

The Jefferson News

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Parent Communication Council

From the P.C.C. President

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Wow, June is here already! Less than three weeks left in the school year. It has been my pleasure serving as your PCC president for the 2009-2010 school year. I am so proud of all of the wonderful things that our PCC contributes to our children's learning experience here at Jefferson. It is through the dedication of our volunteers that so many things are accomplished each year. Thank you to our committee chairpersons, committee members and to the executive board for everything you do! We are still looking for committee chair people for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in learning how you can help, please contact me (bethraffin@yahoo.com or 508/528-4450).

The school year may be winding down but there are still many PCC sponsored events on the calendar for June. Here are a few highlights:

- Thursday, June 3rd – Cultural Enrichment for Kindergarten
- Friday, June 4th – Reading Celebration
- Monday, June 14th – First Grade Field Trip
- Tuesday, June 15th – Fifth Grade Celebration
- Wednesday, June 23rd – Isabella's Night

Summer volunteers are needed. Look for the volunteer sign-up form coming home soon. We will need volunteers to help with summer mailings, the 2010-2011 school folders, supply distribution and school tours. Please consider helping out – even if it's just for an hour.

On behalf of the PCC, I wish all of our Jefferson families and staff a safe and happy summer!
Warm regards, Beth Raffin ~PCC President

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe it's the end of another school year! We hope your children and your families have had a great year. If you have a fifth grader moving on to Remington School, we hope to meet them during the next school year in the hallways. We know they are prepared to be successful in middle school. If you are leaving our school district, we wish you and your families the very best in the years ahead. Do drop us a note or an e-mail and let us know how you

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are doing in your new location. For those of you returning to Jefferson for the 2010-2011 school year, please note important dates listed in this newsletter. Those dates will also be put on the whiteboard by the end of this year. As you plan your summer holidays, please keep the dates in mind due to budget uncertainties, children will not have next year's teachers' names on report cards. We expect several changes on our staff and those changes will not be finalized for a while. As soon as it's possible, we will try to get out a summer mailing. We will try to do this using family distribution. Please know that volunteer support to help with the mailing and folders for the fall, distribution of supplies, is invaluable. Many hands make light work and faster response times. If you can volunteer during the summer, even for an hour or two, please contact Mrs. Bazer and she'll organize the times when your help will be needed most.

I will be in and out during the summer months. I almost always read e-mail unless I am out of town. If you have a major issue and need to meet with me, please do send me an e-mail and I'll make an appointment to meet with you. My e-mail address is: JHyman@Franklin.K12.ma.us

On behalf of our staff I wish you all a safe, healthy and happy summer holiday. Please keep on reading and practicing those math facts. We hope 100% of our students will participate in the summer reading program! Keep learning alive throughout the summer months.

Yours truly, Jane Hyman, Principal

Note from the Health Office

Prescription Medication Policy

All students requiring prescription medication during the school day must have a written order from their physician on file in the Health Office. A new order is required at the beginning of each school year. This includes oral medications, insulin, asthma inhalers and Epi-Pens. If your child had a prescription medication for the 2009-2010 school year, you will receive a new medication form with their final report card. Please have your doctor complete this form for the 2010-2011 school year and return it to the health office prior to the start of school. No prescription medication will be dispensed without it.

Reminders

- If your child has a physical exam during the summer or school year, please forward a copy to the Health Office. It will be added to the school health record. Please note: Physical exams are required for students entering kindergarten and 5th grade.
- Please make arrangements to pick up all of your child's medications before the end of school. They cannot be stored in the health office over the summer months. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs. Leslie McInnis, RN

Mrs. Charlene Harn, Health Aide

Jefferson Lunch Information

All lunch charges must be paid in full prior to the end of the school year.

If students with pre-paid accounts finish the year with a positive balance in their account, that balance will carry over to next year. This holds true even if a child changes schools within the district.

Menus and Free/Reduced lunch applications are available online at the Franklin School Lunch website. I believe all of your schools' websites have a link to the School Lunch website. We will still be sending home paper Free/Reduced applications at the beginning of the next school year, to comply with federal guidelines.

