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Notes from the Principal



Dear Parents,

Jefferson Elementary School just completed their fall reading benchmark assessments. The assessment results should have been sent home with your child by this time. These results have been analyzed by the staff at Jefferson in order to provide additional reading support. These intervention groups meet daily and are thirty to sixty minutes in length depending on the students' needs. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please contact me.

Thank you for getting your children to school each day and on time! Students who are consistently absent from school are more likely to perform poorly in school. Please note that when you call off your child from school, we will ask for the reason of his/her absence. Students who miss 3 or more days because of illness will be required to have a doctor's excuse in order for

the absence to be counted as excused. If the student has three or more unexcused absences the student will be referred to the Whiteside Regional Office of Education Truancy Program.

Parent involvement is also key to student success. Jefferson and the PTO are always looking for parents to get involved. The PTO is responsible for organizing fundraisers, classroom parties, the fall book fair, and many other important activities. If you are unavailable to volunteer, but can still help by donating items please be sure to contact the PTO. Be sure to take time to talk to your child about what they did in school and show an interest in what they are learning about. Take time each night to review your child's day and read with your child every night. The more you show your child that you are interested in what they do at school the more successful your child will be.

As always is the case if you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 815-625-6402 or by e-mail at mbirdsley@sterlingschools.org.

Sincerely,

Matt Birdsley
Principal

**PICTURE DAY
OCTOBER 4 TH**



**OCTOBER 10TH
COLUMBUS DAY**



NO SCHOOL

**EARLY OUT
OCTOBER 19 TH
11:30 AM DISMISSAL**



**HALLOWEEN
PARADE & PARTY
OCTOBER 28TH**

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Thursday, November 3
And
Tuesday, November 8
3:30—7:00 p.m.

Call 625-6402 to schedule an appointment during the week of October 24th

PTO News:



PTO Meeting
Tuesday, October 18th
At Jefferson School, 7:00 PM

**** Thank You****

PTO would like to thank the many volunteers that helped make Grandparent Day so successful. We had over 400 grandparents in attendance.

****Thank you****

To all the volunteers that worked so hard on Book Fair.

Your time & effort is greatly appreciated!!!

A special thank you to the Co-Chairman,

Amy Boze & Amy Suarez.

The students at Jefferson School collected \$426.00 for "One for Books".

In return the money was used to purchase books for 100 students at Jefferson School. Mrs. Brenner's class was the winner (\$61.87) and got to spray Mr. Birdsley with silly string. The total profit for Book Fair (\$3,000) will be used to purchase book for the classrooms.

FUND RAISER

October 14-25th

Jefferson School will be selling the Bushel Basket Candles
Delivery will be in time for Christmas.

TURN OFF THE TV AND READ

Thank you for participating in our first monthly Turn off the TV and read night. We had a great response to this important program. Congratulations to all of our September winners!

Our October Turn off the TV and Read Night will be October 11, 2011. We urge every student to participate. Look for the blue slip of paper to fill out each month and send back the following day to be entered into the book drawing.

Happy Reading!

**WASHINGTON SCHOOL
CLOTHING & BOOK
EXCHANGE**

NOVEMBER 16 TH

1:00-3:00 P.M.

Everything is free
Please stop and shop at
Washington School



**END OF 1ST QUARTER
OCTOBER 19TH**

**REPORT CARDS
WILL GO HOME
BY THE
END OF OCTOBER**