



# Jefferson Intermediate Newsletter



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**Date:** November 14, 2008  
**To:** Jefferson Intermediate Families  
**From:** Annette Weise

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- Lunch menu:

Monday, November 17	Sloppy Joe on a bun
Tuesday, November 18	Chicken Strips
Wednesday, November 19	Cheeseburger on a bun
Thursday, November 20	Pizza Dunkers
Friday, November 21	Fiestada
- Progress Grade Reports were sent home with your child on Wednesday, November 12. If your child did not bring their report home, please contact school and we will see that you get a copy.
- **“PIRATES OF PENZANCE”** – Our students attended the dress rehearsal (Act I) for the High School Play, “Pirates of Penzance”, this afternoon. Performances for the public will be at 7:30 P.M. on Friday and Saturday nights, November 14 & 15, in the Burkley Fine Arts Center at the Jr./Sr. High School. Admissions is \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students, 5 and under are free.
- **PTA MEETING** – There will be a PTA meeting on Monday, November 17, 7:00 p.m. at Central School.
- **SING AROUND NEBRASKA HONOR CHOIR 2008** – This November 14 and 15 the Nebraska Choral Directors Association will host the tenth Sing Around Nebraska Honor Choir. One hundred fifty singers have been selected through an audition process. This group will include Nathan Klaumann, Keanna Kroeker, Madison Schlake, Brooke Eisenhauer, and Paige Patton from Jefferson Intermediate School. The singers will rehearse Friday and Saturday and perform a concert on Saturday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m. This concert is in conjunction with the Collegiate Choir Festival including choirs from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln and Nebraska Wesleyan University. A special added feature will be the closing number of the concert which will be performed by the combined voices of all the choirs. Dr. Angela Broeker will be the guest clinician for this year’s honor choir.

Tickets for the evening concert, to be held in the Lied Center for Performing Arts in Lincoln, will be available at the door for \$12.
- **EARLY DISMISSAL** – There will be early dismissal for Fairbury Public Schools on Wednesday, November 26. Schools will be dismissed on the following schedule: Central – 12:40; Jefferson – 12:50, FHS – 1:00. Buses will run accordingly. There will be NO SCHOOL for all PreK-12 grade students and staff on Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28, due to Thanksgiving break. School will reconvene at the regular time on Monday, December 1.

- With the flu season upon us, please keep the following in mind: **If your child has had a fever (whether sent home or kept home from school), he/she should not return to school until the fever has been gone for 24 hours.** An elevated temperature, even if temporarily reduced by medication (e.g. Tylenol, Motrin), is a symptom of continuing illness and contagious to others.

Also, if your child is going to be absent from school for illness or any other reason, **please call the school office (729-5041) to let us know why your child is not coming to school.**

- The Yearbook Committee is busy gathering pictures for the yearbook and we are in need of your help. We are in need of pictures of preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. For parents attending field trips or visiting your child at school: If you take any pictures, please share them with us so we may include them in this year's yearbook. You can send them to school with your child labeled "yearbook pictures". We would prefer that you submit your pictures on a CD or print off an extra copy. We have found that e-mail reduces the quality of the pictures a little and would prefer to avoid that if possible. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Davis at 729-2604 or [davisaal@yahoo.com](mailto:davisaal@yahoo.com). Thanks for your help!
- **ALUMINUM CAN TABS** - Within the mission statement of Fairbury Public Schools it talks of teaching "civic responsibility". Jefferson Intermediate has chosen to do a yearlong community project to teach students about civic responsibility. We will be collecting aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House Charities in Omaha helps children and their families. They lend a hand to children who are sick and need medical attention, dental care, or a temporary home for families that bring sick children to the community for medical care. Each year they recycle millions of aluminum can tabs that have been collected and use that money to help defray their operational costs. Saving the tabs is easy. Simply remove the tabs off of your cans and send them to Jefferson. Each classroom will have a container to collect these tabs in. Tabs for classrooms will be weighed on a weekly basis. The class bringing in the most tabs each month will earn a party for their classroom (popcorn, movie, doughnuts, pizza, etc.) **Please help support this project – you can help make a child's life better!**

Mr. Gerth's classroom was the winner for the month of October.

- **VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL** – Parents/Guardians and other patrons of the district are always welcome to visit school. Parents are encouraged to visit their child's classroom throughout the year. Visitors who wish to confer with a teacher are asked to arrange for an appointment at a time outside regular class hours. **All visitors to the school are expected to report to the principal's office to notify staff they are in the building or on school grounds.** A sign-in form and visitor's badges are available in the school office.

Parents taking students out of school early for doctor appointments, etc., must report to the office and wait for their child to meet them there.

- Now that the first quarter of school has passed, it is time for families to update their child's student information and emergency contacts. People move...addresses and phone numbers may change. Please contact the school office (729-5041) or send a note with your child to school indicating any new family information including: address; home, work, and cellular numbers; emergency contacts (two contacts are needed); and any new health issues or medications. Thank you for keeping the school informed and helping us to maintain a secure and supportive learning environment.