



JEFFERSON PTA NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Jefferson Families:

Happy 2009-2010 School Year! The first day of school can be filled with anticipation and excitement for your child's first day of Pre-School or possibly a wonderful sense of family and familiarity to your experienced child who will be looking forward to seeing old classmates and friendly faces.

My son, Bennett, is now in his last year at Jefferson. At the end of this school year we will have been here for 2 ½ years. It has amazed me how young and such a little boy he was when he first started at age 3. He now seems like a little man full of wonder, creativity, and "I can do it myself, Mom" attitude.

For many of us, Jefferson has been a haven of protection, perseverance, and support during a time when growth and development might be a little off the traditional path.

Jefferson has a group of amazing parents who fearlessly advocate and encourage their little miracles to continue to strive to be as happy and healthy as they can be and to reach their full potential. Yet more importantly it has a staff of teachers, aides, therapists, secretaries, librarians, nurses, maintenance workers and our dear principal who continue to cheer us on and guide us to be better parents.

As you will see at our many Free PTA Activities scheduled for the beginning of the year, such as the Herrick Lake BBQ, Danada Hayride, and Jet Fest we pride ourselves on bringing a sense of community and cooperation to Jefferson.

On behalf of myself and the PTA Board, WELCOME to Jefferson Pre-School! I look forward to meeting all of you and please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, concerns, or suggestions! The PTA is truly here to not only serve the Parents & Teachers but to allow us as families at Jefferson to make wonderful memories and moments for our children.

Love, Laughter & Happiness,

Kathleen Gerhart

PTA President

Check us out on the PTA page at: <http://Jefferson.CUSD200.org>



SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars with the following tentative dates for some great PTA-sponsored events:

8/30/09

Welcome BBQ/Picnic at Herrick Lake

9/18/09

Hayride at Danada Equestrian Center

10/24/09

Jet Fest (Family Fun Fair)

10/24/09

Make A Difference Day

3/23-24/10

Book Fair & Pajama Party

4/23/10

Grandparents Day

4/24/10

Silent Auction Benefit

5/28/10

Family Picnic

Monthly PTA General Meetings, Dine Out Fundraisers, and Spirit Wear Days to be announced.

Other PTA events, cultural assemblies, and fundraisers also to be announced throughout the school year.

Welcome BBQ/Picnic & Ice Cream Social Herrick Lake Forest Preserve



Sunday, August 30th 4:00—6:00pm

Enter off of Butterfield Rd. After entering proceed to your left to the East Pavilion which is past the boat house. PTA Parents will be grilling up hamburgers, veggie burgers, and hot dogs. Drinks and an Ice Cream Bar will be provided. Please bring any snacks, salads, and allergy-sensitive alternatives. Entertainment will be Jason Kollom, stilt-walking, juggling, and interactive performer. Boat rentals available at your own cost. A casual and fun family evening to jump start the school year.

Hayride at the Danada Equestrian Center



Friday, Sept. 18th 6:00—8:00pm

Located off of Naperville Rd., south of Butterfield Rd. Hayride times will be assigned per classroom, to ride with your teacher! Games, crafts, stories and more.

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Book Fair & Pajama Party

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Please contact the above persons if you may be interested in volunteering

CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED:

Staff Appreciation (Nov. & May)

Grandparents Day

Silent Auction Benefit

Please contact Kathleen Gerhart at kathleen.gerhart@yahoo.com

**HAVE YOU JOINED THE PTA YET??
RENEW YOUR PTA MEMBERSHIP (OR JOIN) FOR 2009/2010!!**

Be a part of or support the community of Jefferson families and staff, working together to provide our children enriching experiences and resources.

Members can donate their time, creativity, and resources in any way they wish.

From the donation of dues to the many opportunities for involvement, participation in the PTA can be as little or as much as you desire.

Show your support today!

A PTA Membership form can be printed from the PTA page at
<http://Jefferson.CUSD200.org>

(Form is also included in your Welcome Packet if not already a member)

Completed forms with payment of dues can be forwarded to the Jefferson
Preschool front office to the attention of the Jefferson PTA.

Your \$15 dues goes directly to the PTA fund for Jefferson projects and events,
and is considered a tax deductible donation.

Please contact Christine Groves, VP Membership at cgroves@groves-family.net or
call (630) 260-0765 with any questions.

WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!!

A new school year is the renewal of our commitment to further enrich our children
with the gift of knowledge. Have a happy and safe 2009/2010 year!

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