

September Activities:

- Monday, September 1
NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- Saturday, September 6
NRA – Sportsfest
- Wednesday, September 10
PTO Meeting 11:30AM
- Friday, September 12
QSP Fund Raiser Kick-off 2:30
Watertown Family Week Begins
- Wednesday, September 24
Teacher Inservice
12:30 Dismissal
No Afternoon Kindergarten
- Friday, September 26
Ki-Yi Day 1:30 Dismissal
No Afternoon Kindergarten
- Monday, September 29
6th Grade Swimming Unit Begins



Principal Message

We are off to a great start for the 2008- 2009 school year! Our opening assembly kicked off the new-year with a preview of our building theme:

“WILD About Learning.”

We also are working to fine tune our new specialty class schedule as well as our new lunch schedule. The students have been great in learning the new routine. Hopefully, very soon, we will be in the groove with our new schedule.

Again, it is exciting to see the students again and we are looking forward to an exciting year!!

Mr. David Eggen,
Principal

QSP Fund Raiser Kick-off

The PTO has decided to make a change to our fundraiser for this year. In connection with QSP, we will raising money through a program called Home and Gift Collection. The students will learn more about this program on **Friday, September 12**. The majority of the proceeds raised will go to support the purchase of a large piece of playground equipment. Thank you for your support of Jefferson.

We are opening the school doors five (5) minutes earlier this year. Please make arrangement to drop your child off at the playground close to **8:25AM**. School begins at **8:30AM**. Thank you for your support!!

Hy-Vee – “Smile for Education” Program

Our school has the opportunity to win up to \$5,000 through Hy-Vee’s “Smiles in Education” program. It works like this: Each week for ten weeks, Hy-Vee will hold a drawing to select ten winning students, for a total of 100 winners by the end of the program. Each of those students will receive a laptop computer, and each of their schools will receive a donation of \$5,000 from Hy-Vee. Winning schools and students may also be featured on the local TV news.

We encourage parents from our school to join us in the “Smiles for Education” program by visiting our local Hy-Vee store and register their child’s name for the drawing. Thank you for your support

Sleep Facts!

According to scientists, children from the ages of 3-5 need 11 to 13 hours of sleep whereas a child ages 5-12 need from 9 to 11 hours of sleep. Sleep plays an important part in a child’s academic day!

Student Cell Phones

If students bring cell phones to school, the phones must be turned off and stored in their lockers from 8:30-3:20. Students may use the school’s phone during the day in case of an emergency. Parents can call school to leave a message for their child.



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See us at:

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We also collect the following:

Land ' O Lakes & Kemp's milk caps - We receive \$.05 for each cap.

General Mills Box Tops -We receive \$.10 for each box top.

Campbell & Our Family product UPC codes - We no longer need the entire label, but just the UPC code off the package.

You may turn any of these items in at anytime – Thank You!

Save these “dates” for your family!

Watertown Family Week September 12th-22nd

Each of us tends to *make time* for those things that are most important to us. We hope that your family will *take the time* to participate in the special activities and projects planned for **Watertown's “Family Week”**.

We encourage families to use this week as an opportunity to set a regular “Family Day” whether it is weekly or monthly in your own household. To give you a head start, students in grades Kindergarten through 9th grade will receive a copy of the Family Week Guide that offers ideas, activities, and programs that will help families to come together and spend time with one another.

The edition also includes information and resources on ways families can continue to grow stronger by providing articles on current topics and issues that families deal with. It also provides ways to contribute locally to the community through

National Hot Lunch Celebration

To coincide with the Watertown Family Week, the Watertown School District will celebrate the National Hot Lunch Program at our elementary schools. This program encourages parents to eat with their child. The following schedule outlines the time and date that designates your child's grade level.

volunteering, faith activities and neighborhood gatherings.

The Family Week Bingo card is available for families to help keep track of the activities you do. The Bingo card can be found in the Family Guide. The more activities & time you spend together as a family, the more opportunities you will have to win prizes and to have FUN together!

Family Week concludes on Monday, September 22nd, which is National Family Day – A Day to Eat a Meal with your Family. Use this day to set aside some time as a family and reflect on the many talents, gifts and fun each family member brings to the table.

Strong families build a strong community and future! Enjoy your week! If you would like more information, please contact Dodi or Shari at the NE Prevention Resource Center at the Human Service Agency at 886-0123.

Thursday, September 18	Grade 6
Thursday, September 25	Grade 5
Thursday, October 2	Grade 4
Thursday, October 9	Grade 3
Thursday, October 16	Grade 2
Thursday, October 23	Grade 1

More information will be sent home at a later date.

Jaguar Pride Student of the Week

Each week throughout the year, we will be recognizing students in grades K-6. On Fridays, each classroom teacher will select a student to be a Jaguar Pride Student for the upcoming week. We ask that students bring in a picture of themselves and **1-2 items** that they are most 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. I will also eat lunch with the students in grades 1-6 each Friday!