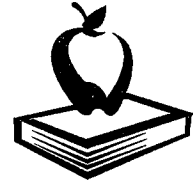


Jefferson Intermediate Newsletter



Date: August 22, 2008
To: Jefferson Intermediate Families
From: Annette Weise

- Lunch menu:

Monday, August 25	Hot Dog on a Bun
Tuesday, August 26	Pizzawich
Wednesday, August 27	Breaded Pork Patty
Thursday, August 28	Creamed Turkey over Rice
Friday, August 29	NO SCHOOL
- Welcome Back to School! With the first week under our belts, we are anxious to get into a regular routine of the school. One of the best things you can do for your child is to build a positive relationship with the school and your child's teacher. If they know we are a team, they will respond positively at school.
- If you have not already done so, please complete and return all forms sent home with students in the beginning of the year folders. Especially important are the student information sheets and internet agreement forms.
- If you are completing a Free and Reduced Meal Application, please remember that you only need to fill out one form per family. Please list all people living in the household on that form and return it to school with one of your children. That information is compiled in one central location, so all of your children will be verified with one completed form. **You must submit a new application by August 26, 2008 in order to avoid an interruption in meal benefits.**
- With the start of school, students have been undergoing reading assessments to "see where they are" academically at this time. These assessments are very important in that they will help guide classroom instruction for your child.
- **It's time to join band!!!** Sixth grade band night will be held Tuesday, August 26, at 7:00 p.m., in the Burkley Fine Arts Center at the Jr.-Sr. High School.
- **School pictures will be taken Tuesday, August 26th.** Martin Photography will be taking our students' pictures this school year. Picture information flyers were sent home earlier this week. School picture orders are now required to be pre-paid and students' families will be asked to send the money for their pictures by picture day, Tuesday, August 26th. All picture packages will be delivered to school and then sent home with individual students.

There is no obligation to purchase school pictures. All students will be photographed for inclusion in the annual yearbook.

District families having preschool-age children at home may also take advantage of this photo opportunity from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. or from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26th, at Central Elementary School.

- **NO SCHOOL – Friday, August 29 – Elementary Plan Day** – Students in PreK-6 will not have school on Friday, August 29. This day was approved by the Fairbury Board of Education as a planning day for teachers. Please note that school will be in session for students in grades 7-12 attending the Jr.-Sr. High School on August 29.
- **NO SCHOOL – Monday, September 1 – Labor Day.** School will reconvene on Tuesday, September 2, at regular time.
- **It is very important that students do not arrive to school before 8:05 a.m. because supervision is unavailable until that time.** Students not riding the bus need to be dropped off on the southwest corner of the blacktop area. The northwest corner of the blacktop is reserved for buses. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Today your child will be bringing home Fairbury Public Schools School Wide Learning Family Handbook. Please fill in the student/parent and date at the bottom of page 7 and return only that page to your child’s teacher. The rest of the handbook is yours to keep.
- Fairbury Instructional Volleyball Big Sister/Little Sister Program information sheets and registration forms were handed out to interested girls in grades 4-6. If your daughter did not receive the information and is interested in participating, please have her stop in the school office. The deadline for registration is August 29th. If you have any questions, please call Shannon Schroeder (729-6086).
- If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the school office (729-5041) to let us know why your child is not coming to school.

I would like to thank parents for their patience with the traffic congestion in the mornings as you are dropping your children off to school. With the start of a new year, things always seem to run a little slower until we get into a “rhythm”. I will be out on the blacktop in the mornings when I can to help direct traffic flow. If things are backing up, I will direct the 9th street traffic as well.

If you would like to avoid the traffic on the blacktop you might choose from one of the following alternate drop-off points:

- **J Street on the north side of the intersection** – students can simply walk down 9th street to the ramp area
- **Hubble street** – Students can use the cross walk right there on the corner and walk down 9th street to the ramp area – please be certain to have them double check the street before crossing as 9th street is very busy
- **9th street to the west of K street** – students can walk to the cross light on K street and cross safely there and walk up to the ramp area.

Please DO NOT drop your child off directly on K street, 9th street on the east side of K, or in the alley across from the school. There is too much traffic in these areas and students may not be able to safely get to school. High school students who are coming down those streets in the morning are not looking for our children or a stopped vehicle dropping children off. The alley drop off is probably the most dangerous because it causes students to want to cross over to Jefferson right there by the alley – which is not a crosswalk. In that location traffic is running in 3 directions (up and down 9th and coming out of the blacktop area). Again, thank you for your patience as we work the kinks out of our morning drop-off routines. We want to keep our kids safe!!