Suzanne Senackerib

*Assistant to Food Service Director
Franklin Public Schools*



Attention 4th and 5th Grade Music Students

Check out the link for Franklin's 2010 Summer Music Program: <http://cfweb.smartedu.net/III/aboutus.cfm?category=1ABOUT5>

Nancy Schoen, Music Director

Jamie Barrett, Jefferson (K-5) Music Teacher

Fundraising

We would like to thank all of the volunteers, parents, faculty and students who helped make this year's Fun Run another huge success!! We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day! It was so nice to be able to finally have the Fun Run outside! For the past 3 years this event has been held indoors due to dreary, rainy weather. The afternoon was filled with so many great events. All of the items that were donated for the silent auction and raffle tables were fantastic and we had so many people commenting on how generous people were and how beautiful all of the items looked. The Patriot Place Give-Away raffle was a big hit! We ended up selling over 70 tickets for this raffle, which was a wonderful way to bring in more money for the many events that benefit our kids here at Jefferson. Congratulations to Mrs. Hyman, what a fantastic prize to win! We must thank Lynn Valencia and the Earley family for their generous donations and time to make this raffle even possible this year!

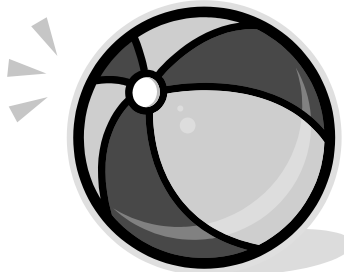
All of the students looked great in their bright yellow t-shirts with an original design done by Alyssa DaSilva from Ms. Dengos' 5th grade class. It was wonderful to see all the kids participating in the run outside which was a great opportunity for them to spread out, stay safe, and have fun seeing how many laps they could run with their classmates!

All of the booths and games were so busy, the kids, parents and teachers looked like they were really having a great time! Thank you to all those teachers who bravely volunteered to get sprayed with silly string. This booth is such a big hit with the kids, and you were all such great sports!

One of our favorites each year is the cake decorating contest. We had over 75 cakes this year, and the creativity and imagination the kids displayed in their cake designs are unbelievable! Every cake looked fantastic and the kids were so proud when they brought them in!

We can't thank you enough for all your help, support and dedication to this fundraising effort! We really enjoy this event and all the hard work pays off when you see the families and teachers having such a great time! It is amazing to see all of the families and faculty come together to continue to make this event a big success for Jefferson. We are thrilled to announce that our profit was over \$13,000 this year!! This money will go to support the many events, such as fieldtrips and cultural enrichment that our kids can enjoy during their years at Jefferson. We thank you again for your generosity, commitment and assistance with this annual fundraising event, and we wish all of you a very happy and safe summer!

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Student Council

Fifth graders all had a great time at Jefferson! We will really miss the school, students, teachers and being JEFFERSON LABS but we can't wait to go to Remington. The Student Council has almost completed their activities for 2009-2010. A recent activity was delivering fudge that we made at home for Teacher Appreciation Week. It was fun because we got to see the staff's reactions of happiness and joy. At our next meeting on May 25th we are going to plant flowers in front of the school. In June we are going to have our three Spirit Days to end the year. Some ideas that we will be deciding on are: Ho Down Day, Black and White Day, Wacky Wednesday, Hip Hop Day, or One Color Day.

Stay tuned for the final results.

In each of our Student Council Jeffernews articles we like to talk about fitness.

To keep healthy we eat a good lunch and play on the playground. Exercise is really important.

Here are a few suggestions of things to do at home:

- Take a nature hike
- Go to a park/ playground
- Visit a local swim park or public swimming pool
- Hide and seek
- One-on-one game of catch

Have a Great Summer!

~Fifth Grade Student Council

Reading Celebration

Our Reading Celebration is scheduled for Friday, June 4th. Students in grades 1-5 must have participated in at least one month of our reading program in order to be eligible to attend. I am delighted to say that 100% of our students will be attending this year's celebration! This event has been organized differently this year for different grade levels so please read below for details.

