Lightfield's class collected for care packages for the needy. All first graders collected pet food and supplies for the pet shelter.

Second grade - Treats and a gift exchange

Third grade - Polar Express themed party and gift exchange

Fourth grade - Adopted a penguin.

Fifth grade - Turtle races (courtesy of Watertown Box)

Sixth grade - Bowling



ATTENDANCE

Thank you for being wonderful parents and sharing with your child the importance of going to school and getting to school on time. Sometimes mornings can be hectic. Some solutions:

****Make bedtime earlier.** Children need at least nine to 10 hours of sleep.

****Lay school clothes out the night before.**

****Make sure your child has completed their homework and has their book bag packed and ready to go the night before.** Have a special place in your house where everything gets placed.

****Get your child their own alarm clock.**

****A couple days before returning from holiday break, it is a good idea to get back into the bedtime routine.**

****Limit TV viewing.**

Remember: Learning builds day by day. A child who misses a day of school also misses a day of learning.



SCHOOL REACH

School Reach

The district is piloting a new technology program called School Reach. School Reach is a school calling center that allows individual schools and the district to reach out to the parents regarding issues relating to the school. For example, if school is cancelled due to weather, School Reach is the tool that we can use to let parents know. The district phone number will call for weather related closings; most all other calls will come from the Jefferson site. If you would like a new number in the system, please call Zea Swenson, Jefferson's administrative assistant.

Social Work Corner

Parenting Tip

What children, especially 10-15 year olds, need most is positive social interaction with adults, according to Dr. Peter Scales from the Search Institute. These interactions expose children to real life heroes. Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when parents and other adults model positive, responsible behavior. When Watertown High School Students took the Search Survey last fall, 29% of the students indicated that they have positive adult role models in their life.

Children can never have too many adults encouraging them to make positive choices and being role models for them. Look for opportunities such as churches, youth activities, and friendships with neighbors to help your child find positive, caring adults.

Three ways you can be a role model for your child:

Treat your child with love and respect.

Model appropriate behavior. When you make mistakes, admit them. Apologize for mistakes.

Spend time together. Often. Be involved in your child's life on a daily basis.

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Resource of the Month

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Glacial Lakes Region: Mentoring program that matches children between the ages of 7-14 with a positive adult in a one-on-one relationship. Contact Jenny at 886-1554 for more information on either connecting your child with a positive adult or on how you can make a positive difference in another child's life.

Common Sense Parenting Classes

Tuesday, Jan. 12th 6:30-9:30 To enroll: Joyce Anderson 882-6399

Thursday, February 4th 6:30-8:30 To enroll: Sara Foust 882-6385



4th grade penguins! Grant Heuer, Jaime Stricker, Trevor Mees



Thanks for great community support!

The first **Live Like Marty Kranz Fundraising Event** held in October by Marty's family and friends was a great success! Proceeds were directed to the Foundation's **Marty Kranz Scholarship and Health and Physical Education Grant Fund**. Many thanks to those who supported this activity.

Thanks to Dacotah Bank, Mike Luken at ReMax Reality and Redlinger Brothers Plumbing & Heating, the Arrow Education Foundation will receive \$25 for each 3-point basket in varsity Girls and Boys Basketball and \$50 for each varsity duel match wrestling pin. **Go ARROWS!**

UPCOMING

Pizza Bash Fundraiser

Pizza in the WHS lunchroom before the Boys' Basketball game with Pierre

February 12, 2009. Come support the Arrows and the Arrow Education Foundation!

Innovative Education Grant Applications Due Feb 16

Foundation grant applications are welcomed until 9:00 AM February 16, 2010. See website for details. www.arrowfoundation.org Grants will be awarded the 4th week in February.

The *WHS Alumni and Friends Newsletter* will be arriving in mailboxes soon. Let us know if you would like one.

www.arrowfoundation.org (605) 882-6399 or (605) 520-4432



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM 2nd GRADE!