



## JEFFERSON NEWS

### May 4, 2007

Wednesday	May 9 <sup>th</sup>		Butterfly Release Day
Monday	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30-10:30AM	PTA Volunteer and Library Helper Appreciation Breakfast
Tuesday	June 5 <sup>th</sup>		Family Picnic Last Day of Preschool



**2006-2007 PTA OFFICERS:** On behalf of the staff and families of Jefferson Preschool, we would like to extend our gratitude to all of our 2006-2007 PTA officers who have done an incredible job enhancing educational opportunities for children, families and the community. Tracie Joyce, President, Pam Williams, Vice President of Fundraising, April Bredy, Vice President of Hospitality, Michelle Benton, Treasurer and Martha Aderholdt, Secretary, have unselfishly shared their time and talents on behalf of our students and families at Jefferson Preschool. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our youngest learners!

**2007-2008 PTA OFFICERS:** Congratulations and thank you to our new and returning PTA officers for the 2007-2008 school year. They are as follows:

Co-Presidents - Tracie Joyce and Shannon Downey

VP Fundraising - Amy Deitch

VP Social - Gaytana Morgan

Treasurer - Dawn Balamut

Secretary - Martha Aderholdt



**BUTTERFLY RELEASE:** Our butterflies have emerged quicker than we anticipated from their chrysalises; therefore our butterfly release date has been changed to Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you goes to the Jefferson PTA for their gift of a butterfly kit for each classroom. This has been a wonderful learning experience for the children. Photos of the event will be posted on our website!

**FREE AUTISM WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS:** On May 17, 18 & 19, the Little Friends Center for Autism will be presenting a FREE Three-Day Parent Workshop, sponsored by The Autism Program. The Three-Day Parent Workshop serves up to 16 parents by providing a day of training on autism, a training tour on using visuals to promote independence and a day on making and using visual systems with children with autism. Parents will also have an opportunity to connect with other parents and will receive resource information. See attached flyer & agenda for more information.

#### **DISTRICT SAFETY DRILL-**

On Wednesday, May 9, Longfellow School will be in the spotlight as District 200 joins with the Wheaton Police and Fire Departments to simulate an emergency evacuation of the building and the school site. This drill has been planned for more than a year and is a continuing effort of the District's Safety and Security Task Force to help all of our schools prepare for emergency situations.

The drill simulates a chemical spill on the railroad tracks two blocks south of the school. The school will be evacuated and all students and adults in the building will be bused to Wheaton North High School. In a real emergency, students would most likely be dismissed from the evacuation site following parent direction.

If you are in the downtown Wheaton area the morning of May 9<sup>th</sup>, you may hear or see the activity surrounding the drill. Our partnership with local police and fire officials will enable a realistic enactment of the responses one might expect in a real emergency. Although Longfellow is the 'pilot' school for this drill, all principals will be observing the activity so that we may apply 'lessons learned' to our own emergency response systems.