



# Jefferson Journal

March 2011

## PTO NEWS

Next meeting is March 2nd @ noon in the conference room. All are welcome to attend.

**TALENT SHOW-** Date is set for March 29th, 2011. Doors will open at 5:00. Pizza and hotdogs will be served at 5:30. The talents will begin at 6 pm. A short dance to follow the talent show. Pictures will be available to be taken with JAG, the Jefferson Jaguar. This event will take place at the Codington County Extension Building.

President - Kami Canfield                      Secretary - Heidi Fiechtner  
Treasurer- Heather Engstrom  
Sincerely, PTO

## Principal's Corner



March 2nd is Read Across America Day. Many Dr. Seuss books will be read. There will be guest speakers in the building. We will also have a short 10 minute assembly in the gym to celebrate reading.



Parenting classes will be starting on March 2nd. I encourage you to attend. These classes assist you with your parenting skills. The more “tools” you have in your parenting “tool box”, the easier it is to parent. During the meetings you can ask specific questions on how to handle specific situations too. More information is in the Social Work corner on page 4.

NED presentation is on March 16th. This presentation shares Never giving up, Encouraging others, and Doing your best. This presentation will be brought to the children through yo-yo’s. Students will be sent home information about how to purchase these yo-yo’s soon. (purchasing yo-yo’s is an option)

### Special Points of Interest:

- ☉ March 2nd - PTO meeting at 12:00
- ☉ 2nd - Student Council meeting @ 11:00
- ☉ March 3rd - 5th grade swimming begins
- ☉ March 3rd - Wrestling Triangular
- ☉ March 4th - Sports Jersey Day
- ☉ March 5th - Cracker Barrel @ the Home Show
- ☉ March 9th - 6th graders register for middle school
- ☉ March 10th - 6th grade parent meeting at the middle school
- ☉ March 10th - Wrestling Triangular
- ☉ March 14th - City Wrestling Tourney Civic Arena
- ☉ March 14th - 1st grade music program
- ☉ March 15th - 5th - 12th grade Band Festival @ arena 7 pm.
- ☉ March 16th - 12:30 early out - AM Kindergarten here - NED presentation from 8:40 - 9:35
- ☉ March 17th & 18th Spring Break
- ☉ March 24th Conferences - 4:30 - 8:30
- ☉ March 24th Aladdin performance at DD Miller Auditorium for 3rd & 4th grade
- ☉ March 29th Talent Show at the Codington County Extension Building
- ☉ March 30th 12:30 early out - PM Kindergarten here- teacher in-service
- ☉ March 31st Conferences - 4:30 - 8:30
- ☉ April 1st - No kindergarten
- ☉ April 1st - Disability Awareness Day for 4th graders



During the month of April the classroom teachers and I will begin placing students into next year's classrooms. We look at many different factors when placing a student in a classroom. To create balanced classrooms, we taken we take into account a child's academic ability, learning style, gender, and personality characteristics. We strive to balance each classroom with the right learning chemistry based on all curricular schedules.

In the past, we have accepted parent requests for a classroom teacher for their child. If a request is made, please send it through Mrs. Morrow **in writing with an explanation for the request**. This can be in the form of a note or an email. The request can be made until April 15th. The goal is to finalize classroom lists so as to distribute on your child's report card by the end of May. Thank you for your cooperation. [laura.morrow@k12.sd.us](mailto:laura.morrow@k12.sd.us)

### **6th Grade Parent's Night on March 10th**

The Watertown Middle School will be having a parent's night for parents of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The night will begin at 6:30pm. WMS Principal Todd Brist, 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 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

Is your 6<sup>th</sup> grade student ready for the Middle School? Mr. Buechler, WMS school counselor, will be going to each 6<sup>th</sup> grade class on March 9-11 to start the registration process. He will be providing students with information about scheduling, academics, and general daily life at the middle school. Students will be given a packet of information that all parents and guardians are encouraged to read. The registration sheet in the back of the packet will need to be signed by a parent or guardian to ensure placing each child in the correct courses. Please call Mr. Buechler or Mrs. Weber at 882-6370 for more information.

### **Band Information**

On Tuesday, March 15th, 7 pm @ the Watertown High School Arena there will be the first 5th grade - 12th grade band performance. There will be 500 students performing in this concert. All are welcome to attend. It will be a wonderful evening of music!

Mrs. Magstadt has important information for 5th grade band members:

**Thursday, March 3rd:** All **percussion** rehearse at the middle school from 3:30-4:30. Please remember to bring your instrument and music to school on this day. Students can ride the bus to the middle school. Rehearsal is in the band room. Please make arrangements to pick your child up at 4:30.

