

JPAT News

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Jefferson Silent Auction Fundraiser

Saturday, April 22 - 5:30 - 9:00 pm
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 2945 NW Circle
Ticket \$5

This year we are trying something a little different. The Jefferson Silent Auction will be an adult only event featuring food, beer, wine and both a silent and live auction. As always, there will be unique, useful and fun items are up for auction. Proceeds from the auction will go to JPAT to help enhance the art, music and library programs offered to our children.

We encourage you to pre-register and buy your tickets early. Tickets will be on sale starting April 12. Childcare is available at the school the night of the auction. Sign up is required and available at the school office.

Don't miss this fun event!

Presidents Note:

2006/07 Budget Concerns

A review of last year's April JPAT survey seems in order as we chart our course to the future. The survey presented three questions and the answers reflect values of rich and diverse curriculum for Jefferson students, experienced and innovative teachers and an open and inviting environment.

The top three responses to the question, "What is the purpose of JPAT?" were: fundraising, community building by bringing people together and serving as a bridge of communication or parents and teachers. The top ten priorities of JPAT are listed in order of importance by survey responses: provide enrichment; fundraising; community building; communication vehicle; education opportunity for parents; FTE support; Proactive/flexible/organizational vehicle; support for teachers (time & money); provide volunteers/coordinators; site beautification

As we look forward to preparing the JPAT budget for 2006/2007 and provide input to Denise Gorthy in budget priorities for the school, it is my hope that we can use the 2005 survey information as a compass to guide the discussion. In light of the fact that Jefferson needs to reduce its personnel budget by at least \$47,000 for the 2006/2007 school year, JPAT was presented with the following three questions by Denise Gorthy.

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✓ Mark Your Calendar

April 11 - Parent Coffee – 8:20 am - 9:20 am, school library

April 11 - New Kindergarten Parents Visit - 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm, school library

April 11 - JPAT Meeting - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, school library

April 13 - Math Evening for 3rd & 4th Grades 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm, school gym

April 14 - School Transfer Request Deadline

April 17-19 - NO SCHOOL, Parent-Teacher Conferences

April 18-19 - Spring Book Fair - school gym during conferences

April 22 - JPAT Silent Auction - 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Unitarian Fellowship

April 24 - 28 - Back to School Week

April 26 - Parent Coffee – 8:20 am - 9:20 am, school library

April 26 - 2nd-5th Grade Choral/Recorder Concert - 7 pm

April 26 - Middle School Open House

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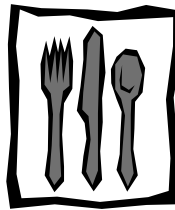
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Dine Out With Jefferson News Bombs Away Café Saturday April 15th

Our next Dine Out with Jefferson Fundraiser will be on Saturday, April 15th during dinner hours. Have dinner and Bombs Away will donate 20% of all receipts for the evening to JPAT! No flyer is necessary.



So far we've had great participation from local restaurants and from you in supporting the Dine Out fundraisers. We have raised \$1,066 to date!!! Let's keep up the support for our Jaguars.

Scrip News from Rhonda



Thanks to all of you who have supported the Jefferson Scrip Program this year. We continue to run the most profitable scrip program in Corvallis public schools, which says a lot for the dedication of our parents, staff, family and friends.

However - we are still running under budget for the school year, especially when compared to the last two years. **As of the end of March, we will have earned a little over \$4,600, compared to slightly over \$5,900 at the same time last school year.** If you haven't been a regular scrip purchaser, please consider making it a habit – it costs you nothing, but a little bit of planning. If you're not able to make it to the school during normal scrip table times (before and after school in the lobby) and would still like to participate, please e-mail me at rhondaion@comcast.net to find out how to do so! And as always, if you have any questions about scrip, please feel free to contact me via phone, e-mail, or in person.

I will be "retiring" as scrip coordinator at the end of June. If you are at all interested in co-chairing the scrip program with another person next year at Jefferson, please contact me or any of the current JPAT officers. It is an important fundraiser in the general JPAT budget and many of the teachers depend on the support from the scrip classroom credit program.

Thanks for supporting Jefferson kids through scrip!!

-Rhonda Soulé

Food Share Wrap Up

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Jefferson food drive benefiting Linn-Benton Food Share. The staff at LBFS tell us that it couldn't have come at a better time of year. We filled the LBFS barrel almost five times and collected a total of 365 pounds of food plus \$35 in monetary donations!!!

Way to go Jefferson Jaguars!

Local Hero for the School (and the Planet!)

Patti Warner, our own Wildlife Stewards volunteer extraordinaire, is the recipient of a 2006 4-H Wildlife and Fisheries Adult Volunteer Leader Award. Oregon State University Extension 4-H nominated Patti and she is one of six people in the United States to receive this honor. She received an expense-paid trip to the 71st North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (March 21-25 in Columbus, Ohio).

Congratulations and thank you Patti!

EARTH DAY is April 22nd

Hug a tree, pick up litter, do your part!

Show your love for our Mother Earth!



Note From The President cont.

With current staffing, class sizes for 2006/2007 are estimated as follows:

Full day Kindergarten: 24-26

Half day Kindergarten: 22

1st Grade: 27

2nd Grade: 27-28

3rd Grade: 28-29

4th Grade: 31-32

5th Grade: 31-32

1. What should be the highest spending priority for next year's budget?
2. What would you be willing to eliminate or restructure in order to meet your spending priority?
3. What other comments or thoughts do you have about where to spend our limited resources?

Please plan to attend the upcoming JPAT meeting, April 11 at 6:30 pm to share your comments in this important discussion.

Thank you!

- Jeff Brandt

