



Jeffries Updates—

From the Desk of Dr. Elizabeth Cooper

“The Jeffries Community is Committed to the Pursuit
of Academic and Character Excellence.”

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This Year’s Theme:

“Under Construction,
Building Brighter Futures!”

SAVE THE DATE!

August 15, 2012– 1st Day of
School for the 2012-2013
School Year (Please
keep this in mind when
scheduling vacations)
Calendars available in the
front office.

Upcoming (Tentative) Calendar Events:

March 7– School Principal
Appreciation Day

March 9– PTA Spring
Dance (6:30-7:30 for K-2;
7:30-8:30 for 3-5th)

March 15– Jeffries Kinder-
garten Registration Day
(8-11AM in the library)

March 19-23– Spring Break

April 2-20th– MAP Testing
(3-5th Grade Students) &
TerraNova Testing (2nd
Grade)

April 4– School
Paraprofessional Apprecia-
tion Day (Mary Parry,
Lorain Carter & Mary
Boden)

April 20– No School

April 24– Spring Picture
Day & 5th Grade
Graduation Pics

May 16th– Talent Show

May 18th– Field Day

May 23– Last Day of
School (if there are no snow
days; as late as June 1st).

Important Dates to Remember in February:

Feb. 1- Jeffries’ Domino’s Pizza Night! (\$1 comes back to Jeffries for every pizza ordered from the Republic Rd. branch) 417-889-3131

Feb. 2– Jeffries’ PTA Executive Mtg. (all PTA members welcome to attend) at 6:30PM in the library.

Feb. 3– Character Ed. Assemblies (9:10AM for K-2; 3-5th follows); 2nd Quarter Perfect Attendance students will receive 1 piece of pizza from Domino’s at lunch; Students of the Month will eat on the stage during lunch.

Week of Feb. 6– National School Counseling Week (help us show appreciation to our counselors– Kim Rehagen (full time); Debbie Nurnberg (Thurs.) & Nancy Samples (Wed.)

Feb. 7– Jeffries’ Earthquake drill (part of the Great Central States Shakeout); PTA Mtg. with a 2nd Grade Performance at 7PM

Feb. 10– 5th Grade students visit Carver (9-11AM)

Feb. 13– **Tooth Truck** will be at Jeffries (see our nurse, Linda Schieber for details); **Jeffries’ Math Night!** (for K-5th grade students and their parents) from 4:30-6PPM– FREE at attend! **EschoolPlus Home Access** (Parents can view their child’s grades, attendance, etc. from home with a password)– The parent must come in, show their ID, and sign off to receive their password (due to confidentiality laws). Our secretary, Mrs. Bennett, will be at Math Night to accommodate parents who wish to get their password.

Feb. 14- Valentines Day Parties– 2:30-3:30PM– led by our homeroom parents; Mid 3rd Quarter

Feb. 17– Professional Learning/Work Day (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)

Feb. 20– Presidents’ Day (SCHOOL SYSTEM CLOSED)

Feb. 21– Jeffries’ Texas Roadhouse Night 4-9PM (tell them you are with Jeffries!)

Feb. 22– 3rd Grade Field Trip to Peter & the Wolf

1. Jeffries Website/Jeffries PTA Facebook Page: Please visit it at: <http://sps.k12.mo.us/jeffries> for important information, documents, dates, and other SPS links. The District's main website is: <http://springfieldpublicschools.mo.org/> If you would like to receive Facebook school reminders and PTA events, "friend" the "JeffriesPTA" Facebook page. This is the only approved Jeffries related Facebook page.

2. Character Ed. Assemblies— at the end of each month, we have a Character Ed. Assembly (one for K-2; one for 3-5th grade) to recognize the chosen Student of the Month recipients, the Teacher of the Month recipient, Team Member of the Month recipient, encourage and praise all students for their hard work, introduce the next Character Ed. word through a character ed. video clip (from the award winning series- "Auto B Good," present the traveling trophies to each classroom with the highest attendance for that month, and much more! In addition, we have two exciting drawings (Monthly and Quarterly Perfect Attendance). Monthly Perfect Attendance Drawings for students who had perfect attendance for the previous month with no tardies and/or early dismissals. In addition, our staff tries to catch students who are "Building a Brighter Future" through demonstrating academic or character excellence. The student visits Dr. Cooper or Mr. Bax for "Building a Brighter Future" appreciation goodie, and their slip gets posted in the main hallway on the Principal's bulletin board.

3. Teacher & Team Member of the Month Recognition: Students, teachers, parents, and staff are encouraged to nominate a teacher or staff (team) member who they catch showing the Character Ed. Word for the month (Jan. was Attitude). If you would like to nominate a teacher or staff member, please complete a nomination slip (located near the front office in the Teacher & Team Member of the Month nomination boxes). These forms are returned to the teachers at the end of the month so they can read what others have noticed in them & it makes their day! Please visit our website for more details! Congratulations to: Ms. Lacey Holmes, 2nd Grade Teacher— Jeffries' Teacher of the Month for January; Ms. Kathy Agee (Head Custodian) as our Team Member of the Month! We appreciate you taking time to show appreciation to our staff members!

4. Jeffries' Building Improvements/Construction: Over the summer, we had our new bus loop installed off of Republic Road and Glenn. In addition, we have installed a walking track along the playground (thank you, PTA for raising \$11,000 towards its purchase!)- with play pods and some new equipment. The construction off of the front of the building (new front entry way, office spaces, gym/FEMA Safe Room) was set to begin in November. However, it has been delayed while FEMA is still reviewing the construction documents. They did approve our grant in May of 2011. We will keep you up to date via newsletters, Construction bulletin board (front foyer), and possibly Alert Now messages when there are changes in traffic flow and building accessibility. Within the first two weeks of February, Phase I should begin (behind our building to add additional parking spaces for staff; complete a fire lane; etc. Then, we will begin on the front of the building. This will impact our pick up/drop off procedures. If you have a child who is eligible to ride the bus, we would greatly appreciate it if arrangements could be made for them to ride (as our car line will be even more congested). We appreciate your support, patience, and flexibility as we build better futures! When our main entrance is relocated to the east end of the building, students will not be allowed to be dropped off prior to 8:20AM (unless enrolled in Prime Time). At the end of the day, the drop off/pick off when be at east end doors. For the safety of our students, parents and visitors will not be permitted to wait inside the building at the end of the day/dismissal. Thank you for your understanding.

5. Breakfast in the Classroom (Tentative)— We anticipate to begin taking advantage of the "Breakfast in the Classroom" program near the beginning of March. An information letter will be sent home prior to implementation. On the first day of implementation (TBA), all students and staff are provided a free breakfast. Our main doors will open at 8:20AM (students arrive prior to 8:20, must be enrolled in Prime Time). Students will be released to go to class at 8:35AM (we intend to work with Transportation so that bus riders are dropped off at 8:35AM). Breakfast will be served from 8:35-8:50AM. Class starts at 8:50AM. Using the "universal model," every student will be able to eat a nutritious breakfast in the comfort of their classroom while preparing for their school day. Food Service delivers the breakfast items (with sanitizing wipes so that eating surfaces are clean)- an entre, fresh fruit and milk on carts that are designed to keep the options cool or warm. Students with food allergies are provided alternative items. The carts are picked up. Federal funds, Care to Learn, the Foundation and other donors have covered the cost. This program (currently in 16 SPS R-12 schools and expanding to 11 more this year), has shown to increase attendance, decrease discipline issues, increase student relationships, and has been a very positive experience. We are very excited about Breakfast in the Classroom!