Kindergarten & 1st Grade: Parents/guardians of kindergarten and 1st grade students are invited to eat lunch and read with their child. First grade's lunch time is 10:45-11:25 and kindergarten's lunch time is 11:40-12:30. Parents/guardians may begin arriving five minutes prior to the start of lunch. If the weather is nice, we will be picnicking on the football field and parents/guardians may go straight to the field. You should bring a blanket or towel to sit on. If the weather is inclement, we will be eating in the classrooms and parents/guardians will need to sign in at the office. Each student may not have more than two adult guests. If we are indoors, younger siblings may not attend as there is not enough room in the classrooms. If you have any questions, please email me at klims@franklin.k12.ma.us or call me at the school, 508-541-2140.

Grades 2-5: Each classroom will be visited by a special guest from our community or who is connected to our reading program theme in some way. Our guests this year include scuba divers, individuals who have served in the United States Navy or attended Mass Maritime, or people who have traveled to the regions included in our program. The guests will talk about their experiences and answer any questions the students may have.

Students in grades 1-5 who participated in all three months of the program will receive a new book of their choosing at a later date in June. Approximately 95% of our students will be choosing a new book, which is fantastic! All kindergarten students will receive a new book.

Flyers for the Franklin Public Schools Summer Reading Program will be coming home in the report card envelopes at the end of the school year. This program is for all students entering grades 1-12 next fall. For each grade level, there is a list of suggested authors, but **STUDENTS MAY READ ANY BOOKS THEY CHOOSE**. Also, any books read aloud to children may be listed on the summer reading log. We want students to enjoy reading and have some fun with books this summer. Books are great to take along on vacations or to curl up with under a shady tree on a sunny day. Summer reading forms should be handed in during the first two weeks of school next year.

I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for children to read throughout the summer months. Research shows that children who do not read during the summer often regress in their skills when they are assessed in the fall. So please- **READ THIS SUMMER!**

If you have any questions about either the reading celebration or the summer reading program, please do not hesitate to contact me at klims@franklin.k12.ma.us or 508-541-2140.

Top Dog-June 2010

A sincere thank you to Deb Matthy and Ellen Castillo for nominating me as the Top Dog. The dog trophy, in all its' splendor, has been displayed prominently in my family room. We truly will miss looking at it!

I am honored to pass the trophy to a very deserving individual – Wendy Mollo. When you talk with her about her PCC involvement, she will humbly state, she only does “a little bit”. However, when you start breaking down her “bits,” very quickly you realize, she spends a significant amount of time and energy supporting the school and her three children!

This year, she is a room parent for two classes and is a regular volunteer in each of her children's classrooms. She has assisted on the Hospitality and Family Activities committees. She even worked a Fun Run booth while on crutches and serves as the co-chair to the Community Service Committee. In prior years, she has hosted information nights in her home to help educate the parent community on the need for a Proposition 2 1/2 override. Today, if you drive by her house, you will see the “Apple” sign in her doorway. When you need help (which I often do), she is always there.

Wendy, you are a Top Dog!

Kelly Schiavo

The Special Education
Parent Advisory Council
Presents its June Workshop:

Get Ready For Summer

Wednesday, June 16th at 7PM at the
Municipal Building, 355 East Central
St (Rte 140) 3rd floor training room.

Need some ideas on what to do with
your children over summer vacation?
We can help! There is still
availability at these places. We will
have the following presenters:

Keith Mottola from Extra Special
Steps Off Broadway in Bellingham

Jamie Estrella from the YMCA in
Franklin

Jean Croll, OTR/L from the I Team
in Norfolk

Elisabeth Kranz M.S., CCC-SLP
from Therapy Connections in
Franklin on Social Pragmatic Groups

The Franklin Police Department will
talk about Project Lifesaver, ESP
(Early Search Program) and a
Perimeter System

There will also be some useful
handouts of fun places to go and
things to do over summer break.
You won't want to miss it!

*About the Franklin SEPAC: The
mission of the Franklin SEPAC is to
promote a network for parents of
children with disabilities and provide
a forum to share information and
discuss matters of relative interest
and concern regarding our children.
This group provides regular forums
for Pupil Personnel Services and
parents to share information and
discuss pertinent issues; develops,
maintains and shares tools and a
resource guide; and raises
awareness of children with special
needs.*

From the Math C.E.T.

