

TIGER TIMES



The Jefferson Staff would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Calendar January

No School—Records Day	4
Classes resume	5
School Bd. Mtg.	10
Report Cards go home	12
No School—Martin Luther King Day	16
Spring Fling Mtg. 6:00pm	23
PTO Mtg. 7:00pm	23
School Bd. Mtg.	24
February	
School Bd. Mtg.	7
Spring Fling	18
No School—President’s Day	20
School Bd. Mtg.	21

PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS ... MR. SCHWARTZ

A BIG THANK YOU to those of you who contributed in any way toward the “Adopt-a-Family” program. Through all our generous donations we were able to help many Jefferson families. Jefferson is blessed with a caring community.

FOOD DRIVE- Thanks to all students and their families for donating food in December. We collected over 35 boxes of food. All of the food will be taken to the Jefferson Township Food Pantry which serves families in our area.

THANK YOU from all the staff for your gifts of cookies, food and so much more during this busy Christmas season. Jefferson has a very active and caring PTO and your support is much appreciated.

VISTORS—Jefferson is fortunate to have many people who volunteer their time in the school. Please remember to always check into the office **first** when you arrive, sign in and wear a “Visitor” badge if you will be leaving the office/lobby area. This is an important security measure.

BOOK RENTAL FEES – Thank you to those of you who have already paid book rental fees. If you need to further delay payment, please contact the office.



KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Starting in January, we will be accepting names of kindergarten students for the 2012-2013 school year. Please call the school office @ 822-5399 to register your child. Incoming kindergartners must be five by September 1, 2012.

SPRING FLING – This annual fundraiser will be on Saturday, February 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please **SAVE THE DATE**. You will be receiving information about donations for auction items, theme baskets (your child’s class), baked goods and volunteer times for that day. Please plan to participate in any and all ways that you can. For more information contact the school at 822-5399.

LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECOND SEMESTER

– Fees for second semester lunches are \$183.80 for those who like to pay by the semester. The daily lunch cost continues to be \$1.95. Individual cartons of milk are 40 cents each.



3RD GRADE PARENT MEETING – There will be a 3rd Grade Parent Meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 6:30pm in the Northridge High School Auditorium. Important information will be given regarding the new IREAD-3 test that all third grade students in Indiana will be taking March 19-21, 2012. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

EARN \$\$\$ FOR OUR SCHOOL – Keep collecting General Mills Box Tops. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents for our school. Target and Martin's also have rewards programs that help our school. Check at each store's service desk for more information on how to register our school.

POP TABS FOR RILEY HOSPITAL – We just started collecting pop tabs for Riley Children's Hospital in November and we have already filled 4 copier boxes! Our goal is to collect 1 million tabs which will be 1000 pounds. Each copier box holds 24 pounds of pop tabs so we will need 42 full boxes to reach our goal. Please keep saving those pop tabs and bring them into the school.

EMPTY INK CARTRIDGES – Did you know that empty computer ink cartridges can earn money for our school? The name brands of the cartridges that qualify for this program are: all HP cartridges, all Compaq cartridges, all Lexmark cartridges and Cannon BC/02, 05, 20 and BX/2 & 3. We cannot recycle Epson cartridges. Rather than throwing away your empty ink cartridges, please send them to the school so that we can turn them into money for school supplies.

REMINDER FROM THE NURSE - We are in the midst of cold and flu season. Here are some general guidelines for keeping your sick child home from school to help keep **all** the children here at Jefferson healthier. 1) Children should be fever-free without fever reducing medicine such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen for 24 hours before returning to school. 2) Children should be free from vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school.

If your child borrows clothing from the nurse's office, please wash the clothing and return to school as soon as possible.

In the cold weather, please dress your child with warm with hats, coats, gloves and boots.

SCRAPBOOKERS – Heritage Intermediate School will be hosting a Scrapbook Saturday on January 28, 2012 from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm to raise funds for their school. Pre-registration cost is \$20 for the day of scrapbooking, which includes meals. If you are interested in more information, please contact Amy Seegert at seegerta@mcsin-k12.org or 822-5070.

SCHOOL BUS RULES & BUS SAFETY – The number one purpose of our transportation system is to get Middlebury Community students to school and home safely. To do this, we must know where the children are at all times. In order to keep our children safe and secure, students are allowed 2 AM pick-ups and 2 PM drop-offs. Deviations from this are limited to **emergencies only, not for play dates.** Students are REQUIRED to leave school as usual, and when they arrive at their destination (home or a sitter), then should be transported by you or your designee to a friend's house or wherever you plan for them to go. This is a corporation-wide policy.

Also, please remind your children to wait patiently at the bus stop until the bus has come to a complete stop. Students should never begin moving toward the bus until it has come to a complete stop and the arm guard has fully extended.

We really appreciate receiving your transportation calls before 1:45pm. This makes the transition from school to home run much smoother.
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ATTENDANCE - "One in ten kindergarten and first-grade students misses a month of school every year, which can put them behind their classmates for years, according to Attendance Counts, an advocacy group. 'By ninth grade, missing 20 percent of school is a better predictor of a student dropping out than test scores are,' said Attendance Counts Director Hedy Chang."