



STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Where kids achieve!

Notes from the Principal

Welcome to Jefferson School !

We are pleased to have you as part of the Jefferson family. For those of you returning we welcome you back. To those of you new to Jefferson we welcome you to Jefferson. The start of the school year has gotten off to a tremendous success. Thank you to all of you for getting your students to school on time and for following the morning drop off procedures. By working together we can make this process easier and less stressful for all involved.

I encourage you as parents to become involved with your child's education. We at Jefferson Elementary School believe that parents are key players on the educational team. I encourage you to be in contact with your child's teacher and to stay in contact with them regularly. You may reach any of the teachers by e-mail or by calling the school. The staff at Jefferson is dedicated to the students and will make every effort to make sure that your child achieves.

Jefferson's school day begins at 8:15 AM and ends at 2:55 PM. Breakfast is provided for students beginning at 7:45 AM in the morning. Please do not drop your Child off at school before 7:40 AM. Also, when dropping your child off

at school or picking them up after school please follow the procedures outlined in this newsletter.

Again, I would like to welcome you back to another fantastic year at Jefferson School. We at Jefferson are excited for what lies ahead . If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at Jefferson School, 815-625-6402.

Matt Birdsley
Jefferson School Principal

Attention Parents

If you need to make a change on who is picking up your child at the end of the day, please call the office before 2:00. It is hard to get messages to the teachers late in the day. Thank you for your Cooperation.

All visitors and parents are required to sign in the office during school hours.

If your child is eating breakfast at school , breakfast starts @ 7:40 and ends @ 8:00 AM.

PLEASE CALL the school office at 625-6402 each time your child is absent from School. Failure to do so can result in your child being truant.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**JEFFERSON
OPEN HOUSE
SEPTEMBER
15TH
6:00-7:00 P.M.**



**EARLY OUT
SEPTEMBER 21ST
11:30 A.M.**

GRANDPARENT DAY

WHO: Grandparents Of Jefferson Students

WHEN: September 12, 2011

TIME: Info to be sent home with student

WHERE: Jefferson School Classrooms

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We are in need of lunch room volunteers. If you are interested please see Matt Birdsley Jefferson Principal

Safety & Parking

Parking is at a premium at Jefferson School, especially before and afterschool. I appreciate everyone's cooperation. The large parking lot, immediately east of the school is reserved for staff parking, and for bus arrivals and departures.

Do not drive through this lot during student attendance.

Students should be dropped off in front of the building and encouraged to use the sidewalk to get to the playground. Parents are encouraged to use the lot across from the school or the circular drive west of the building. No unattended parking is permitted in front of the school or in the alley when picking students up or dropping them off, **do not double park**. This is a violation of city ordinance and tickets could be issued.

If picking up your child after school, establish a designated spot that your child

will meet you every day, and let the teacher know this location.

Children are expected to cross the street at the corner with the crossing guard. **Do not allow your child to cross the street at any other point.**

Your child's safety is our concern and as parents we must model proper actions.

PTO NEWS

BOOK FAIR
SEPT. 12-15TH
MON -THURS
8:00-3:30
THURS

5:30-7:30 PM
PARENTS MAY SEND MONEY
FOR PURCHASING

**ROOM PARENT
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SAVE
CAMPBELLS, BOX TOPS AND
TYSON A+ LABELS**

**NEXT PTO MEETING IS SEPT. 13TH @
7:00 PM AT LINCOLN SCHOOL..
PLEASE JOIN US !**

FUND RAISER
**JEFFERSON WILL BE
PARTICIPATING
IN THE BUSHEL BASKET
CANDLE SALE**
INFO WILL BE OUT IN OCT..

**PTO IS IN NEED OF DONATIONS OF
ALUMINUM FOIL FOR THE BOOK FAIR**
**PLEASE DROP OFF IN THE SCHOOL
OFFICE BY SEPT. 9TH**

TURN OFF THE TV!

Students of Jefferson School will be participating in a monthly Turn Off the TV and Read Night. This special reading activity takes place at home. Students will be bringing blue slips home for parents to sign each month. After reading with your child, please sign the slip to be returned on the following day. Your child will then be eligible to win a free book to keep at home. There will be book winners from every classroom.

**FIRST TURN OFF TV AND READ NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 13TH**

Speaker on Disaster Response and Preparedness Education coming to Sterling

Parents and Students are invited to attend a great educational, entertaining and free event sponsored by the Sterling Township. On Wednesday September 21st and Thursday September 22nd from 6:00 PM – 7:30PM, nationally renowned speaker Eddy Weiss will be at the Sterling High School Centennial Auditorium. With a background in crisis counseling and rescue work, Mr. Weiss has become a leading authority in the areas of Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Mitigation, and practical problem solving for families and their children during a crisis. Mr. Weiss, who serves as the Assistant Director of Chasing4Life as well as for [The Whirlwind Foundation](#), brings a unique perspective and a breath of fresh air into a subject few wish to talk about; "Disaster, what if it happens here?"