



Jefferson Elementary School

PTA Newsletter

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President's Message

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Welcome Jefferson Families to 2010! Wow, 2010 sounds like an exciting year! Jefferson Elementary PTA will continue to offer family fun in 2010: We will have a science night January 8th and a science fair on January 28th. Come out to science night and learn how to do a science fair project and then see the experiments at the science fair. Come to our PTA meeting on January 19th and hear about upcoming events and view student presentations that come straight from our exciting classrooms. Have a great January and hope your new year starts out wonderfully!

Our Pizza Hut fundraiser brought us \$189.44 closer to our goal of having a smart board in every classroom. We will be having another night out at Bensi this month. Watch for the date and time in

Ms. Carlson's weekly update. Please come out and support a worthwhile goal!

The executive board would like to thank those people that helped with PTA business in the month of December:

- All of the families that came out for the Pizza Hut fundraiser.
- Laurie Hills her committee for organizing the Holiday Shop.
- Shannon Caccavella and Karen Kosloski for organizing the Talent Show.
- Michelle Cornish for organizing the voting of our wonderful Reflections entries. Thanks also to those people that took time out of their busy schedules to vote on the projects.
- Tammy Snoke and Jennifer Robertson and all the members of the SOS Committee.
- Michele and Jeff Reingold and their committee for organizing the school store.

January 2010 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Years Day School is Closed	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Family Fun - Science Night 7pm Spirit Day –wear fluorescent	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Due date for Bubble Mania trivia	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Day School is Closed	19 PTA Meeting 9:30 am in Art Room	20	21	22 Snow Date: Family Fun Science Night	23
24	25 Board of Education Regular Meeting 7:30pm	26	27	28 Science Fair	29 Snow Date: Science Fair	30
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- Kelly Berman for organizing the recess bags for the teacher's classrooms.
- Liz Ruoff for organizing the PTA newsletter.
- Ms. Carlson, Cindy Perez, Ann Serafin, and Charlotte Clarke for helping us with PTA activities.
- Mr. Jimmy, Mr. Juan, and Ms. Urszula for helping out with cultural arts events and PTA family fun nights.
- Kelly Berman, Laurie Hills, Shelley Connell, and Kimberly Valdes for helping with PTA decisions.

Have a terrific January.

S.O.S. — Support Our Staff

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Wow the New Year is upon us already! Hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. We've had a great response from our PTA families and have a really good group of people. This past month we have handled many in-school projects and the visitor table.

A big thank you to the following members: Kelly Konzologus, Jackie Young, Jackie Alvine, Jennifer Robertson, Karen Ziomek, Donna Pergolizzi and also my co chair Jennifer Robertson for helping find volunteers.

S.O.S. is here to help our Jefferson School Teachers and Staff. We can assist them with a variety of tasks such as:

- cutting out letters/shapes,
- sorting/collating papers,
- creating/putting up bulletin boards,
- preparing booklets,
- helping in the classroom with specific projects,
- sorting and distributing flyers in the front office,
- manning the visitor sign-in table at school events,
- etc.

So remember, it's never too late to join the S.O.S. Team, where **you** are a valuable player!!!

School Spirit Day – January 8th

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How Bright can we make our school? Come wear your Bright fluorescent colors on Friday, January 8th. Let's show our school spirit!

Cookbook Fundraiser

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Announcing...Our very own.....

Cookbook Cover Art Contest!

That's right! We are having a Cookbook Cover Art Contest! It is a chance for your child to be one of 10 students whose artwork will be published as an inset on the cover of the cookbook. If you would like to get a jump start on the project, the guidelines and details will be sent as an auto response if you contact us at jeffersoncooksart@yahoo.com. Information will also be sent home after the break.

Help us reach our goal of 400 recipes! It's not too late to share your family's favorite recipes. We will be leaving the website open over the winter vacation and until January 22nd. Enter your recipe on www.typensave.com using the (group login: jefferson; password: 5kccg). The cookbook will be hot off the press in May, just in time for that much needed Mother's Day gift. However, they will only be available through advanced sales so make sure you order your copy today! If you need an additional order form, please contact us at DevraDave@yahoo.com.

A Note from our School Nurse**Topic: Reye's Syndrome**

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Reye's Syndrome is a serious disease that is almost always associated with a viral infection such as influenza, or chicken pox. It is not contagious and the cause is unknown. It generally develops when a person is beginning to recover from a viral illness.

Reye's Syndrome can occur to anyone, but if a child under 19 years of age is given aspirin or other salicylate products, the chance of it occurring increases. Please read all over the counter products before giving them to your children. Consult www.ReyesSyndrome.Org for free downloadable brochures and lists of many products that contain aspirin or salicylates (Pepto- Bismol and Pamprin are two examples. Pepto contains a non-aspirin salicylate, but it is unclear if it could contribute to causing Reye's Syndrome). Remember--- "Kids and Aspirin Products Don't Mix".

