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Paint their faces Yellow and Blue

We really love our sports. Babies wear onesies emblazoned with parent's favorite team logos. As soon as children are old enough to get out of their strollers, they are playing peewee football, soccer, baseball and softball followed by high school foot-



ball, soccer, softball and baseball a decade or so later. People name their children and pets after sports teams and famous athletes. In short, we love our sports and nothing is wrong with that. However, how do sports fans



develop that undying devotion and fanaticism? Can it be replicated? Is it



possible for students to have the same level of enthusiasm for reading and writing? What can we do to make students



want to name their dogs after authors or book characters? Will children ever paint their faces



yellow and blue to show how much they love the book Little Blue and Little Yellow (Lionni, 1958)? Well, that might be too much to hope for but at Jefferson Elementary, we work hard to create a culture of literacy and

show enthusiasm for reading. We make reading a priority and take time to read for enjoyment.



You can see students, teachers, secretaries and yes even the principal reading. Reading time



doesn't have to last for hours - about 20 minutes is sufficient. The best example



we set for our students and children is



modeling the behavior we want them to exhibit. So show enthusiasm for reading and take time to read for enjoyment.

~ Mrs. Poffinbarger
Principal



**Student Council
Representatives for
2010-2011 School Year**

4th grade -
Tyson Halsey (Ramsey)
Rosy Reye (Niernerg)
Mikayla Kuznicki
(Chojnicki)
Sydnie Littleford (Wells)
Keleila Princko (Shaffer)
Timothy Cho (Walz)
Ethan Bennett (Hoekstra)

5th Grade -
Julia Griffin (Meyer)
Jami Melton (Speer)
Katee Finney (Spitz)
Sam White (Koltz)
Garrett Porter (Goodchild)
Courtney Esker (Pals)
Megan Fisher (Lauwers)
Natalie Gordon (Easter)

6th Grade -
Wyatt Garrett (Smith)
Allyson Odell (Nelson)
Andrew Tresslar (Landsaw)
Tristen Morris (Allison)
Hannah Huckstep (Evans)
Logan Klepzig (Ball)
AJ Durain (Harrell)

Job well done to all students who ran for student council. Congratulations to our new student representatives.

~ Mrs. Wells
4th grade teacher
Student Council Sponsor



Your Child's Preferred Learning Style

A learning style is a way of learning. Your preferred learning style is the way in which you learn best. Three learning styles that are often identified in students are the **Auditory Learning Style**, the **Visual Learning Style**, and the **Tactile/Kinesthetic Learning Style**.

Read about each of these learning styles to identify your child's preferred learning style.



An Auditory Learner?

Auditory Learners learn best when information is presented in an auditory language format. Does your child seem to learn best in classes that emphasize teacher lectures and class discussions? Does listening to audio tapes help your child learn better? Does your child read aloud or talk things out to gain a better understanding? If YES, your

child is probably an Auditory Learner.

A Visual Learner?

Visual Learners learn best when information is presented in a written language format or in another visual format such as pictures or diagrams. Does your child do best in classes in which teachers do a lot of writing at the chalkboard, provide clear handouts, and make extensive use of an overhead or LCD projector, Smart board or other visual media? Does your child try to remember information by creating pictures in his/her mind? Does your child take detailed written notes from textbooks and in class? If YES, your child is probably a Visual Learner.



A Tactile/Kinesthetic Learner?

Tactile/Kinesthetic Learners learn best in hands-on learning settings in which they can physically manipulate something in order to learn about it. Does your child

learn best when he/she can move about and handle things? Does your child do well in classes in which there is a lab component? Does your child learn better when he/she has an actual object in his/her hands rather than a picture of the object or a verbal or written description of it? If YES, your child is probably a Tactile/Kinesthetic Learner.



she handle things? Does your child do well in classes in which there is a lab component? Does your child learn better when he/she has an actual object in his/her hands rather than a picture of the object or a verbal or written description of it? If YES, your child is probably a Tactile/Kinesthetic Learner.

Your child's learning style is his/her strength. Go with it whenever you can. When you can choose a class, try to choose one that draws heaviest on your child's learning style. When you can choose a teacher, try to choose one whose teaching method best matches your child's learning style. When you choose a major and future career, help your child keep his/her learning style firmly in mind.

Character Education Focus "Setting Goals"

Kids that start ahead, stay ahead. And teaching children goal setting is by far the best way to help them start ahead and secure their future.

As parents, our job is to prepare our children for adulthood. So if we want our children to have a successful, satisfying and happy life then there are some fundamental life skills we need to teach them:

- How to manage personal finances** – one of the roots of adult unhappiness and stress, teaching kids about money is one of the best things you can do.
- How to be healthy** – we all want our kids to grow up to be fit and healthy. Teach them how to set good health goals.
- How to achieve** – teaching children goal setting so they can set goals for life.
- How to manage themselves** – motivation, attitude and knowing that they are the only ones that have full control over their destiny.
- How to work with other people** – 'Emotional Intelligence' (EQ) is the key to their future. Help them develop their EQ.

