

January Activities:

- **Thursday, January 1**
Happy New Year!
- **Monday, January 5**
NO SCHOOL
Teacher In-service Day
- **Tuesday, January 6**
School Resumes 8:30am
- **Wednesday, January 7**
Student Council Mtg.
11:30am
- **Friday, January 9**
End of 2nd Quarter
- **Monday, January 12**
6th grade Boys Basketball
Meeting 3:30pm
(tentative)
- **Wednesday, January 14**
PTO Meeting 11:30am
- **Friday, January 23**
NO SCHOOL
Teacher In-service Day
- **Friday, January 30**
5th grade History Fair

GO JAGUARS!

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Principal's Corner

Happy New Year!

On behalf of the staff at Jefferson I want to wish you a Happy New Year for 2009! We have had many successes to be proud of since the beginning of the year. **First**, our safety patrol has been added this year to provide additional traffic/pedestrian safety for our school. I am proud of all the 5th and 6th grade students who are participating. **Secondly**, we have read 17,260 Accelerated Reader points. We are over

2,000 points ahead of last year. Thank you parents for supporting your child in reading. **Finally**, our PTO has been busy with our Turkey Bingo and school fundraiser. Both events were extremely successful. I cannot thank our students, parents and staff enough for making Jefferson a great place to be! Happy New Year!

Common Sense Parenting

Classes will begin on **Tuesday, January 13th** from **6-8 pm** at Roosevelt School. Childcare will be provided. To register, please call Paula at 886-0123.

"Reading for Children"

Every Monday, starting **December 22nd through May 14th from 4:00-4:45 pm**, there will be a "Reading for Children" put on by teachers in the Watertown School District for children ages 4-8. This will be held at the Goss Opera House. Jefferson teachers will read on **January 5th and 12th**. Please join us to listen to the teacher's favorite stories!

LOST AND FOUND

We would like to encourage you to place your child's name on items commonly found in the lost and found. Items include hats, gloves, snow pants, and coats. At the end of the year, we take the items not claimed to the Salvation Army. If you have lost an item, please stop by our lost and found table to claim. Thank you!

LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Please watch for lunch account reminders slips that come home with your child on **Tuesday and Thursday**. We send home the first reminder when your child has two meals left on their account. We have children call home and leave a message on the answering machine (if available) if they have charged two meals. Thank you for your help!



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ARROW EDUCATION FOUNDATION UPCOMING EVENTS - Join Us

Pizza Bash Fundraiser

Pizza in the WHS lunchroom before the Boys' Basketball game with Brandon Valley
February 6, 2009. Come support the Arrows and the Arrow Education Foundation!

Innovative Education Grant Applications Due Feb. 17

Foundation grant applications are welcomed until 9:00 AM February 17, 2009. See website for details. www.arrowfoundation.org Grants will be awarded the 3rd week in February.

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 \$25 for each varsity duel match wrestling pin. **Go ARROWS**

The *WHS Alumni and Friends Newsletter* is available. Let us know if you would like one.

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

Teacher In-service in January

School will not be held on **Monday, January 5** and **Friday, January 23**, so staff can participate in a teacher in-service. These in-services will be devoted to learning about technology, math and literacy strategies. Thank you for allowing our staff to engage in new learning opportunities to benefit our students.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM GATE

A TIME FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.....

By Taylor Addison
Blue Mountain Arts, 1989

"This is a time for reflection as well as celebration.
As you look back on the past year and all that has taken place in your life,
Remember each experience for the good that has come of it
and for the knowledge you have gained.
Remember the efforts you have made and the goals you have reached.
Remember the love you have shared and the happiness you have brought.
Remember the laughter, the joy, the hard work, and the tears.
And as you reflect on the past year, also be thinking of the new one to come.
Because most importantly, this is a time of new beginnings
and the celebration of life."