

October Activities:

- **Wednesday, October 1**
Turn in "Fit for Life"
- **Tuesday, October 7**
Elementary Cross
Country Run
K-2 5:30 PM
3-4 5:50 PM
5-6 6:10 PM Stadium
- **Wednesday, October 8**
PTO Meeting 11:30am
- **Monday, October 13**
NO SCHOOL
Native American Day!
- **Thursday, October 23**
Picture retakes
- **Friday, October 24**
End of 1st Quarter
- **Monday, October 27**
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
4:30-8:30PM
- **Tuesday, October 28**
Volleyball Day –
5th AM & 6th PM
Civic Arena
- **Wednesday, October 29**
Early Dismissal –
Teacher inservice
12:30PM
**NO MORNING
KINDERGARTEN**
- **Thursday, October 30**
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
4:30-8:30PM

Jefferson Elementary/ 605-882-6390

Principal's Message

This school year our staff will be focusing on three goals. They are:

Goal #1 All students will demonstrate academic growth in mathematics.

Goal #2 All students will develop and integrate positive social responsibilities in school and community.

Goal #3 All students will develop an understanding of healthy lifestyle choices for academic preparedness.

Ki-Yi Tradition

Each year the 6th grade students have an opportunity to design and build the school's float. This year we used the design plans from 6th graders Abby Rieber, McKenzie Redemske, Alyssa Modolo, and Breanna Solberg. Thank you!

3rd Grader Wins at Hy-Vee

Jenna Buechler, daughter of Jason and Kim Buechler, was chosen at our local Hy-Vee store as the winner of the "Smiles for Education" program. She won an Apple laptop Mac Book computer and Jefferson School will receive a check for \$5,000. Thank you Buechlers and Hy-Vee!

Jefferson Fund Raiser

A special thank you to all students and parents who helped sell items for our new fundraiser. We appreciate your support. Also, a special thank you to our PTO for organizing this event. Gift pick up will be during our conference nights (see below).

Parent/Teacher Conferences

The first quarter ends on Friday, October 24th. Conferences for grades K-6 are scheduled for **Monday, October 27 and Thursday, October 30 from 4:30-8:30PM**. Additional kindergarten conferences will be held on **Monday, November 10th**. Plans are to have a Book Fair during Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please watch for additional details.



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Hot lunch celebration

We wish to thank all parents who have had the opportunity to eat lunch with their children in grades 5 and 6. Coming up in October students in grades 1-4 have an opportunity to eat with their parents. See dates below:

October 2 – Grade 4

October 16 – Grade 2

October 9 – Grade 3

October 23 – Grade 1

Book Fair Volunteers Needed

Toward the end of October, the annual Book Fair will arrive and help is needed to get things organized. In addition, extra help is needed to help children with their “wish list” during school hours and during conferences on **October 27 and 30th**. We will also need help packing the books up at the conclusion of the Book Fair. If you wish to help, please call Mrs. Zemlicka at the school 882-6390.

3rd Annual Turkey Bingo

The Jefferson School Family night is scheduled for **Monday, November 24th** at the Codington County Extension Center. The PTO will begin planning for the upcoming event. If you would like to help at this event, please call the school at 882-6390 or attend our next PTO meeting (see calendar).

Parents of Gate Students

You are invited to a parent meeting to discuss some common issues of gifted children. Many times you probably have had 1,000 questions and did not know whom to ask. This is an opportunity to get together with other parents of gifted children. We will discuss some of your concerns. Please know that none of us know all the answers or are counselors to guide you, but rather an ear and an opportunity to share.

This is a very informal time and we will try to meet once a month, the last Monday of the month (Oct. 27) from 8:45-9:45 am in the conference room at Garfield School.

Teacher Inservice/Early Dismissal

School will be dismissed on **Wednesday, October 29 at 12:30PM** so staff can participate in an inservice activity.

Students who attend regular morning kindergarten will not meet. During September's early dismissal, staff members worked on improving student literacy. Inservices allow staff members to learn and work together to benefit our students. Thank you!

A Musical Note

We are excited that our Kindergarten through fourth grade programs will be held at Jefferson School this year. The fifth and sixth graders will still perform at the D.D. Miller Auditorium.

Kindergarten – TBA at a later date

1st Grade – March 16th @ 7:00pm

2nd Grade – December 11th @ 7:00pm

3rd Grade – March 9th @ 7:00pm

4th grade – December 4th @ 7:00pm

5th/6th grades – February 12th @ 7:00pm

Mobile Science Lab to Visit

On October 20-22, **Science on the Move** will be at Jefferson to help our students explore and inquire more about science. Tanya Maag, 6th grade teacher, is coordinating the event for our students!

Student Safety Patrol

During the month of October, students in grades 5 and 6 will begin a new pilot program to help our Jefferson students. This leadership opportunity will help enhance the safety of our school. Please watch for their presence at various school locations!