**Tuesday, March 8th:** All trumpets, french horns, trombones, baritones and tubas rehearse at the middle school from 3:30-4:30. Please remember to bring your instrument and music to school on this day. Students can ride the bus to the middle school. Rehearsal is in the band room. Please make arrangements to pick your child up at 4:30.

**Thursday, March 10th:** All flutes, clarinets and saxophones rehearse at the middle school from 3:30-4:30. Please remember to bring your instrument and music to school on this day. Students can ride the bus to the middle school. Rehearsal is in the band room. Please make arrangements to pick your child up at 4:30.

**Wrestling** is starting. Mr. Maxwell is the coach. Contact numbers: 882-6390 & 520-6727. Practices are Feb. 28th, March 1st, March 4th, March 7th, & March 8th. Triangulars are March 3rd at Jefferson & March 10th at Jefferson. All City Tournament is March 14th at the Civic Arena.



**Attendance** - Thank you for making school a top priority in your child's life. By building the habit of daily attendance, you will help your child see that school is important. Learning builds day by day. A child who misses a day of school also misses a day of learning.





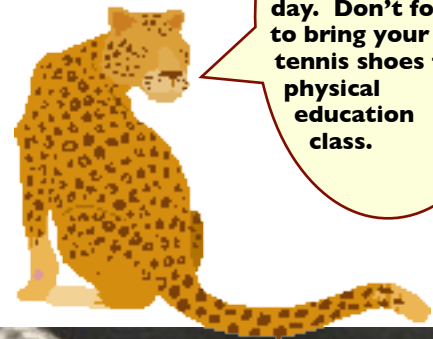
Boys and Girls Club - If your child goes to the Boys and Girls Club after school, the District encourages the students to ride bus #78 from the Middle School to the Boys and Girls Club.

List-serve- If you get a new email address, you need to unsubscribe your old address first and then subscribe with the new one. <http://www.watertown.k12.sd.us/schools/elem/jefferson/index.htm>



Register for Spring Soccer - Watertown Youth Soccer Association will be holding registration for the spring soccer season on March 1 and March 22nd from 5 - 7 pm in the City Auditorium for new players only. Those interested may also register online at [www.watertownsoccer.com](http://www.watertownsoccer.com). For more information contact WYSA Executive Director Terry Hoffman at [terryh22@hotmail.com](mailto:terryh22@hotmail.com).

Parent / Teacher conferences are on March 24th & March 31st from 4:30 - 8:30. Daycare will be provided in the lunchroom.



**Remember to wear your hat, mittens, coat, boots, and snow pants every day. Don't forget to bring your tennis shoes for physical education class.**

The flag of Ireland



The students above participated in the Elementary Honors Choir in Brookings on February 10th. There were 16 students from Watertown chosen to sing in a choir 198 students. The students from Jefferson were Abby Kays and Matthew Gauger. Mrs. Werness Jefferson and Lincoln Elementary Music Teacher (Matthew is top middle and Abby is bottom middle)





**Kindergarten Screening** will be held at Garfield School on April 13th, 14th, and 15th. This is for all children in the Watertown School District who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2011. Parents are asked to bring a certified birth certificate (not a hospital certificate) and immunization records. (Remember to start early with Chicken Pox vaccines as they need to be given months apart; Please call Garfield School @ 882-6399 for an appointment. Registration will take approximately one hour to complete. Please have your child wear tennis shoes for the motor skills portion of the testing.

**Nurses Corner:** ASTHMA CAMP for kids ages 8-14. Camp F.A.N. (Fix Asthma Now) will be held June 19-25 for kids who are on daily asthma medication. Children from all over SD, Northwest IA, and Southwest MN attend and learn more about how to better manage their lung disease. Daily asthma education sessions are included and a medical support staff is on hand 24/7 to monitor children. The camp is held at Camp Foster, Spirit Lake, IA, just 90 miles east of Sioux Falls. Financial help is available to cover the camp fee. For more information, call 1-800-873-5864.

