



Jefferson Journal

The next PTO meeting will be held on November 3rd from noon to 1:00. Bring your lunch. Join the fun. All are welcome to be part of the parent/teacher organization.

TURKEY BINGO!! FUN FOR FAMILIES November 15th from 6 - 8 pm at the Extension Building. More information coming soon!

Collect: Bring in your Land O'Lakes milk caps, General Mills box tops, Tyson labels, and Campbells products UPC labels. Also bring in your empty ink cartridges and old cell phones. This brings in money for special items for the classrooms.

President - Kami Canfield

Secretary - Heidi Fiechtner

Treasurer - Heather Engstrom

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences are November 4th and November 9th. In the spring the conferences will be held on March 24th and March 31st.

Principal's Corner

**Thanks to all who have donated to the Kjellson family.

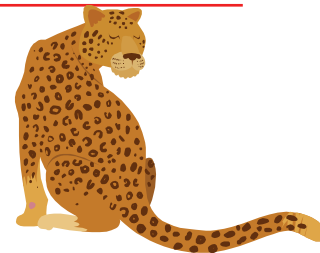
**Remember there is no kindergarten on November 5th.

The kindergarten teachers need time to conference with 50 sets of parents each.

**Student Council is about to begin. This year the Jefferson Jaguar Council will focus on how we can make a difference in our school and community. Their first community service will be working at the Turkey Bingo.

**TURKEY BINGO - What is it? A great time for families! This night consists of BINGO, dinner, and prizes. The event is from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

**American Education Week is November 14th - 20th. In observance, the Watertown Education Association would like to donate new and gently used picture books to doctor and dentist's offices, the hospital and the Caring Club House. If you have any books you would like to donate, please drop them off at the school office by Monday, November 8th.



November 2010

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Oct. 27th - Early Dismissal - AM Kindergarteners are here
- ☺ Oct. 29th - 1st Quarter end
- ☺ Nov. 3rd - PTO 12 - 1:00 in the conference room
- ☺ Nov. 4th - conferences from 4:30 - 8:30
- ☺ Nov. 5th - NO KINDERGARTEN
- ☺ Nov. 5th - 5th/6th grade go to DD Miller Auditorium for the performance of The Prince and the Pauper
- ☺ Nov. 8th - Student council speeches
- ☺ Nov. 9th - Student council elections
- ☺ Nov. 9th - conferences from 4:30 - 8:30
- ☺ Nov. 10th - 5th and 6th grade Veteran's Day Presentation at the DD Miller Auditorium
- ☺ Nov. 11th & 12th No School
- ☺ Nov. 15th - TURKEY BINGO 6-8 PM
- ☺ Nov. 24th - Early dismissal PM Kindergarten are here No morning kindergarten today.
- ☺ Nov. 25th & 26th - Happy Thanksgiving No School
- ☺ Nov. 30th - Midterms



**Once again Governor Rounds has named Jefferson Elementary as a President's Challenge State Champion School by the President's Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition for 2009-2010.



**A reminder to parents: Remember when you come to give something to your child or wish to visit with your child, please check into the office first. This is for security of ALL children.

DW at work!



Creating Arthur pictures!



NURSES CORNER

NOTES ON NITS FROM THE NURSE

This is the season for head lice. In fact, this season is year round. You will want to check your own child's head for signs of lice periodically. Having head lice doesn't mean the child isn't clean. Ordinary washing and shampooing will not eliminate lice. An effective medicated shampoo or rinse needs to be applied to wipe out lice their nits (eggs).

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

The major sign of head lice is irritation and intense itching, especially in the hair over the ears and on the back of the neck. There may be red marks on the skin - the result of irritation by louse bites. To be certain, look closely for "whitish" eggs, also called nits. These tiny eggs are glued to individual hairs, usually close to the scalp and are very difficult to remove (unlike dandruff). Head lice do not fly or jump, but crawl very quickly.

WHAT TO DO

If your child has head lice, please contact the school. The child may return to school as soon as treatment has been complete. Proper treatment includes using an over the counter lice shampoo, combing out the eggs, and following instructions for cleaning. This will greatly help insure the avoidance of re-infestation. DON'T PANIC! Anyone can get head lice. It has nothing to do with cleanliness.

GATE

Those families that have children in GATE can read information online. The Gifted and Talented website is water-town.k12.sd.us/gate

FLU SHOTS Mark your calendars. Flu shots will be available on November 4th and 9th.

For the fourth year, free seasonal flu vaccine will be available for children aged 6 months through 18 years. This year the Department of Health is also making Tdap vaccine available to all children aged 11-14 years.

Tdap vaccine protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Several states are reporting outbreaks of whooping cough. In South Dakota, many parents are unaware that a Tdap booster is recommended for their adolescent children.

Influenza vaccination helps protect children from the flu and its complications and decreases the spread of influenza in the community, as children are often the biggest spreaders of the disease to adults and other children. During the 2009-2010 flu season 69 % of South Dakota's cases were children 18 and younger and 50% of flu-related hospitalizations were for children 18 and younger.

