



# Jefferson Journal

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## **March Activities:**

- **Monday, March 2**  
6<sup>th</sup> grade Middle School registration (in school)
- **Tuesday, March 3**  
6<sup>th</sup> grade Parent's Night  
6:30pm Watertown Middle School
- **Wednesday, March 4**  
Student Council Meeting  
11:30am
- **Monday, March 9**  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade music program  
7pm Jefferson gym
- **Tuesday, March 10**  
5<sup>th</sup> grade band program  
10:00am
- **Wednesday, March 11**  
PTO Meeting 11:30am
- **Monday, March 16**  
All City Wrestling  
6:00pm  
High School Arena
- **Monday, March 16**  
1<sup>st</sup> grade music program  
7pm – Jefferson gym
- **Tuesday, March 17**  
End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- **Wednesday, March 18-  
Friday, March 20**  
Spring Break – No School
- **Monday, March 23**  
5<sup>th</sup> Swimming begins
- **Tuesday, March 24 &  
Thursday, March 26**  
Parent/Teacher conferences 4:30-8:30pm
- **Wednesday, March 25**  
Early Dismissal 12:30pm  
– **NO MORNING KINDERGARTEN**
- **Monday, March 30**  
Dakota Sten. Testing

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## **Kindergarten Screening**

If you have a child who will be age 5 on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, he or she may enter kindergarten. Screening and registration has been scheduled for **Wednesday, April 29, Thursday, April 30th and Friday, May 1st**, at Garfield Special Services building. If you would like more information on registration please call Joyce Paulsen at 882-6399.

## **Preschool Screening**

Preschool screening will be at McKinley School on **Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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. To make an appointment, please call McKinley School at 882-6350.

## **Business Partners Support our school**

**Wells Fargo and Northeast Orthodontics** recently donated a penny for each AR point the students read in November. The students read a total of 5,148 points. Each business donated \$51.48 to our school library. Thank you business partners for supporting our school!

## **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Conferences will be held on **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, March 26 from 4:30-8:30pm**. Daycare will be provided.

## **Arrow Education Foundation Notes**

**Thank you for the excellent community support and participation at the PIZZA BASH**, an annual fundraiser, held February 6th in the WHS cafeteria prior to the Arrows vs. Brandon Valley boys basketball game! The event brought in over **\$2000!** Our generous donors for this event were **Godfather's Pizza, Hy-Vee and Coca-Cola and Dunn Promotions Products.**

## **Upcoming Events**

**October 3, 2009 – Harvest Fest – mark the date on your calendar!**

## **Check grades on Campus at:**

<http://watertown.k12.sd.us/curres>

Select Campus for Parents. Contact the office for access information 882-6390.

## **Youth Soccer Registration**

**The Watertown Youth Soccer Association will be holding Spring Soccer Registration on Thursday, March 12 at the City Auditorium, 125 S. Broadway, 6-8 p.m. (If your child played soccer last fall, they are already registered.) For more information, contact the Executive Director, Jen Rieffenberger at 886-4246.**



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**Dakota STEP Testing begins March 30 through April 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Students in grades 3-6 will be tested in the area of Reading, Math  
and Science (5<sup>th</sup> only). More information to come!**

### **Social Work Corner - Parenting Tip of the Month**

Teaching our children "Life Skills" is crucial to their ability to be successful as adults. Life presents everyone with challenges. Children need to learn that they can meet those challenges and deal with the problems life brings them. By teaching your child skills such as cooperation, healthy conflict resolution, resistance, and assertiveness our children realize that they can be successful and resist negative influences.

Many families are currently facing stressful times. Remember that you are your child's first teacher. How you deal with stress is how you teach your child to deal with stress. Do not be afraid to talk to your children and let them know how you are dealing with your stress. As long as this is done in an age appropriate manner, you will be reassuring them and teach them how to cope with challenges they will face.

Please remember that if your income has changed due to a job loss or layoff, you can fill out a new application for Free and Reduced lunch at any time.

**Sara Foust, Social Worker  
Jefferson School 882-6390**

### **Jefferson Student's place in Elks Coloring and Essay Contest**

Jefferson students have been recognized as recipients of the Elks Coloring Contest and Americanism essay contest. Congratulations!

#### **Coloring Contest**

**Danika Schoenefeld**, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> place

**Jacob Tisher**, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> place

**Cody Block** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> place

**Ben Sjoberg** 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 1<sup>st</sup> place

#### **Essay Contest**

**Laura Socha** 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> place

**Holly Lukonen**, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> place

**Kasey Monnens**, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 1<sup>st</sup> place.

### **Sixth Grade Parent's Night on March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The Watertown Middle School will be having a parent's night for parents of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students on **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The night will begin at **6:30pm**. WMS Principal Dan Albertsen, Assistant Principal Nancy Weber, and School Counselor Jason Buechler will be in attendance to provide valuable information to parents about their child's two years at the Middle School. We look forward to seeing you on **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

### **Sixth Graders to get information about WMS**

Is your 6<sup>th</sup> grade student ready for the Middle School? Well, to make sure they are, Mr. Buechler, WMS school counselor, will be going to each 6<sup>th</sup> grade class on **March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**. He will be providing students with information about scheduling, academics, and general daily life at the middle school. The students will be given a packet of information that all parents are encouraged to read. The registration sheet in the back of the packet will need to be returned to the Middle School to ensure placing your child in the correct courses. Please call Mr. Buechler at 882-6370 for more information.