**Patriotism Elks 838 Coloring Contest Winners:** 1st grade - 1st place winner - **Connor Hanson** (Mrs. Lightfield's class), 2nd grade - 2nd place winner - **Collin Crismon** (Mrs. Stemwedel's class), 2nd grade - 3rd place winner - **Olivia Fox** (Mrs. Jensen's class), 4th grade 1st place winner - **Parker Rieffenberger** (Mrs. Hurlbert's class), 4th grade 2nd place winner **Max Rieffenberger** (Mrs. Hurlbert's class)

## *Social Work Corner*

*Sara Foust*

Free meals are served every week at these times and locations:  
 Monday - The Banquet 5:30-7:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church  
 Tuesday - 7-9 am First United Methodist Church  
 Thursday - 6:15-7:30pm County Fair Banquet Hall.  
 Saturday - 7-9am Salvation Army Community Room



## **Boys Town Common Sense Parenting Classes**

A new session of classes will begin Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-7:30 at the Boys & Girls Club. Classes run for six consecutive Tuesdays. This is a great opportunity to learn strategies to help make parenting more enjoyable. Call Louis or Linda to register at 886-6666.

## **PACH (People Against Child Hunger) Program**

This is a new program being piloted this April and May in the elementary and middle schools. During the pilot program, approximately 25 students from each school will be able to receive food equivalent to two snacks and two meals that will be sent home from school prior to the weekend or break. Participants in the pilot program are taken on a first come basis. Applications have no eligibility requirements and are available at Hy-Vee, Salvation Army, Watertown Regional Library, County Fair, Department of Social Services, Boys & Girls Club, Lutheran Social Services, Watertown Resource Center, or on-line at [www.watertownunitedway.org](http://www.watertownunitedway.org) They may be returned to Hy-Vee, The Salvation Army, turned in on-line, or mailed to P.O. Box 176 in Watertown.

## **Household Products**

Through donations and support from the Watertown community, we have household cleaning and personal care items such as laundry soap, toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, etc to give to families who cannot afford them. If you need these items to help you get by, please contact your school social worker.



Free & Reduced school meals (breakfast & lunch) - Pick up an application at your child's school. Based on income.



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Think Spring



Volunteers and Sponsors Welcome

LOOKING AHEAD



**HARVEST 2011**

October 8

Join in the Fun

Casual Evening @ Wtn Event Center

**INNOVATIVE EDUCATION GRANTS  
to be  
Awarded in March**

The Arrow Education Foundation has received applications totaling \$20,500 for **INNOVATIVE EDUCATION GRANTS** from teachers and administrators with creative and innovative ideas to enhance student learning.

Watch for results in the next newsletter!

***Class Reunions for 2011***

Class reunions for the classes of '56, '61, '71, '81, '91, and '01 are being planned. Check the **WHS Alumni and Friends Newsletter** and our website for details.

If you're a VHS grad OR member of the community and would like to receive the newsletter, please send us your current address.

The Foundation has opportunities for interested people in the community to help us fulfill our mission of "enhancing educational opportunities for students" in the Watertown School District.

❖ **Business Sponsors are needed for HARVEST and other events**

❖ **Volunteer projects might include**

- Assisting with granting process
- Community outreach
- Marketing/advertising
- Newsletter preparation
- Office work
- Social networking
- Website updates
- And more...

Please call if you have questions.



Arrow Education Foundation  
Office at Garfield School  
[www.arrowfoundation.org](http://www.arrowfoundation.org)  
WatertownAEF@k12.sdus  
(605) 882-6399

**Unity in Diversity Event**

The second Unity in Diversity Event will be held at the Terry Redlin Art Center, Saturday, March 26th from 10:00am-2:30pm. What is the purpose of such an event? This event celebrates unity in diversity within our Watertown Community. Last year's event at the Goss Theater was a grand success and the planning committee (Businesses, Watertown School District, and Benedictine Multicultural Center) hopes that this year's event will bring even more awareness of the many types of people that make up our community.

There will be speakers, booths, entertainment, art, and food. Multicultural story reading will take place in the Comforts of Home Cabin, throughout the event. Art pieces from the Watertown District Schools will be displayed in the lower level of the Redlin Art Center. Many multicultural and other booths will be dispersed throughout the center.

**Guest Speakers and Entertainment**

10:00 am Flag of Many Countries Procession and Middle School Jazz Band

11:00 am Jacob Clark (WHS Senior)

11:30 am Haiti (Lear family)

12:30 pm Empowering Women in Afghanistan (Mary Redlin)

1:30 pm Turkish Delight (Lynn Langner & Barb Miller)

2:30 pm Bill Dempsey (Bagpipes) and Flag Parade

This is a family event! Come and enjoy a unique awareness experience. Come and support all the people who are sharing their time with us.

For more information Contact Karen Jaskulka ESL/Migrant Instructor Watertown School District Office Phone 882-6370.