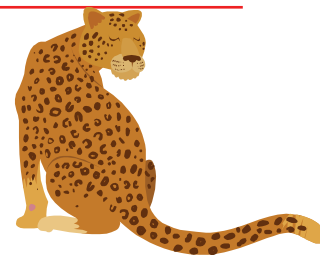




Jefferson Journal

PTO meeting on September 15th from noon to 1:00. Bring your lunch. Join the fun. All are welcome to be part of the parent/teacher organization.



September 2010

Principal's Corner

We are off to a great start for the 2010-2011 school year. It is exciting to see your children again. I think about Jefferson Elementary and the town of Watertown, we have a great thing going here. Our children are truly cared for by their parents. Thank you parents for feeding your children nutritious meals, clothing them, getting them to bed on time, and sharing with them the importance of an education. What a gift you have given your children! We are so thankful for what we have and how other parts of our country are struggling.

Each week throughout the year, we will be recognizing students in grades K - 6th. On Fridays, each classroom teacher will select a student to be a JAGUAR PRIDE student for the upcoming week. We ask the students to bring a picture of themselves and 1-2 items that they are proud of. We will display the student's picture along with the items in our front display case. The items will be returned to the students at the end of the week.

SLEEP FACTS:

According to scientists, children from the ages of 3 - 5 need 11 to 13 hours of sleep per night. Children ages 5 - 12 need 9 to 11 hours of sleep per night. Children that don't get enough sleep will not retain as much information as those that get enough sleep. During sleep the brain works overtime creating pathways of learning from their short term to their long term memory.

LIST SERVE:

Many of you signed up for the list serve on open house night. Please continue to do so if you haven't yet. The information is in your family packet you received. This list serve will enable you to receive copies of the newsletter through your email. This will save on paper. We will continue to send a hard copy until we have it running smoothly. Technology is great when it works, so we will do our best to make this seamless.

STUDENT ABSENCES

We want our students in school every day. If your child is ill, please call between 8 and 8:30 AM that your child will not be attending school that day. (882-6390) It is appreciated when you notify us prior to absences you are aware of in advance.

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Sept. 1st Kick off for FIT FOR LIFE
- ☺ Sept 6th - Labor Day, No School
- ☺ Sept. 15th - PTO 12:00 - 1:00
- ☺ Sept. 20th - Ki-Yi Legend 7:30
- ☺ Homecoming—Sept. 24th, 1:30 dismissal for the parade
- ☺ Sept. 27th - 6th grade starts swimming
- ☺ Sept. 29th - 12:30 early dismissal. No AM Kindergarten. PM Kindergarten is here in the AM.

Fall Conferences:

November 4th & November 9th.

There will be no kindergarten on November 5th.





FREE AND REDUCED LUNCHES:

Applications for free and reduced lunches should be returned to me as soon as possible. The information is confidential. Breakfasts are also included in the free/reduced lunch program. Please consider applying for this program. With that being said, some families have run into hardships over the year due to loss of jobs etc. Please do not hesitate to call me. All information will be confidential. There may be ways that we can help.

CHECK IN

When you come into the school, please come to the office when entering the building. This is for your child's safety.

MAKING DAILY PLANS

Some children are very stressed when they are unsure what they are doing at the end of the day. Please visit and make plans the night before so they are comfortable and ready to go when school dismisses.

SEPTEMBER 29th TEACHER IN-SERVICE

Students will be dismissed at 12:30. The PM kindergarteners will come in the morning. There will be no AM kindergarten on this day. The district makes every effort to have morning and afternoon kindergarteners attend the same amount of days throughout the year.

VISION AND HEARING TESTING

Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade will be getting their vision and hearing tested by USD nurses. This will take place in early September. This is a wonderful opportunity for your children.

HOMECOMING WEEK

Homecoming week is September 20th. The football game will be Friday at the stadium. September 24th, we will dismiss at 1:30. The parade will begin at 2:00. Come join the fun.

MUSIC PROGRAMS

Those that like to plan ahead... These are the upcoming dates for the music programs throughout the year. (all programs are subject to change)

December 9th - 4th grade

December 13th - 2nd grade

January ? - 5th and 6th grade at the DD Miller Auditorium

February 7th - 3rd

March 14th - 1st



PHONES:

Thank you for being patient with us as we have a new phone system in the building and we are still working the bugs out.

SWIMMING

6th graders will start their swimming program on September 27th. More information to come from the physical education teachers.





"Enhancing educational opportunities for students."

**Welcome to an autumn full of great activities! Please join the Arrow Education Foundation.
GRANTS IN ACTION**

Sept 14 - JOHN ADAMS UNBOUND

All community members are invited to attend an in-depth exploration of the JOHN ADAMS UNBOUND exhibit entitled "John Adams and His Library" at the Watertown Regional Library from 7:00 - 8:00 PM. Beth Prindle, curator of this exhibit from the Adams Collection at the Boston Public Library, will be the presenter.

Sept 15 - JOHN ADAMS UNBOUND

WMS 8th graders and WHS English and history students will be guided by Beth Prindle in an exploration of Adam's personal library. This experience will provide first-hand insight into how John Adams shaped American history and how he was shaped by his lifelong dedication to reading and books.

Oct 12-15 - MEET THE REAL D.W.

D.W. is Arthur's sister in the Arthur stories by Marc Brown. Her character was patterned after Marc's sister, Kim Brown, who will be presenting that character to all elementary students in the WSD. (Watch for more details in our next newsletter.)

Sept. 24th Homecoming Tailgate Party

ARROW FANS!

Come One! Come All!

5:30- 7 pm, Inside the Stadium – Due to road construction

\$5 per person, \$20 per family

Subs and Chips from Hy-Vee Pop & water from Coca-Cola

Music

By Eccentrix Mobile DJ-Josh Weyh

Stadium opens at 5:30 pm

Grab a sub and get your seat early

Oct. 2 **HARVEST**

..... Opening Doors for Students

The Arrow Education Foundation invites you to join us for **HARVEST**, our fund-raising event, held **October 2, 2010**. This casual evening will showcase teacher-inspired classroom innovations in education and promises to be lots of fun! Please contact the Foundation office or visit our website for more information on how you can attend **HARVEST**.

We would love to have you join us in sowing the seeds of excellence in education in Watertown.

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