



# Jefferson Journal

September 1st, 2011

## Principal's Corner

Your children are fantastic! Jaguar pride is everywhere. Your child's teachers are working so hard to meet all of their needs. Teachers appreciate your questions. Please don't hesitate to email or call them with your questions or concerns.

FIT for LIFE is part of the physical education program. The students will be running (walking) at 2:30 on Wednesday.

Remember there is no school on Monday, September 5th.

Sixth graders start swimming on September 26th. (Dates: Sept. 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, Oct. 3rd, 4th, 5th)

Homecoming is the week of September 26th. Arrows vs. Eagles This week is fairly "low key" in the elementary grades. On September 29th, you are welcome to bring your child to the football field @ 7 pm. There will be a powder puff football game along with the burning of the W. September 29th students will wear their "jag wear" to school. September 30th students will wear purple and gold. Students must refrain from wearing face paint and colored hair. On September 30th, there will be a minor change for early dismissals at the elementary schools. All elementary children will be dismissed at 1:30. Students may wear face paint and colored hair to the parade and also to the football game in the evening.

In your Open House packets you received Dakota Step testing results if your child was in 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th grade last year. Testing was in April last year. The Dakota Step assessment provides critical feedback to educators, students and parents regarding students' academic content standards. Dakota STEP results are not used in making grade promotion decisions. I will be sending home a parent letter from the Department of Education ([www.doe.sd.gov](http://www.doe.sd.gov)) to better explain the D-STEP. This informational letter will also be available in the office.

Orchestra is about to begin. 5th and 6th graders can learn the violin, viola, cello, and bass. Orchestra classes will be during the day free of charge. Parents night will be this Thursday, September 1st from 6-7 pm in the Middle School band room.

### Special Points of Interest:

- ☉ August 31st - FIT For LIFE kick off (2:30)
- ☉ August 31st - 5th grade band recruiting
- ☉ Sept. 1st - Orchestra parents night 6 - 7 pm @ Middle School
- ☉ Sept. 5th - Labor Day/No School
- ☉ Sept. 26th 6th grade swimming starts ☉ Sept. 27th - 1st quarter mid-term
- ☉ Sept. 29th - Burning of the W & Powder Puff Football game - 7 pm
- ☉ Sept. 30th - Homecoming - early out 12:20
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### Jaguars!

PTO will be taking orders for new Jag wear! Very Cool new Jag wear. Go to page 2 for info.



### NRA Youth Sports Fest

Saturday, September 10, 2011

Codington County Sportsman's Club Trap Range

Pre-registration is required by Sept. 7th.

Call Game, Fish and Parks office @

881-5914 or 882-5200



If you would like to have the school newsletters sent through your email and haven't done so yet, you can still get this done. 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> Once you are on the website, click on LIST SERV at the top of the page.

I want to thank the room mothers/fathers that helped out this past year. Children get excited when their parents get to help out. Room mothers/fathers are needed. They will be in charge of assisting your child's teacher in class parties, field trips, and other fun events. Perhaps the class needs cupcakes. Your child's teacher may ask you to call parents to see who can bring cupcakes or napkins etc. Teachers will visit with you in sharing his/her needs for the year as each teacher will have different yet similar needs.

## *PTO NEWS*

# JagWear Reminder!!

Jefferson JagWear orders must be turned in to the school or placed on-line by the end of the day Friday, Sept. 2nd. Please note that it is THIS week Friday.

Note: Additional orders will not be able to be placed after the order deadline date.

Additional order forms may be picked up in the school office or you can place your orders on-line at [www.blue84spirit.com/schools/jefferson](http://www.blue84spirit.com/schools/jefferson).



PTO meetings will be held the 1st Wednesday of every month. The next meeting will be on September 7th. The meetings will be held in the Jefferson office conference room @ noon. Bring your lunch.



ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
WATERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Students,

Jefferson School will participate in the “Fit for Life” program. The “Fit for Life” program is an extension of the physical education program. It is a program that will enable your child to earn points for doing fitness activities after school.

The purpose of the “Fit for Life” Club is to increase fitness levels and to build lifetime habits that will help maintain fitness. Just as fitness is not something accomplished in one week, the awards in this program will take several months of effort to achieve.

Your child, if they choose to participate, will be awarded points for any sports/fitness/exercise activities done outside of school that will promote physical fitness. There will be no points awarded for play activities but only for those activities completed within the intent of increasing fitness and earning fitness points. Our intent is to stimulate a child to set time aside every day for fitness. Points will then be turned in each month to the student’s classroom teacher. They will be collected and charted. The master chart will be placed in the hall, outside of the gym, from September 2011 thru May 2012.

If you or your child decide to participate, your role in this activity will be two fold: (1) Motivation-help remind, make suggestions, join in your child’s fitness if possible; (2) help in record-keeping. Use the fitness calendars obtained from the classroom teachers, check each activity completed, and total the points at the end of the month. (Each check mark is equal to 5 points for approximately 30 minutes of activity.) The maximum points we can record for each student is 40 (160 per month). Turn in the calendars to the classroom teacher on the first day of the following month. Extra calendars available in the box located in the gym. PLEASE POST THE CALENDARS AT HOME IN A SAFE AND CONVENIENT SPOT SO THE STUDENTS CAN EASILY RECORD THEIR ACTIVITIES DAILY YET DO NOT LOSE THEM. REWARDS: 100 points: Free swimming pass at the Rec. Center, 200 points free pass at the Ice Skating Arena, 400 points Bowling Pass at Tommy’s Lanes, 600 points you may order your choice of shirts, (short sleeve, long sleeve t-shirt, or a hooded sweatshirt), 800 points K - 3 a free pass to Kid Zone, 1000 points 4th - 6th grade Wild Water West trip, 1280 ( all points possible), free one day pass at outdoor pool.

This program is open to any parent, sibling, or staff member at Jefferson Elementary School. If you are not a student at Jefferson and earn your “Fit for Life” T-shirt, long sleeve shirt, or sweat shirt it will be necessary for you to pay the entire cost.

Forever in Fitness

Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Hodorff