

December Activities:

- **Monday, December 1**
Turn in Fit for Life forms
- **Tuesday, December 2**
4th grade Winter music Program – 7pm
Jefferson Elementary Gym
- **Wednesday, December 3**
Student Council Meeting
11:30 am
- **Wednesday, December 10**
PTO Meeting 11:30am
- **Thursday, December 11**
2nd grade Winter music Program – 7pm
Jefferson Elementary Gym
- **Tuesday, December 23**
Early Dismissal 12:30pm
NO AFTERNOON KINDERGARTEN
- **December 23- January 5**
Winter Break –
Happy Holidays!!
- **Thursday, January 6**
School Resumes 8:30am



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Principal's Message

The third week in November was a week in which we celebrated **American Education Week**. Our school, along with others in the district, had various staff and student activities to help celebrate the importance of this week.

We are very grateful in this country to have a system as unique and spectacular as ours. Our system is an all-inclusive system where all children are given the opportunity to learn no matter their background.

The great educator, Horace Mann, said that education is the great equalizer of our society. This still holds true. Students from all walks of life have an opportunity to fulfill their dreams for a better tomorrow through public education.

I am very thankful to be a part of this great American institution and enjoy working with all the young people that walk through our doors.

Mr. David Eggen,
Principal

TURKEY BINGO

I would like to thank all of the people who made our **3rd Annual Turkey Bingo** a huge success. A special thank you goes out to Val Bauer and Melissa Werner for co-chairing the event along with our PTO. Also, I would like to thank the staff at Jefferson, the student council members, parents, and all students who made the event enjoyable!

NOTE: 4th grade winter music program change from Thursday, Dec. 4 to Tuesday, Dec 2. at 7:00pm in the Jefferson gym.

Book Fair News

Mrs. Zemlicka would like to thank everyone for their support with the Book Fair during our Parent/Teacher Conferences. The library will see a profit of \$912.19 and \$1,346 in library books. The money will be used to purchase more library books. Again, thanks for your continued support of this worthwhile project.

Presidential Shirt Order

Due to the high requests, Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Hodorff would like to offer the Presidential Physical Fitness shirt again. Orders are due December 5th. (See attached)

Apples Delivered to Celebrate

On **Wednesday, November 19**, the PTO delivered apples to all students and staff in recognition of **American Education Week**. They distributed over 550 apples. Thank you PTO for your support for education!



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Jefferson Elementary Student Council 2008-2009

President	Kaycee Monnens
Vice-President	Kadence Feininger
Secretary	Hailey Hauger

<u>Classroom</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Mrs. Hauger	Taylor Wittenhagen
Mrs. Lubbers	Drew VerDouw
Mrs. DeSpiegler	Brayden Shriver Taten Raml
Mrs. Hurlbert	Ashlee Caywood
Mr. Moeller	Tysen Cook
Mrs. Struwe	Madi Breitag
Mrs. Chilson	Cole Wirkus
Mr. Zink	Sawyer Sterud
Mrs. Rook	Ross Hurlbert
Mrs. Feininger	Laike Doyen
Mrs. Maag	Taylor Spies
Mr. Sanden	Emilee Horning

Parenting Tip of the Month

It is important that children have a role in both our home and community. One way to do this is to give them responsibilities. At home, this means children should have chores or other reasonable responsibilities. Even though they may complain about it, responsibilities help them understand what it means to be part of a family. Children also need to learn about being part of a community. Encourage your children to volunteer and participate in community events. When we do this, children take ownership and pride in their community and are more likely to show respect for others. This holiday season help your children build resiliency by teaching them to give back and help others.

Sara Foust,
Social Worker

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM GATE

Recipe for Christmas All Year Long
By Joanna Fuchs

Take a heap of child-like wonder
That opens up our eyes
To the unexpected gifts in life—
Each day a sweet surprise.

Mix in fond appreciation
For the people whom we know;
Like festive Christmas candles,
Each one has a special glow.

Add some giggles and some laughter,
A dash of Christmas food,
(Amazing how a piece of pie
Improves our attitude!)

Stir it all with human kindness;
Wrap it up in love and peace,
Decorate with optimism, and
Our joy will never cease.

If we use this healthy recipe,
We know we will remember
To be in the Christmas spirit,
Even when it's not December.

There WILL be class for the 4th
graders on Dec. 22nd, but no further
classes that week. GATE classes will
resume on Tuesday, Jan. 6th.

The winter newsletter will be coming
soon. Enrichment class options will
be included.

Take some time to enjoy family and
friends this month.
Remember that all of us have gifts –
we just open them at different times.
Thank you for allowing us to work
with your children.