Help your child get organized and provide them with a solid foundation for an organized life.

Teaching kids about goal setting involves setting goals in all five of the above critical life skill areas.

And it is never too early or too late to start teaching your kids these vital life skills. By teaching children goal setting, you'll help them guarantee their future.

~ Mrs. Cornebise

School Counselor & Character Education Educator

Character Education Students Awarded for Responsibility

Jonah	Becker	4th Grade	Mrs. Ramsey
Olivia	Bommelje	4th Grade	Mrs. Chojnicki
Elizabeth	Buescher	4th Grade	Mrs. Walters
Bailey	Crites	4th Grade	Mrs. Walz
Sophie	Howarth	4th Grade	Mr. Hoekstra
Sarah	Jackson	4th Grade	Mrs. Bower
Kenady	Wallace	4th Grade	Mrs. Shaffer
Carson	White	4th Grade	Mrs. Wells
Blayne	Bayles	5th Grade	Miss Speer
Nick	Bays	5th Grade	Mrs. Lauwers
Taylor	Benge	5th Grade	Mrs. Spitz
Jack	Bennett	5th Grade	Ms. Easter
Courtney	Esker	5th Grade	Mrs. Pals
Brooklynne	Oliver	5th Grade	Ms. Goodchild
Teddy	Shaw	5th Grade	Mrs. Meyer
Katie	Weber	5th Grade	Ms. Koltz
Ryan	Chambers	6th Grade	Mrs. Allison
Sydni	Edwards	6th Grade	Mrs. Harrell
Mackenzie	Golladay	6th Grade	Mrs. Nelson
Hannah	Houston	6th Grade	Mrs. Smith
Dilen	Jenkins	6th Grade	Mrs. Evans
Nissa	Larson	6th Grade	Mrs. Ball
Drew	Mejdrich	6th Grade	Ms. Panazzo
Mitch	Starwalt	6th Grade	Mrs. Landsaw

Lincoln Log Cabin Field Trip... A Long Standing Tradition at Jefferson

It has been a long-standing tradition for our fifth graders at Jefferson to take a field trip to the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site to see what life was like in the 1840s. The program enables students to be transported back in time to the year 1845. The girls wear dresses and aprons while the boys don 1840s shirts. They go about their day performing duties and chores typical on an 1840s farm. The girls prepare the meal while the boys muck barns, tend to crops, and saw wood.

Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site preserves the site of the 1840s farm of Thomas and Sarah Bush Lincoln, father and stepmother of our 16th president. Abraham Lincoln was a lawyer living in Springfield by the time his parents moved here in 1837, but he did visit them periodically.

Today, Lincoln Log Cabin is an 86-acre historic site that is owned and operated by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, Division of Historic Sites. The site



includes an accurate reproduction of the Lincolns' two-room cabin that was constructed on the original cabin site in 1935 as a CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) project. A working living history farm has been developed around the cabin, and a second farmstead, the Stephen Sargent Farm, has been moved to the site to help broaden the understanding of 1840s rural life in Illinois. One mile north is the Moore Home State Historic Site, a reconstructed frame home where Abraham Lincoln bid his stepmother farewell in January of 1861 before leaving to assume the Presidency. Mrs. Lauwers, a 5th grade teacher at Jefferson remembers when she took this very same trip when she was in fifth grade "I remember how much fun it was and was excited to find out I would be taking my own students on the very same trip".

Jefferson Band Night at the CHS Football Game



Jefferson Elementary School
801 Jefferson Avenue
Charleston, Illinois 61920



ISBE Webinar Series on Parent Involvement Kicks Off on Oct. 14

The Illinois State Board of Education's Division of Innovation and Improvement has planned a series of four 90 minute webinars as part of a statewide parent involvement initiative. The webinars will examine areas of best practices pertaining to parent involvement and provide tools and resources for implementing evidence-based strategies. These sessions are open to district staff, school staff, parent facilitators and parents. Information on two of the upcoming sessions is given below. You can register by clicking on the registration links.

“Creating a Welcoming Place,” Oct. 14, 2010, 3:30 to 5 p.m.: Many parents experience a sense of anxiety as they cross the school's threshold – a reaction that mirrors Pavlov's salivating dog studies. The explanation for this phenomenon isn't nearly as important as its remedy, which is to instill a climate of partnership where parents feel valued and respected. How can school administrators and their staff create an environment where families experience the support needed to become full partners in the education of their children? This webinar will discuss the importance of creating a sense of citizenship in the school community for staff, students, and families. In this session you will hear more about the school environment, visitor procedures, communication, and opportunities to volunteer or connect parents to parents and parents to school staff. Register at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/221723632>.

Parent Involvement Resources for Illinois Families and Schools, Nov. 3, 2010, 3:30 to 5 p.m.: The best visions for meaningful parent involvement are supported by the effective implementation of a well-laid plan. Successful implementation is achieved as the result of diligence with the aid of quality resources rooted in evidence-based strategies purposefully connected to learning. There is an abundance of resources available to Illinois families and schools that support and promote the parent's role in their child's education. This Webinar will introduce and explore a number of resources that will help Illinois schools in the implementation of objectives for meaningful parent engagement. Register at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/136275745>.

