

The Bear Necessity

"We are respectful, confident learners and leaders!"

April, 2015



From the Principal's Desk



Spring Greetings from Jefferson School! The Iowa Assessments were given during the first week of April to all students in grades 2, 3, 4, and 5. Teachers and students did a great job of synergizing to ensure a successful testing experience. Test results will be sent home with the final report card in May.

I would really like to congratulate our students for working hard each day and giving their best during testing. I would also like to congratulate and thank our PARENTS for helping to make sure that students were here each day. Our attendance during the first week of April was FANTASTIC! Way to go, Bears! Keep it up!

I encourage you and your child to consider participating in the third annual "Race For The Schools" This year, the race will be held on **Saturday, May 2nd**. You'll find more information on the last two pages of this newsletter about the 5K/10K race and 1 mile fun run. I'll be there—and the school with the highest participation in the race receives a special recognition!

Final preparations are being made for our Spring Carnival! Please join us on **Friday, April 24th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm** for this wonderful tradition! Raffle Ticket sales begin on **Friday, April 10th**. Look for more information coming home soon. Our wonderful PTO has been busy planning for several months, and we are thankful for their support. To volunteer, please call the school or email me at corry.spies@mcsdonline.org.



@JeffersonMCSD

Yours for great schools,

Corry M. Spies



Apr. 1	Iowa Assessments Tests Kindergarten Round-Up at District Office 5:15 pm - PTO Meeting
2	Band/Orchestra Lessons
3	NO SCHOOL
6	Snow Make-up Day
9	Band/Orchestra Lessons
10	Clubs Day! Raffle Ticket Sales Begin!
14	Firefighters Visit 1 st Grade 3:15p – 5:45p - Family Reading Night in Library
16	Band/Orchestra Lessons
17	Kindergarten Spring Visit – (No School for PK or Kindergarten students) Clubs Day!
23	Band/Orchestra Lessons 4 th Qtr Midterms sent home
24	8:25 am - Leadership Assembly 5 – 7 pm - Spring Carnival
29	2 Hour Early Out at 1:05
30	Band/Orchestra Lessons 7:00 pm – Band/Orchestra Concert @ CMS Auditorium

Things to “Bear” in Mind...

Physical Education News

Mr. Randleman indicates that attendance has been improving he once again started his attendance incentive in PE. Students help their class earn points toward “free-choice days” when they are in attendance for class. Be sure to ask your student about how they’re doing in PE!



Band and Orchestra Concert

Fifth Grade Band and Orchest Concert will be April 30th, at 7:00 pm at Central Middle School Auditorium. Students should arrive by 6:40 with instrument and music. Please dress nicely.

Early Dismissals & Last Day

REMINDER: Students will be released two hours early April 29th and May 29th. **May 29th is now the last day of School.** We will dismiss at 1:05 pm. Thank you for ensuring your students are picked up on time.

2015-16 Kindergarten

If you missed Kindergarten Round-Up, it’s not too late! You can still register! Please contact Jessi Freers, Early Childhood Coordinator at 563-263-7223. Children must be 4 (Preschool) or 5 (Kindergarten) by September 15, 2015 to register.

No Preschool or Kindergarten Friday, April 17th

Kindergarten Visit is Friday, April 17th, and because we will visit with incoming Kindergarten students, there will be no school for current pre-school or Kindergarten students that day. Enjoy the long weekend!

Year-End Activities

Parents are invited to participate in many year-end activities! Some dates are still being finalized, but here are some we know about:

Spring Carnival	Fri. April 24 th , 5-7 pm
Leadership Day	Fri., May 8 th , All Day
5 th Track Meet	Thurs. May 14 th 12:30 pm
Talent Show	Thurs, May 21 st afternoon
Field Day	Tues., May 26 th



3RD ANNUAL

5K, 10K Run/Jog/Walk
& 1 mile Fun Run

Saturday, May 2, 2015

3rd Annual Muscatine Community School District Race For The Schools



What: 5K, 10K Run/Jog/Walk & 1 mile Fun Run
When: Saturday, May 2, 2015
Time: 5K, 10K – 8:00 a.m. 1 mile Fun Run – 9:00 a.m.
Where: Muscatine High School – 2705 Cedar
Fees: 5K, 10K \$20 – After April 23, 2015 - \$25
Fees: 1 mile fun run - \$12 – After April 23, 2015 - \$15
Races held rain or shine - all fees are NON-refundable
Packet Pick Up & Late Registration:
Fri., May 1st, 4:00-6:00 p.m. MCSD - 2900 Mulberry Ave.
Saturday, May 2nd, 6:30-7:30 a.m. MHS 2705 Cedar St.
 (NO ROLLER BLADES OR SCOOTERS, PLEASE)

MCSD (Muscatine Community School District) Race For The Schools is part of the Muscatine Running Club's **GRAND PRIX CIRCUIT!** For more information on the circuit and running in the Muscatine Area, visit the Muscatine Running Club website at: <http://www.machlink.com/~muscatinerunningclub/>

Performance shirts for ALL 5K/10K participants, **cotton t-shirts** for ALL 1 mile Fun Run Participants

Corporate & School Challenge: Awards for the business and MCSD School with the greatest participation!

Make checks to: **MCSF (Muscatine Community Schools Foundation)**, send entry fee and form to:
 Muscatine Schools c/o Daphne Donald
 2900 Mulberry Avenue
 Muscatine, Iowa 52761

Or go to: <https://secure.getmeregistered.com/RaceForTheSchools>

Age Division Awards: top 3 Male/Female: 14-under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+
Overall Awards to: Top Male/Female and Top MCSD elementary, middle, high school students and MCSD employee. Overall winners are not eligible for Age Division Awards.

PLEASE PRINT:

Name _____ Gender (M/F) _____ Age (as of 5/2/15) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I am registering for the: 5K _____ 10K _____ 1 mile fun run _____

School or Business Affiliation _____

Additional Donation (Muscatine School Foundation – MCSF) \$ _____

Shirt Size – Please Circle: YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL A2X (additional \$3 for A2X)

Women's Shirt Sizes – Please Circle: WAS WAM WAL WAXL WA2X (additional \$3 for WA2X)

We will make every effort to honor your request, but t-shirt size cannot be guaranteed. Please register early.

I know that participating in a road race is potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and compete unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the event. I assume all risks associated with participating in this event included, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effect of weather, traffic, road conditions, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the Muscatine Schools, the city of Muscatine and all participating sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event.

Signature _____ Date _____

(Parent or Guardian must sign for participant under the age of 18)