The influenza and Tdap vaccines can be safely given at the same time. The state is supplying the vaccines free of charge, and there will be no administration fee at school-based clinics.

Vaccination clinics for all eligible infants and children will be held at the **Watertown Middle School on Thursday, November 4th, 2010 and Tuesday, November 9th, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Parents/guardians are encouraged to come to the clinic to be with their child when the vaccine is administered. If you would like your child to receive the vaccine but are unable to attend the clinic, you may designate another adult to bring your child. Parents/guardians will need to complete the following:

Review the Vaccine Information Statements carefully - keep for future reference

Complete one or both of the consent forms for the vaccine/s you wish your child to receive; All children are eligible for Flu vaccine; Children aged 11-14 who need a booster are eligible for Tdap vaccine; Send completed consent form/forms with designated adult.

Vaccine Information Statements and consent forms can be found online at <http://doh.sd.gov/WhoopingCough/default.aspx> and <http://doh.sd.gov/Flu/Default.aspx>.

Some children age 8 and younger will need 2 doses of flu vaccine this year

Children aged 6 months – 8 years who did not receive any 2009-10 H1N1 vaccine need 2 doses separated by 4 weeks.

Children aged 6 months – 8 years receiving seasonal flu vaccine for the first time need 2 doses of vaccine separated by 4 weeks.

Children aged 6 months – 8 years who received seasonal flu vaccine for the first time last year but only had 1 dose need 2 doses separated by 4 weeks.

If you have questions about the vaccines or the scheduled clinic, please contact the South Dakota Department of Health in Codington County at 882-5177.

Social Work Corner - *Sara Foust*

Dakota Smiles Mobile Dental Program

This is a fully equipped dental office on wheels that provides dental care to children ages 0-21 that have no dentist. It will be at the Head Start parking lot (612 3rd St NE) Nov. 29th – Dec. 3rd 2010. To learn if your child qualifies for this program or to sign up, please call Mendy Herke at (605)256-6518 or Mrs. Foust (social worker) at your child's school.

Project Hope

Homes of Hope is sponsoring a program for those challenged by today's economy. There will be free blood pressure testing, legal advice, family photos, a pharmacist and other important life services. Local agencies will also be available to provide information about services that may be helpful to you. This event will be held Monday Nov. 15th from 4:00-8:00pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

Winter Gear

We have received several generous donations of winter gear for students. If your child is in need of a winter coat, snow pants, or boots please contact your school social worker, Mrs. Foust or Mrs. Morrow and we will be happy to help make sure your child has everything he/she needs for the cold weather.

Free and Reduced meal applications

Remember, if your income changes at any time, please stop in and fill out a new application for free or reduced lunches. If you're not sure you will qualify – fill one out. The application is simple and could save you money! Turn it into Mrs. Morrow.



PIZZA BASH

ARROW FANS

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FRIENDS OF ARROW EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Let us "do the cookin'" while you help support the Foundation and what they do for students in the Watertown Public Schools!



"Enhancing educational opportunities for students"

Friday, December 17

5:00 to 7:00 PM

at the WHS Cafeteria

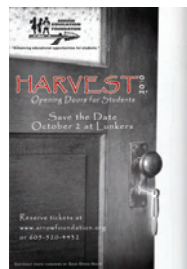
before the Boys' Basketball Game

Join us for Godfather's Pizza,

(Hot pizza will be brought out every 15 minutes)

Hy-Vee Salad

& Coca Cola



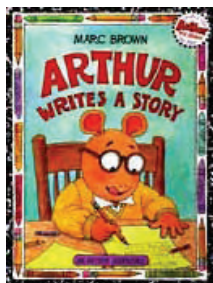
HARVEST - Opening doors for students

Thanks to the amazing community support, our annual fundraiser was a great success!

The HARVEST committee worked diligently to create a variety of "fun" ways for businesses and individuals to support the

Foundation's mission of "enhancing educational opportunities for WSD students".

"The Real DW"



Kim Brown, "The Real DW" from Marc Brown's *Arthur* book series inspired K-6 students in all elementary schools in October. Students drew "Arthur" following an easy 8-step process, and were encouraged to use their own lives as story themes just as Marc Brown does.

Kim came to Watertown through the Foundation's Marlys Bunde Elementary Education Grant of \$5000.

You can learn more about D.W. and other Arthur story info at <http://marcbrownstudios.com/>

A BIG thank you to all those who helped plan, organize and execute this wonderful opportunity for WSD students and families.

THANKS, ARROW FANS!

The Arrow Education Foundation extends a whole-hearted thank you to all those who made the Homecoming Tailgate Party a rousing success! Special thanks to our sponsors: Hy-Vee, Coca-cola, and Eccentrix Mobile DJ/Josh Weyh and the WHS Athletic Dept and Maintenance Staff .

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