**December Family Fun – Recap
Jefferson's Got Talent**

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Karen Kosloski, Co Chair

**Talent
Show**

Jefferson students lit up the stage at our Talent Show! We were dazzled by our star performers and their amazing talents. Our night began with Mr. Huguenin's Class signing America the Beautiful and The Pledge of Allegiance. It was a spectacular way to begin our night. There were comedians, pianists, singers and dancers who showed off their talent in groups as well as individual acts. Some of our performers showed off their musical talents, too. Our Family Fun Night ended with a drum solo by Dylan Hayeck. Jefferson students truly have talent!

And the answer is.....**From November Cultural Arts****Earth's Journey**

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The question for this presentation was: What happens to the sun in the winter?

The answer: The sun is farthest away from the earth in the winter, so we don't see it as often in the winter. The first day of winter is actually the shortest day of the year for us to see the sun. The first day of winter was December 21st and the sun rose at 7:20 and set at 4:34. This was the shortest day of the year for the sun to be visible.

We had no correct answers for this question. Actually, we had no answers at all for this question! Are we making the question too tough? We'll try to make it have a more simple answer in the future.

**December Cultural Arts - Recap
Bubble Mania**

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Our cultural arts event for December was Bubble Mania held on December 18th. The students learned about the science of bubbles: why bubbles are spherical, how to create a cubed one, and what makes a bubble pop. Students learned how and why bubbles are formed and were actively involved in fun demonstrations of molecular bonding and surface tension.

The question for this presentation is: Do you know why bubbles are spherical in shape? Email your answer to this question along with your name, grade and teacher's name to jeffersonculturalarts@yahoo.com by January 15th. Each student with the correct answer will receive a Koala Coin for the school store

Reflections*Michelle Cornish 973-584-0760**cell 973-876-9364*momofgreatpumpkins@verizon.net*Beauty is...*

Thank you to all of the students who participated in this year's Reflections Program. Each student who participated did a wonderful job in expressing what "Beauty is" to them! Students Corey Koch, Kaitlyn Gearheart, Christine Fleming, Daniel Chadourne, Mikaela Gearheart, Derek Henches, John Pergolizzi, Allison Fleming, Jordynn Connell, Matthew North, Breanna Pooran, Samantha Pooran, Samantha Solano, Ishika Bajaj, Sethi Guarav, Jain Esha, Brian Haegele, Brooke Lupinacci, Ryan Ditrolio, Hadley Cornish, Ishika Bajaj, Gretchen Ruoff, Jennifer Ruglio, Kyle Haegele, Aiden Beaman, Mia Ditrolio, Jack Findlay and PJ Morrissey, moved on to county judging. Well done Jefferson Students! Breanna Pooran and Esha Jain have been voted on to move on for Statewide judging! Congratulations to all. Good luck to Breanna and Esha in the state judging! We will be sending out a date for an in-school Reflections Celebration in the new year! We are so proud of our Jefferson students!

Holiday Shop - Recap*Laurie Hills 973-598-0234*lhillsinrox@optonline.net

Our holiday shop was a great success, thanks to the many wonderful volunteers. We hope you all had as much fun as we did seeing the happy, smiling faces on our adorable little shoppers. Thank you all for volunteering your precious time at such a busy time of year: Zarna Dharia, Nicole Gunning, Al Koch, Donna Silfies, Shelley Connell, Bharti Jasani, Marie Johannessen, Chris Lamanna, Denise Stolz, Angela Castaldi, Janice Hayeck, Jean Tom, Nancy Hayek, Stacy Migneault, Karen Kosloski, Catherine Lang, Stephanie O'Neil, Jill Christiansen, Jenifer Tricarico, Karen Izzolo, Linda Keane, Donna Pergolizzi, Kristen DiTrolio, Heather Fichter, Diane DeFazio, Megan Brassil, Carmen Arias, Jennifer Raggi, Michele Reingold, Diana Corvalan, Antoinette DePiano, Ann Brady, Joan Moore, Traci Vassoler, Jackie Alvine, and Nataliya Greenberg

Special thanks to Toy Towne and Sandy Fehsal and her mom for their great selection of personalized gifts. Also thanks to Kelly Berman, Michelle Henches and Liz Ruoff for their extra efforts this year.

Jefferson School Store*Michele and Jeff Reingold 973-668-5330*

The school store will be back this year! The school store will be open at Family Fun Nights that are held at the school as well as once a week for a given grade level. (Please see Ms. Carlson's "Next Week at a Glance" emails for the following week's schedule.) On designated days students will have the opportunity to shop for small items costing \$1.00 or less. Certain days will be designated as "Koala Kindness Coin Days" when the same items may be purchased only with the Koala Kindness Coins. Keep an eye out for the flyer coming home from school with a preview of what will be available for purchase.

If you have any questions please call.



Yearbook

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It is not too early to start thinking about the yearbook! Your help is needed to make the yearbook a success. We need photos from all school events- family fun nights, class trips, parties, assemblies, etc. The photos need to have a glossy finish when developed (not matte). All photos can be sent to the office in an envelope marked "Yearbook". Please note on the envelope the event, grade, and teachers. Do not write on the back of the photos. Remember, the more photos, the better!

