



Jefferson News

“We help each other”

April 2011

A letter from the Principal

Dear Jefferson Families:

Spring is here bringing with it warm weather, more opportunities for outdoor recess, and a chance to enjoy our wonderful garden on the back field. We would like to give a couple of reminders:

Please use the dedicated parent parking lot (Grandview Ave.) when you come to school for drop off or pickup. The road is closed and our beloved crossing guard, Mr. Bloom, is stationed there for safety purposes. The Bedford Ave. lot is for staff use only, so please do not park or drop your child off there.

School is dismissed at 2:50. We know that emergencies do occur, but please try to schedule medical and dental appointments for after school. Early dismissals are very disruptive to the classroom environment, and when they occur regularly, can interfere with learning and result in a truancy referral. At the end of the day, classes are in transition and children may already be in lines and heading for the buses. For this reason, we will not be calling children from classes after 2:35 p.m. unless there is a true emergency.

It is wonderful to see friendships developing between our children, and many times there are arranged ‘play dates’ after school. This can create issues for us at dismissal, because we are always mindful of everyone’s safety and security. Any change in dismissal arrangements must be in writing. If you want your child to go home with another parent after school, we must have written permission from both the sending and receiving parent.

Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to a great end of the 2010-11 school year.

Very truly yours,

John Reynolds, Principal

Coming Events:

4/15 9:15 Tribes Assembly

4/18-28 April Vacation

5/3 Spring Picture Day

5/10 9:30 Kindergarten Orientation

5/11 9:30 Gr. 5 Spelling Bee

5/20 9:15 Tribes Assembly

5/26 Spring Concert & Art Show

6/3 Field Day Gr. 3-5
6/6 Field Day Kdg.—2nd
(rain dates 6/7, 6/9)

Mark your calendar for the **Spring Concert** May 26th at 7 p.m. 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade chorus

grade, 4th & 5th grade orchestras



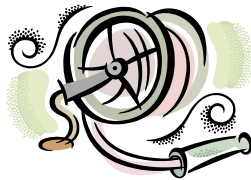
Please join us!

CALL FOR HELP!



The Jefferson School gardens, including “Our Backyard” and the entryway to the school, are in definite need of spring cleanup. Please drop a note to the office or email Mr. Reynolds at reynoldsj@norwalkps.org if you are willing to help. We can organize cleanup crews from 3-5 on school days, or we might be able to schedule it on a Saturday morning.

All are welcome!



OUR STUDENT COUNCIL:

We are participating in a wonderful program called “Pennies for Patients.” It raises funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Boxes will be available in each classroom until April 15th. Please dig under those sofa cushions, and clear out the bottom of your pocketbook. It is for a great cause!



PTO UPDATE:

Thank you to the PTO and all of the families who contributed to making conference night a success. The teachers enjoyed the wonderful dinner, drinks, and desserts.

Thank you, also, to the parents and teachers who worked so hard on securing a new playground for Jefferson students!



We should see the results, and our new equipment, before the opening of school next year.

Earth Day is Coming!



Stay tuned to hear about some exciting events here at Jefferson.

Jefferson Science Magnet School

Art Show

May 26th at 6:30 p.m.

Immediately Before the Spring

Concert

