

✍ PENCIL OF POWER ✍

News from Jefferson's Literacy Specialist, Ms. Laurie Miller

We have started a writing celebration program here at Jefferson called, "The Pencil of Power!" Once a month teachers choose two students to celebrate who have shown growth in writing. These students have their names announced during morning announcements then are given a certificate and a shiny blue pencil by Principal Nunes. We are celebrating the things that kids are improving on, not finished writing works. Indenting paragraphs, using quotation marks, using ending marks, writing a great grabber beginning or even explaining how they solved a math problem are all great reasons a teacher will nominate a student for Pencil of Power. Teachers explain why they chose a student so they know why they won, and then the writing piece is displayed outside their classroom on the teacher's big pencil. We take pictures of the winners and post those on the wall outside the library so all kids can see. The kids are getting excited to hear next month's winners and some kids have even been overheard saying they are really going to work hard on their writing so they can win! Kudos to all our writers and the powerful work they are doing.

MILL CREEK LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sing-In on February 12th at 5:30 PM

Come sing with us! The Mill Creek Library will be hosting the third annual "We Shall Overcome" Sing-In in honor of African American History Month.

Join County Executive John Lovick, your family, friends, and neighbors for a moving sing along of the song that inspired one of the greatest freedom movements in U.S. history. All ages are welcome! Lyrics will be provided at the event.

LEVY AND BOND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At our last general meeting, the Jefferson PTA members present voted to support the upcoming Levy and Bond issues brought before Everett voters.

Please consider being a phone volunteer to remind voters about the levy and bond vote. Volunteers are needed on February 9th and 10th from 6:15 – 8:30 PM at Shawn O'Donnell's restaurant. Sign up in the staff room, or contact jeffersonpta@gmail.com if you can help.

♪ JEFFERSON TALENT SHOW ♪

February 21, 2014

6:30 – 8:30 PM - Jefferson Cafeteria

Bring your change for bake sale items!

There are is one more practice session for participants: February 19th, 3:30-5:00 PM, Jefferson cafeteria.

♥ VAL-GRAMS ARE COMING ♥

Val-Grams are Valentine cards with a candy attached. Students may purchase Val-Grams to have delivered to friends and they will be delivered on Friday, February 14th, at the end of the school day.

Students can purchase Val-Grams for 50¢ during their lunch time on February 11 - 14.

FEBRUARY BOX TOPS COLLECTION

Send Box Tops and Campbell's UPCs to school with your student during the month of February. We are working toward a goal of collecting 3,000 Box Tops. When we meet this goal, students will be rewarded with a CRAZY HAIR DAY!

BOOK FAIR COMING IN MARCH

The next Scholastic Book Fair will run March 24th through March 28th. The Scholastic Book Fair is a way for Jefferson to earn books for our library.

Jefferson PTA is looking for a co-chair for this event who would work with our fabulous chair, Senta Barrett. Is this the perfect volunteer opportunity for you? Senta would love to mentor a volunteer who can learn the ropes for next school year. Contact Araceli at volunteers@jeffersonpta.org if you are interested.

JEFFERSON YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks will go on sale in mid-April for \$13 each. Watch for sale days to be advertised so that you do not miss this opportunity to reserve a yearbook!

ZUMBA WEDNESDAYS

6:30 -7:30 PM - Jefferson Cafeteria

Adults Only - \$5 Participation Fee

Jefferson parent and Zumba certified instructor, Monica Thorne, leads us in an hour of fun! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! ALL FITNESS LEVELS ARE WELCOME!

Jefferson PTA is considering adding child care during Zumba if there is enough interest. Contact Araceli at volunteers@jeffersonpta.org if this would make the difference in you coming to Zumba!

JEFFERSON PTA FEBRUARY CALENDAR

5, 12, 19, 26 – Zumba Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Jefferson cafeteria

11-14 – Val-Grams

5 & 19 – Talent Show Practices, 3:30-5:00 PM, Jefferson cafeteria

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