I hope you all have a wonderful
summer! Please take time to
encourage your children to practice
the Math activities found on the
Franklin Public Schools Math
Curriculum websites.

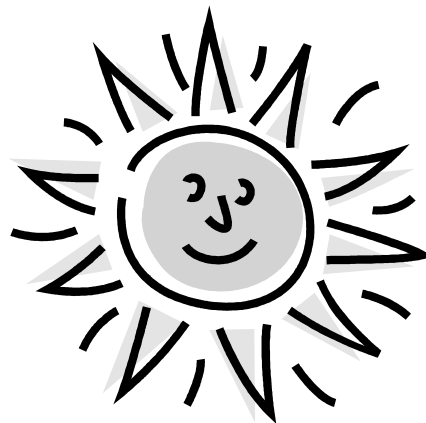
When they are on the internet they
may go to the:

Town of Franklin/ Jefferson School/
School Internet Resources/ Math/
website

As we know, MATH is all around us.
So during the summer months
please encourage your children "TO
TELL YOU" whenever they notice
"Math" being used and to practice
math facts.

Again I wish you all a healthy happy
"Math Filled Summer..."

Judy Johnson



Book Fair

We want to send out a huge thank
you to all who supported Jefferson
Elementary by visiting the Barnes &
Noble book store in Bellingham and
for placing online orders during our
final Book Fair of the 2009/2010
school year. We hope you enjoyed
browsing through the store, listening
to our Celebrity Readers, and
singing along with Mr. Barrett. Fun
was had by all!

Many thanks go out to our Musical
Guest, Mr. Barrett, and to our
Celebrity Readers, Mr. Chelman,
Mrs. Cardin, Mrs. Scuzzarella, Mrs.
Hurley, Mrs. Pennell and Mrs.
Hyman for offering up their free time
and for sharing their talent in order to
entertain us. They definitely put
smiles on the faces of many children
and adults along the way. We also
want to give a special thank you to
Sarah Klim for all of her assistance
and organization from start to
finish. We appreciate the key role
you each played in helping to make
our book fair a success.

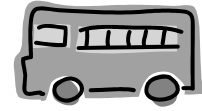
At the time of this email, friends and
family members of the Jefferson
community and surrounding towns
helped to bring in over \$4,000 in
sales! Thank you!! Jefferson
Elementary will receive 20% of the
overall profit in the form of a gift
card. The gift card will be used to
purchase books, etc., for the
classrooms, reading room, library,
teachers, students and staff during
the upcoming 2010/ 2011 school
year.

We wish all of you a safe and happy
summer! Happy Reading!

*Book Fair Co-Chairs, Lisa DiPalma,
Ellen Castillo & Deb Matthy*



June 2010



Sun. Mon. Tue. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat.

		1 Field Day K-2 / Grade 5 field trip	2 Field Day Grades 3-5	3 Cultural Enrichment for Kindergarten	4 Reading Celebration / High School graduation!	5
6	7	8 Volunteer Celebration	9 Field Day Rain Date Grades 3-5	10 Field Day Rain Date K-2	11	12
13	14 Field Trip Grade 1	15 Last Day for Kindergarten / Grade 5 Celebration	16 Grade 1 Field Trip Rain Date / K Screening / SEPAC PM	17 Kindergarten Screening for Next Year	18 Kindergarten Screening for Next Year	19
20	21 Last day of School / ½ day for students / NO LUNCH SERVED	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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6/23



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auto/schools/FPS
FOR ALL THE NEWS
YOU CAN USE
ANNOUNCEMENTS
& FLYERS!!!

Looking Ahead

Week of August 16th Summer Mailing

8/26 tours for students new to Jefferson School 9:30, 10:00

8/27 tours for incoming kindergarten students 9:30, 10:00, 10:30

8/31 open house to see classrooms 4:30-6:00PM

9/1 first day of school for students grades 1-5 / Kindergarten orientation at 10:00

9/2 ½ each K class attends school

9/3 ½ each K class attends school

9/6 Labor Day: No School

9/7 all K students attend school / 9/9 Rosh Hashanah: No School

9/13 pictures / 9/23 Open House

10/6 ½ day professional development / Early dismissal at 11:40 / no lunch served

10/11 Columbus Day observed: No School