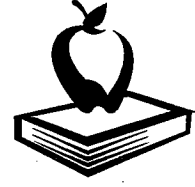


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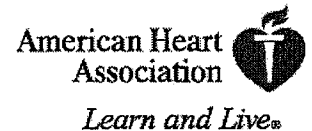
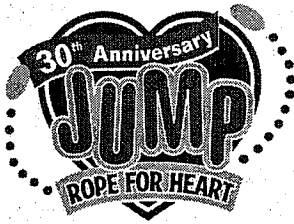


Date: October 23, 2008
To: Jefferson Intermediate Families
From: Annette Weise

- Lunch menu:

Monday, October 27	Chicken Nuggets
Tuesday, October 28	Chili Soup
Wednesday, October 29	Breaded Pork Patty on a Bun
Thursday, October 30	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Friday, October 31	Chicken Strips
- **REMINDER** – There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, October 24, which is a Fall Break for PreK-12 grade students and staff.
- **BOOK FAIR** – The Fairbury PTA Scholastic Book Fair will be open today, October 23, from 1:00-8:00 P.M. in the Jefferson cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to shop during those hours. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you there!
- **PICTURE RETAKES** – Tuesday, October 28, is the date for school picture retakes. Students that did not have their pictures taken in August will have their pictures taken on October 28. Picture retakes due to photographer error (e.g., closed eyes) will be free of charge with the original picture package replaced with the retake photograph. Pictures for reasons of personal preferences (e.g., hairstyle, choice of clothes, etc.) will cost \$5.00 with the original picture package replaced with the retake photograph. Families of students wanting retakes for any reason must send their original picture packet and retake fee (\$5.00) if applicable, to the school office by Tuesday, October 28, if they are planning to have their child(ren)'s school pictures retaken.
- **RED RIBBON WEEK** – This year Jefferson Intermediate students and staff will celebrate Red Ribbon Week from Monday, October 27, through Friday, October 31. Please encourage your child to participate with us by doing the following as a way to symbolize our commitment to a drug free community:
 - Monday – “I Can, You Can, We Can...be Drug Free!” – Bring nonperishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry.
 - Tuesday – “Put a Cap on Drugs!” – Wear a hat
 - Wednesday – “Don’t Let Drugs Tie you Down!” – Wear a crazy tie or scarf
 - Thursday – “Team Up Against Drugs!” – Wear clothing that represents a local, collegiate or national sports team
 - Friday – “Don’t be Tricked – Drugs are NO Treat!” – Students will receive a candy bar with the theme on it to remind students of their pledge to stay drug free!

- **JUST A REMINDER** – Jefferson Intermediate School does NOT celebrate Halloween with a costume party. We have found that the costumes at this age level significantly interfere with the educational process. Students are not to wear or bring costumes (including wearing of Halloween make-up and hair color) to school on Halloween. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **FYI Center** will be having a Halloween Party on Thursday, October 23, from 6:00-8:00 P.M. for the area youth that are in K-6th grade. Wear a costume and win a prize, have a screaming time in the haunted house, and munch on some “finger” food. Please bring \$2.00 and a food donation or \$3.00 with no food donation, which will be donated to the local Food Pantry. The FYI Center is located at 514 D Street. If you have any questions, please call 729-6510.
- Mrs. Rogge and the 5th grade students have been working on their upcoming musical performance, “As the Pages Turn”, which will be presented on Tuesday, October 28, 7:00 P.M., in the Bob & Wauneta Burkley Fine Arts Center at the Fairbury Jr.-Sr. High School. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this performance.
- **MAGAZINE SALES** – On Thursday, October 30, the PTA will kick off their annual magazine sales. Joanne Elliott will be at Jefferson for this presentation. Please expect information to come home with your child that evening.
- **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART** – Please refer to the attached letter from Miss Seibolt.
- 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 6th 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. 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!**



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our school is participating in a very special community service program to raise funds for the American Heart Association. We're joining the fight against our nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers — cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

On **Nov. 6th** our school will hold a Jump Rope For Heart event. This is a nationwide event that not only help students learn about the benefits of regular physical activity and heart health, but also raises funds to support vital heart and stroke research as well as educational programs.

The American Heart Association is dedicated to helping people live longer, healthier lives. The money we raise helps people in our community learn how to prevent heart disease and stroke and also helps our local patient care. Our school will qualify for gift certificates for free physical education equipment based on the amount we raise. Students will qualify for individual thank-you gifts based on the donations they collect.

Family and friends can support your child's participation by making contributions. However, we ask that children **not** go door-to-door or ask strangers for donations. If your child receives any cash donations, please convert those to a check before turning in the collection envelope. All checks should be made payable to the *American Heart Association*. The deadline for your student's collection envelope to be turned in is **Nov. 6th**.

To help your child raise money the fun and easy way, you are encouraged to use our online fund-raising tool found at www.americanheart.org/jump. Click the link "**I Am Ready!**" Your child can customize a Web page with images and patterns from our library and include a message about why he or she is participating in Jump Rope For Heart. Next, send e-mails to friends and family to ask for support. After you have completed raising money online, print your child's online donation report and include it inside the collection envelope. Refer to the collection envelope for more detailed instructions on how easy online fund raising really is.

Also, don't forget to ask your child's donors if their employers have matching gift programs. This is an easy way to increase the donations your child collects. To find out which companies will match donations to the American Heart Association, please visit www.matchinggifts.com/aha. All matching gift forms should include your child's name and school name so the donations can be properly designated.

Jump Rope For Heart is a fun event that helps our children understand the importance of community service and physical activity while helping to save lives. This year will be special..... we'll be celebrating the 30th anniversary of Jump Rope For Heart. Our efforts truly make a difference! Please sign the permission slip on the collection envelope so your child can take part in Jump Rope For Heart.

Sincerely,

Nichole Seibert