PTA Newsletter

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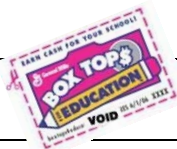
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All articles for the February newsletter must be emailed to Liz Ruoff by Thursday, January 21st. Please indicate the article's title in the subject line of the email.

Box Tops for Education

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Our first Box Tops submission of the year was mailed out on October 31st. We collected and mailed out 5696 box tops logos or \$569.60 for our school. Each Box Tops logo is worth 10 cents. Our goal this year is \$1901.00 so we are off to a great start!!

With the holidays coming up, please remember to do your online shopping through the Marketplace at <http://www.boxtops4education.com>. Our school receives a percentage of your online purchases without any additional cost to you.

Look for a Box Tops collection sheets each month in your child's back pack.

Labels for Education

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Jefferson School participates in the Labels for Education program from Campbells. This is an easy way to help support your school. Just clip the UPC portion of the label and send in with your child.

We are also collecting Tyson labels. If you see this label, please clip and send. These labels are each worth 24¢!



We are always in need of people to help clip labels, if you are interested in helping, please contact me.





Empties 4 Cash

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**Don't throw away that empty inkjet cartridge!!
Bring it to school!**

Our school participates in a recycling and fundraising program with the help of an inkjet recycling company called Empties 4 Cash.

How does the program work?

- Empty inkjet cartridges that we usually throw away in the trash can be recycled and remanufactured.
- Put the cartridge in the original box or a plastic bag and send the empty cartridge to school and put them in our collection box in the copy room.
- Our school gets paid up to \$4.00 for each empty inkjet cartridge that has a print head.

Thank you in advance for helping us to recycle those old ink jet cartridges and participating in this wonderful fundraising program!

Three for Me

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Three for Me is a PTA program designed to effectively involve parents and families in support of children and their education. Three for Me will help schools, PTAs, parent groups, and other volunteer based organizations reach volunteer hours never thought possible. Our goal at Jefferson Elementary is to have our members pledge to dedicate 3 hours of their time throughout the year to help with PTA sponsored functions. Pledge cards will be sent home with the kids as well as being available at most PTA functions. At the end of the year, a luncheon will be held to honor these volunteers.

Treasurer's Report

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I hope everyone had a great winter break and you are ready to start off the new calendar year. There are two very important fundraisers coming up in 2010. Please come out and help with the largest fundraiser we have at Jefferson Elementary School.....THE TRICKY TRAY!!!! You can contact Karen McGowan or myself if you would like to volunteer to help in any way. The second is the Cook Book. If you have not sent in your recipes, please send them in as soon as possible. We are looking forward to raising money for all of the great things we as a PTA bring to our school.

An updated summary of the PTA account will be presented at the January PTA meeting. If anyone has any questions before that time you are more than welcome to contact me directly. I hope everyone has a healthy and prosperous 2010.



Remaining PTA Calendar 2009 – 2010

January

- 1 School is Closed – Holiday Recess
- 8 Family Fun Science Night, 7:00 PM
- 18 School is Closed – Martin Luther King Day
- 19 PTA Meeting, 9:30 AM Art Room
- 22 Family Fun Science Night – Snow Date
- 25 Board of Education Regular Meeting 7:30pm
- 28 Science Fair
- 29 Science Fair – Snow Date

February

- 5 Family Fun Dance - 7:00 PM
- 12 Teacher In-Service – No school for students
Family Fun Dance – Snow Date
- 15 School is Closed – Presidents' Day
- 16 Tentative Recess
- 16 PTA Meeting, 9:30 AM Art Room
- 22 Board of Education Regular Meeting 7:30pm

March

- 4 Family Fun Night–Read Across America, 7:00 PM
- 11 Read Across America – Snow Date
- 12 Tricky Tray Fundraiser--@Roxbury High School, 6:30 PM
Family Fun Night–Dad's Night, 7:00 PM
- 16 PTA Meeting, 9:30 AM Art Room
- 19 Tricky Tray Fundraiser – Snow Date
- 26 Family Fun Night–Dad's Night – Snow Date
- 29 Board of Education Regular Meeting 7:30pm

April

- 1 Tentative Recess
- 2 School is Closed – Good Friday
- 5-9 School is Closed – Spring Break
- 20 PTA Meeting, 9:30 AM Art Room
- 23 Family Fun Night—Bingo, 7:00 PM
- 29 Board of Education Reorganization/Regular Meeting 7:30pm

May

- 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5 Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- 7 Plant Sale
- 14 Family Fun-- Taste of Jefferson, 7:00 PM
- 18 PTA Meeting, 9:30 AM Art Room
- 28 Tentative Recess
- 31 School is Closed – Memorial Day

June

- 1 Tentative Recess
- 15 PTA Meeting, 9:30 AM Art Room
- 18 Early Dismissal
- 21 Early Dismissal – Last Day for Students
- 22 Teacher In-Service – No school for students

Note: Regular Board of Education Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the Lincoln-Roosevelt Auditorium.

PTA Board Members for the 2009-2010 school year:

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