Calendar of Events for Jefferson Elementary

Wed Oct 13, 2010

HEARING AND VISION SCREENINGS ALL DAY

7:30am - 8am Jes Jem District Choir Rehearsal

8:15am - 8:45am 5th Grade Chorus- Group B Only

8:15am - 8:45am 6th Band

3:05pm - 4pm 4th Grade Sign Class Jefferson Library

Thu Oct 14, 2010

8:15am - 8:45am 6th Grade Chorus

8:30am - 11am 5th Rewards Party Fox Ridge (Brick Pavilion)

10:35am - 3:05pm 5th & 6th Mini Bands During Specials

3:15pm - 4:15pm Special Education Meeting

Fri Oct 15, 2010

END OF FIRST QUARTER 40 ATTENDANCE DAYS

8:15am - 8:45am 5th Grade Chorus- Group A Only

8:30am - 11:30am 4th Rewards Party Fox Ridge (Brick Pavilion)

11:30am - 2pm 6th Rewards Party Fox Ridge (Brick Pavilion)

Mon Oct 18, 2010

7:30am - 8am Jes Jem District Choir Rehearsal

8:15am - 8:45am 5th Grade Chorus- Group A Only

11:30am - 12pm 6th Band

12pm - 12:30pm Beg. Band

Tue Oct 19, 2010

8:15am - 8:45am 6th Grade Chorus

8:15am - 8:45am Beg. Band

3:15pm - 4:45pm Jes Show Choir Rehearsal

Wed Oct 20, 2010

7:30am - 8am Jes Jem District Choir Rehearsal

8:15am - 8:45am 5th Grade Chorus- Group B Only

8:15am - 8:45am 6th Band

9am - 11am Landsaw/Panozzo Courthouse

3:05pm - 4pm 4th Grade Sign Class Jefferson Library

3:15pm - 4:15pm Faculty Meeting

6:30 pm *Responsibility* Students Honored at the School Board Meeting

Thu Oct 21, 2010

8:15am - 8:45am 6th Grade Chorus

10:35am - 3:05pm 5th & 6th Mini Bands during Specials

Fri Oct 22, 2010

8:15am - 8:45am 5th Grade Chorus- Group A and B

9am - 2pm 6th Grade Survival Day - Fox Ridge

Mon Oct 25, 2010

8:15am - 8:45am 5th Grade Chorus- Group A Only

11:30am - 12pm 6th Band

12pm - 12:30pm Beg. Band

Tue Oct 26, 2010

8:15am - 8:45am 6th Grade Chorus

8:15am - 8:45am Beg. Band

3:15pm - 4:45pm Jes Show Choir Rehearsal

Wed Oct 27, 2010

7am - 5pm Pals/Koltz Challenger Learning Center

7:30am - 8am Jes Jem District Choir Rehearsal

8:15am - 8:45am 6th Band

Thu Oct 28, 2010

8:15am - 8:45am 6th Grade Chorus

10:35am - 3:05pm 5th & 6th Mini Bands during Specials

Fri Oct 29, 2010

8:15am - 8:45am 5th Grade Chorus- Group B Only

8:25am - 1:05pm 2 Hr. Early Dismissal

10am - 11am Jefferson Fall Parade

Mon Nov 1, 2010

Begin New Character Education Trait “Teamwork”

7am - 5pm Challenger for Spitz and Easter

8:15am - 8:45am 5th Grade Chorus- Group A Only

11:30am - 12pm 6th Band

12pm - 12:30pm Beg. Band

Tue Nov 2, 2010

8:15am - 8:45am 6th Grade Chorus

8:15am - 8:45am Beg. Band

3:15pm - 4:45pm Jes Show Choir Rehearsal

Wed Nov 3, 2010

8:15am - 8:45am 5th Grade Chorus- Group B Only

8:15am - 8:45am 6th Band

Thu Nov 4, 2010

8:15am - 8:45am 6th Grade Chorus

10:35am - 3:05pm 5th & 6th Mini Bands during Specials

Fri Nov 5, 2010

8:15am - 8:45am 5th Grade Chorus- Group A and B

Mon Nov 8, 2010

8:15am - 8:45am 5th Grade Chorus- Group A Only

11:30am - 12pm 6th Band

12pm - 12:30pm Beg. Band

Tue Nov 9, 2010

8:15am - 8:45am 6th Grade Chorus

8:15am - 8:45am Beg. Band

3:15pm - 4:45pm Jes Show Choir Rehearsal

Wed Nov 10, 2010

8:15am - 8:45am 5th Grade Chorus- Group B Only

8:15am - 8:45am 6th Band

Thu Nov 11, 2010

8:15am - 8:45am 6th Grade Chorus

10:35am - 3:05pm 5th & 6th Mini Bands During Specials

Fri Nov 12, 2010

END OF FIRST TRIMESTER FOR FOURTH GRADE

8:15am - 8:45am 5th Grade Chorus- Group A and B