



# PTA News

## Jefferson Elementary

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Dear Jefferson Family,

Well, it is almost springtime and we have several activities to look forward to. We will enjoy watching our Jefferson Joggers complete their marathons on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you **Kristi Moody** for organizing our runners, **Karyn Wortsmith** for keeping up with their miles, and **Tracy Van Dover** for ordering their cool T-shirts.

We fellow volunteers enjoyed a delicious VIPS Appreciation Luncheon on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you teachers and staff!

Our Watch D.O.G.S. Dads program kicked off with a pizza party on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to the many dads that signed up to participate, and a big thank you to **Jack Lankford** and **Lucy Rhodes** for all their hard work on this new program.

Thanks to all of you who donated books for our new Book Depository. It is a great way to recycle gently-used books. Thanks to **Andrea Campbell** for organizing them.

I hope to see you at our next PTA meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. in the Jefferson Cafeteria. The third grade musical program will follow at 6:30 p.m.

Also, don't forget Jefferson Jubilee on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Clinton Library. I hope to see everyone there. Thank you for your support of Jefferson Elementary.

**Melinda Martin**  
PTA President



It's here! The annual spring Jefferson Jubilee—**Friday, March 7, 2008 at 7 p.m.** in the Great Hall of the Clinton Presidential Library. This adults-only event features great food and fellowship, live entertainment—along with a live and silent auction (featuring art by Jefferson students!). Auction items may be paid by cash, check, American Express (preferred credit card), Mastercard, or Visa. Tickets are on sale now—\$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. If you would like to purchase tickets please contact **Tracy Van Dover** at **tracyvd@hotmail.com** or **993-3114**. Tickets will not be mailed but will be held at the door. We'll see you there! **A BIG thank you to all of those Gold and Silver sponsors for this event.**

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Order Jefferson Jubilee Tickets!

Please sign me up for \_\_\_\_\_ advance tickets at \$40 each. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose completed form with your check made payable to Jefferson PTA in an envelope marked "Jubilee—Tracy Van Dover" and return it to school. Tickets will not be mailed, but will be held at the door.

#### 2007 - 2008 Jefferson PTA Board

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#### Little Rockers Marathon

Training has started and we have over 100 students participating to walk 25.2 miles prior to the race, which is on March 1, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Keep collecting those miles! Please contact **Kristi Moody** with any questions at **529-1493** or **Kristi.Moody@windstream.com**.

#### Book Buckets

The Kindergarten teachers are collecting pre-K to Kindergarten level books for a new Book Buckets program. If you have "gently-used" books that you would like to donate—please put them in the "Book Buckets" box in the Cafeteria. If you have any questions, please contact **Mrs. Dorman** or **Mrs. Brotherton**.

► **VOLUNTEER HOURS**—Please remember to record all your volunteer hours for Jefferson by **February 28th**. All time since March 1, 2007 counts! This includes shopping and cooking for classroom treats and events, eating lunch with your children, as well as time spent at the school or volunteering for school and PTA events. You can email your volunteer hours to [jeffersonvips@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffersonvips@yahoo.com). Questions? **Contact Jennifer Taylor at [jljwytaylor@yahoo.com](mailto:jljwytaylor@yahoo.com) or 374-6328.**

► **STARS Tutoring**— Looking for a great volunteer opportunity? The Jefferson STARS program is an organized volunteer reading and basic math mentoring program designed to assist students with these skills. Volunteers are matched with a particular student and spend 30-45 minutes each week encouraging that student with math or reading. All training and materials provided. **Contact Andrea Hooten at [ahooten@aristotle.net](mailto:ahooten@aristotle.net) or 565-2432.**

► **2007-2008 Jefferson Directories**—Directories are only \$1! If you would like to purchase a Jefferson directory, please stop by the office and see Mrs. Sitlington...get yours today!

► **Kroger Bucks Raise Money For Jefferson** —The Jefferson PTA receives \$500 for every \$10,000 spent using a Jefferson Kroger Card. **Contact Kathy Curtis at 517-2761 to purchase your card for \$5.** (Each card is preloaded with \$5 that can be used toward any Kroger purchase.) You can quickly reload your card at the checkout stand before the clerk scans your groceries.

► **Donate Used Inkjet Cartridges, Toner Cartridges & Cell Phones!**—The Jefferson PTA is conducting an ongoing recycling fundraiser. There is nothing to buy. We are simply asking you to protect the environment by donating your used cell phones and ink jet and toner cartridges. Your used items will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished and sold. 100% of the proceeds will go to Jefferson. Please drop these items in the box in the Cafeteria marked Recycling Fundraiser throughout the school year. If you have questions please **contact Kathy Curtis at [Kathy.Curtis@genmills.com](mailto:Kathy.Curtis@genmills.com) or 517-2761.**



### FOOD DRIVE March 10-17th

Each grade will be asked to bring different items. Watch for a note to be sent home via backpack express March 6th.

## Jefferson Elementary 2007-08 School Calendar

### MARCH

1 Little Rockers Marathon  
7 Jefferson Jubilee (7pm)  
10-17 Food Drive  
18 Box Tops contest ends  
21 No School  
24-28 Spring Break

### APRIL

7 Report Cards sent home  
10 PTA Meeting—5:45 p.m.—  
**Jefferson Cafeteria**  
10 3rd Grade Musical Program—  
6:30 p.m.—Jefferson Cafeteria  
11 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday Party  
22 VIPS "Evening for the Stars"

### MAY

TBA Cinco de Mayo Celebration  
7 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon  
7 PTA Meeting - noon- Cammack Hall  
15 Meet/Greet - New Student Program  
19-20 Art Mobile with Forest Park  
19-23 Wacky Water Days  
26 Memorial Day, no school  
27-28 Rain Dates for Wacky Water Days (if needed)  
30 5th Grade Graduation  
TBA Pre-K Graduation  
TBA Kindergarten Graduation

### JUNE

4 Last Day of School

### Box Tops Contest

Keep collecting Box Tops! Our Spring contest will be held February 19—March 18! The class that collects the most Box Tops wins a class party! Contact **Kathy Curtis at 517-2761 or [Kathy.Curtis@genmills.com](mailto:Kathy.Curtis@genmills.com)** with any questions.

### NEEDED—A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS!

Please be sure to fill out your form to be a PTA volunteer next year! Remember, the PTA can't function without all you wonderful parents! Most of the chair positions are shared by 2-3 people and can easily be filled by parents who work outside the home. Please return the completed form to your child's teacher or put in the PTA box in the office. Please consider donating your time and talents to enhance the learning of your child and all of the children at Jefferson. If you have questions or would like more information on any of the positions, just call one of the PTA board members listed on the front page.



CONGRATULATIONS MRS. IVY  
VOTED LITTLE ROCK PTA COUNCIL  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR!  
(Good Luck in the State Competition!)

### PTA Meeting

April 10th at 5:45 p.m.  
Jefferson Cafeteria

This meeting is before the Third Grade musical performance and the slate of Officers will be voted on at this meeting.

