



Jefferson Elementary PTA News

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Board Member Contacts
- Reflections Art Contest
- Fundraising News
- Cartridges for Kids
- Volunteers needed!
- Coming in November
- PTA Website Launch
- Upcoming General Meeting News
- Follow up from the "Empowering your Child" talk at our General Meeting

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11th-15th Shoe Fund Change Drive
- 18th - Reflections Kickoff
- 18th-29th - Wreath Sale
- 20th - Watchdogs Kickoff
- 25th - 29th Conference week
- 26th- General 6:30 – 8:30 PM in Cafeteria
- 28th -Skate Deck Party
- Cookie Dough Delivery happening approximately last week of October

Happy October!

We hope everyone has eased into the new routines and activity Fall always brings about! PTA is hard at work, and just as Jefferson continues its process of transformation, we, too, are adjusting through growth and changes. We would like to introduce Jerry Detloff as our new President, voted in at our September 28th General Meeting. Also new to the board is Tiffany Moore, Vice President of Volunteers.

Thanks to team Leader Senta Barrett and all the volunteers who made the Scholastic Book Fair possible.

Thanks to Tracy Jacoby for running an amazing Spirit Wear and Membership Drive. We are anticipating record membership numbers and many Popcorn Parties for classes with 100% membership. Thanks to all who are joining us; there is strength in numbers!

Totals for the Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough sale will be announced soon; delivery is pending for the last week of the month. Thanks to all who worked hard to participate!

Our Shoe Fund Change Drive will run October 11th through

15th. Any change (or cash) will do!

Information will come home next week about our Wreath Sale. Our fabulous Watch DOGS program returns with a kickoff scheduled for October 20th. The Staff Appreciation Committee will be hosting a teacher breakfast and luncheon during Conference Week.

We're looking forward to an informational General Meeting on October 26th.

Don't miss the Skate Deck party October 28th. Costumes welcome!

Have a great month!

2010-11 PTA Board Members

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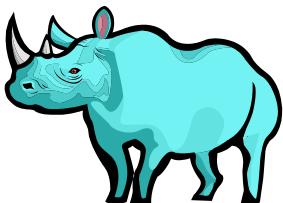
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We are honored to serve the Jefferson community and are always happy to assist with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have.



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Reflections Art Contest

Does your child love the arts? Reflections is a great and exciting way for our students to express themselves! The Reflections Program is a National PTA and WSPTA cultural arts competition. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works.

Each year, Reflections challenges students to create art that supports a specific theme.

The 2010 - 11 Reflections theme is: "TOGETHER WE CAN".

Students may submit entries in any of six arts areas. Only original works of art are accepted. These six areas are: Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts, Film/Video, and choreography/Dance.

Jefferson's Reflections Contest Kickoff is coming on October 18th! Entries will be Due November 6th. Reflections entails some specific details as to how entries are to be submitted. Information will be coming home with students next week.

For program details, forms, and more, check out:

<http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/index.html>

Contact President Jerry Detloff for information: yummyslugs@frontier.com

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Jefferson PTA will deliver successful fundraising programs that offer maximum financial benefit for the organization.

We are so excited to see how much cookie dough our students sold! It is so nice to see how enthusiastic they are about raising money for their school. Proceeds will go towards the Playground Equipment Fund, so that construction of our beautiful new equipment can begin as soon as possible. Delivery is expected for the last week of October.

Wreath Sale info coming soon! Let's keep that great fundraising enthusiasm going. The Wreath Sale and following fundraisers will all benefit the PTA's general operating expenses and events.

The Cartridges For kids Pledge Drive is coming! See the next page for info.

We will present a budget updated with line items for this year's Fundraisers at our October 26th GENERAL meeting.

Contact Jake Mitchell for Fundraising and Playground information: 425.754.5528

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Cartridges for Kids Pledge Drive ~ October 18th to 19th

Start collecting your cell phones, inkjet & laser cartridges, laptops, iPods, PDA's, video games and consoles, digital cameral , DVDs, GPS Devices, and calculators.

Jefferson Elementary PTA is partnering with Cartridges for Kids to do a Recyclable Electronics Drive October 18th—29th. The proceeds will go towards the PTA General Budget. Collection Bags and flyers will be sent home October 15th.

Volunteers Needed!

Thanks again to **Tiffany Moore** for stepping up to the **Vice President of Volunteers** position! Contact her at mooreti87@gmail.com if you are able to assist the PTA in general or with any of the following:

- Many volunteers are needed immediately to assist with the Shoe Fund Change Drive
 - Kristen Eke will be heading up the Teacher Appreciation Team. She will need assistance in hosting a Staff Breakfast scheduled for October 25th, and a Staff Luncheon, scheduled for October 28th
 - Watch DOGS (Dads Of Great Students) needs volunteers immediately. The kickoff pizza party is scheduled for the evening of October 20th in the Library; please come and discover more about this wonderful program. Dads (moms are welcome, too) may choose a day/time slot to just be a bright presence for children and assist staff where needed around Jefferson.
 - Jerry Detloff will need assistance in leading the Reflections contest
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Coming in November:

- **1st - Food Drive**
- **6th - Reflections Art Contest Entries Due**
- **18th - Harvest Dance**
- **19th - National Parent Breakfast**
- **23rd - Board Meeting**
- **Date TBD - Wreath Delivery**

We're online! Jefferson PTA WEBSITE LAUNCH

The PTA is thrilled to be launching its newly updated website!

Many thanks to Brian Barrett for offering to help with this vital task. You may now view important PTA updates and news, Board Member contact information, and more. The site is still under construction; please check back frequently for updates.

Check it out at: www.jeffersonelementarypta.com

October 26th General Meeting News

- The PTA board will present the 2010-11 Budget. We want to be sure our membership is 100% informed in all areas, particularly fundraising and fund allocation.
- Debora Harvey will briefly be speaking on behalf of the Eastmont Nature Park Association, which is focused on conservation of the parklands to the NE of Jefferson.
- As always, we'll be presenting information on all upcoming events, and we'll be sponsoring an exciting raffle!
- Contact Jerry if you'd like to be added to the Agenda: yummyslugs@frontier.com

Follow up on Empowering Your Child to Face Life's Challenges.

Thanks to Joyce Moon for giving an excellent and informative talk at our Sept. 28th General Meeting. Joyce wanted to be sure to empower those in attendance with additional tools and information:

SO WHAT DO WE DO INSTEAD? We heard the message that rescuing our children wasn't giving them the skills they need, but we didn't get any new tools to increase their success. We can't just let our children sink or swim alone (remember that supportive, empathetic, nurturing parent).

You can help your child to make better choices by teaching problem solving. You will have lots of opportunities to teach this skills and every problem does not need to be discussed (but remember your long term goal of having an independently functioning adult).

Problem solving discussion with your child:

- What happened? What is the problem?
- What was your part/role in the situation?
- Awareness of self action is the beginning of change
- There is no reality, only our perception of it
- Further exploration question: What happened before . . . ?
- What was the other person's role?
- Why did he/she act that way?
- What can we do to solve the problem?
- Remember - you can only control the way you respond, not others
- Accept lots of possible solutions - you child should generate 2 for your every one
- Some can be silly or impractical solutions
- Evaluate the solutions
- How likely are they to work in the short term to make the problem better?
- How likely are they to work in the long term?
- What are the costs and benefits of the solution (for the child and for others)?
- Make a plan
- Choose a solution
- Make an action plan - who will do what and when
- Talk about any current consequences from the problem
- Talk about what will happen next time

Parenting takes great courage, determination, persistence, and love. Remember to share your joy and love everyday along with setting standards and expectations.

Joyce Moon