



Jefferson Intermediate Newsletter



Date: January 16, 2009
To: Jefferson Intermediate Families
From: Annette Weise

- Lunch menu:

Monday, January 19	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, January 20	Mountain Stew
Wednesday, January 21	Chicken Stir Fry over Rice
Thursday, January 22	Alphabet Chicken Soup
Friday, January 23	BBQ Pork
- **REMINDER:** - There is NO SCHOOL for PreK-6 grade students on Monday, January 19. This is a scheduled elementary planning day. Please note: School will be in session for students in grades 7-12 attending the Jr./Sr. High School.
- **COME SEE THE WAFFLEMAN** – There will be a fundraiser for the Fairbury Athletic Complex on Saturday, January 17, 5:00-8:00 P.M., at the Fairbury High School. All you can eat Belgian waffles, sausages, different flavored syrups & whipped cream, and drinks will be served. \$6.00 for ages 12 to adult, \$4.00 for ages 5 to 11, and ages 4 and under FREE. Bring your friends and neighbors for supper and watch the FHS girls and boys basketball teams take on Columbus Lakeview.
- **FLU VACCINE CLINIC** – There will be a FREE Drive Through Flu Vaccine Clinic with Flumist Nasal Vaccine on Monday, January 19, from 11:00 – 1:00 at the Fairbury Fire Department parking lot, 619 D Street. The Flumist vaccine is for use in healthy children and adults ages 2-49 years. This clinic is sponsored by Public Health Solutions District Health Dept.
- **CLASS PICTURES!** – The yearbook committee would like to thank everyone for their support and ordering pictures. It was a huge success! The PTA is still taking orders for class pictures through next Tuesday, January 20. If you have not ordered a class picture and would like to do so, please send \$5.00 to school with your child.
- **SMOKING AND TOBACCO** – Beginning January 26, Mrs. Pohlmann, School Nurse, will be making presentations to 3-6 grade students about smoking and tobacco. She will discuss hazards of smoking, peer pressure, costs of smoking and advertising gimmicks that are used by the tobacco companies. The funding for the materials used in these presentations is from a \$1500 grant Mrs. Pohlmann received from the Healthy Environments and Practices at School-Tobacco mini-grant projects. Parents are encouraged to review the handouts the students take home and hopefully continue the discussion about smoking and tobacco.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

- The Yearbook Committee is still in need of pictures for the yearbook. They are looking for pictures taken on field trips, class parties, etc. Please burn pictures to a CD or make extra copies and send them to school with your child marked "Yearbook Pictures". Any questions, please contact Andrea Davis at 729-2604.
- **READING CLASSICS TEAMS** – The Division I (grades 3 & 4) team members are: Jacob Johnson, Britney Sheetz, Paige Arnold, Paul Mach, Patrick Ondrak, and Justin Peterson. Division I members will meet with Mrs. Barber on Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00 P.M.
The Division II (grades 5 & 6) team members are: Ryan Umland, Kelsey Snyder, Erin Simmerman, Cheyenne Adkins, Trevin Likens, and Bryce Schouboe.
Congratulations on making the teams!
- **JEFFERSON COUNTY SPELLING BEE** – The Jefferson County Spelling Bee will be held on Monday, February 9, at the Tri-County High School. The following 5th and 6th grade students from Jefferson Intermediate School will be competing: Jace Harris, Cole Bauer, Brittany Ward, Nathan Klaumann, Zeb Rempel, Ryan Umland, Dalton Hinrichs, Michael Lewis, Nick Christiansen, Collin Poley, and Erin Simmerman, alternate. Congratulations on making the team!
- **WEATHER RELATED SCHOOL CLOSING** – In the event that school will be closed due to inclement weather, information will be broadcast on television station KOLN/KGIN (Channels 10 and 11), as well as on radio station KGMT (1310 AM) /KUTT (99.5 FM) in Fairbury. You can always log on to fairburyjeffs.org for any announcements and you can also sign up for the "Jeffs Red Alert" notification system for a voice message, text or e-mail. In the event that school will have a "late start" due to inclement weather, information will be broadcast in the same manner. Regular dismissal times will occur and bus transportation will adjust and run accordingly. **Please do not call school personnel when there is no closing announcement broadcast on television or radio.**
- Colder weather has arrived. Please be certain that your child leaves for school with appropriate cold weather wear (coat, hat, and gloves).
The following guidelines have been set up for wearing coats for recesses:
 - * If the temperature is 50 or above, students do not need to have coats on nor do they need to go back to their classroom if forgotten
 - * In between the 45-50, if students ask to get their coats, they will be able to do so
 - * If the temperature is below 45, **they must have their coats to go outside** – they will be allowed to go back to their rooms to get them
- **JUNIOR JEFFS BASKETBALL CAMP** – Registration deadline is noon on Friday, January 30, 2009. The camp will run three (3) weeks; one 45 minute session (3:30-4:15 P.M.) each week as follows: February 5, 12, & 19 in the Armory Gym. If you have any questions, contact Craig Bontrager at 729-6139.
- **ALUMINUM CAN TABS** – Please continue to save tabs and send them to school with your child. The class bringing in the most tabs each month will earn a party for their room.

- **DRINK PURE LIFE PRODUCTS!** - Our school will be collecting labels through the end of the school year. So the next time you're out shopping, choose any Nestle Pure Life products, save the labels, and send them to school with your child. If you would like to learn more about this great program for schools, visit www.goplaylabels.com
- **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** - Please continue to send your Box Tops for Education labels to school with your child. Our P.T.A. collects and sends them in throughout the school year.

TEAMMATESTM **MENTORING PROGRAM**

TEAMMATES MENTORING PROGRAM STARTING IN FAIRBURY:

TeamMates is a one to one school mentoring program that matches caring adults with youth. Mentors can be a wise and trusted guide and help you be your best. While we require a year commitment to this program, our goal is that the student has a TeamMates mentor until they graduate from high school. TeamMates Mentoring Program has been around for more than fifteen years and there are thousands of young people that participate in the program.

TeamMates of Fairbury has started finding mentors and asking for student nominations for this beneficial program. During the month of December, students in grades 4-6 will have the opportunity to learn more about the TeamMates program during their guidance class and can choose to bring home an informational brochure at that time. If you are interested in having your student be a part of the TeamMates Mentoring Program or would like to learn more about TeamMates, please contact Cathy Simmerman at Jefferson School 729-5041.

TeamMates of Fairbury will also be looking for additional mentors at all times! If you are interested or know someone who would be a great positive role model in the life of a student, please contact Jefferson School.

We appreciate all the family, community and school support for this program that can tremendously help our students become better leaders and be successful in all that they do.