

# JLE News Flash

Notes from the principal # 8

December 4, 2009

## PTA Meeting Cancelled

We have cancelled the PTA meeting scheduled for Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and will reschedule it for January.

Instead, we encourage you to attend the information session on the school budget process scheduled for Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the new Jr. High School Cafeteria. After the presentation, there will be an opportunity to tour the new facility.

We will provide child care at the Jr. High and will offer either stories or a holiday movie for your youngsters.

I attended last Monday's session at JLE and found it informative, even after many years of being involved in the process.

The budget development process and time lines are similar for districts across the state and all districts vote on their budget on the third Tuesday in May.

Monday's session will tell you how our district goes about building a budget. Superintendent Howe and Business Manager, Daniel Barrett, will explain each part of the budget, mandatory costs that cannot be changed, and review the few items that can be changed - mostly materials and supplies.

They will discuss where our revenue comes from and the impact the state budget has on our school budget.

The session is somewhat informal and there will be many opportunities for questions.

This year the budget process is likely to be more difficult than ever due to the nature of the overall economy. The more understanding we have of the process, the better informed we will be when it comes time to vote. And, the school district budget is one of the few things we can vote on. What is more important than our children?

For those who wish, Mr. Howe will lead a tour of the new Jr. High after the session. Your children will be cared for, and you will all be home for bed time as usual!

## Winter Walk Saturday Night

Hudson's annual Winter Walk is Saturday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be events along the entire length of Warren St., which will be closed to traffic from Front St. to 7<sup>th</sup> St. You can park in any city lot and take the free trolley. Fireworks will launch from Promenade hill at 8:00 p.m. As they have for the last twenty or so years, (except for last year),

children in Mrs. Zito's first grade class will paint the windows in the police station. This has been a favorite part of the Winter Walk for all viewers, and we urge you to take a look.

Children's art work will also be on display at the Hudson Opera House.

## Concerts Tuesday, Thursday Where to Park?

Winter concerts this coming week will tax our already severely limited parking. Except for handicapped spots, there will be no parking available in the staff lots. The lot on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and State is an auxiliary lot for the school and you are welcome to park there. To access this lot, go up 4<sup>th</sup> St. from Columbia St. Turn **left** into the alley. The lot is immediately to your right. There is a gate from the lot onto 4<sup>th</sup> St. and the crosswalk. Plan to give yourself enough time to park. Morning concerts begin at 9:15. Afternoon programs begin at 1:00. Programs last between 20 and 30 minutes.

We will be taping the concerts in some format, and as usual, plan to make copies available. We'll keep you posted.

Once again, concert times are as follows:

### **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - Grade 1**

9:15: Barnes, Brown, Cordato, Hom, LaPorto (Dress rehearsal Monday at 9:30)

1:00: Cartwright, Lueck, Quinion, Zito (Dress rehearsal Monday at 1:00)

### **Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - Grade 2**

9:15: Cook, Kipp, Smith, Weaver (Dress rehearsal Wednesday at 9:30)

1:00: Drahushuk, Sleezer, Stippa VanDyke (Dress Rehearsal Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.)

If you are unable to come to the concert, you are more than welcome at the dress rehearsals. You will be most impressed at the talents of your children and their music teacher, Trish Blackwell. This is a great way to start the holiday season.

## Little League Sign-ups Saturday

The temperature yesterday was in the 60s - spring time weather. Even so, I was somewhat shocked to see the notice about Little League sign ups scheduled for this Saturday. I guess it really won't be long before pre-season practice starts.

Registration is open to girls 5 - 14, and boys aged 5 - 16. Registration is at Hudson High School, this Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. A copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of residency are required.

## Dress for the Weather

We have seen recent fluctuations in the temperature, both inside school and out, over the past few weeks. Changes in our heating system are still being adjusted. We strongly suggest you dress your child in layers, as they may start out needing a sweater, but then be able to work in shirt sleeves.

Children will also be going out for recess and should be adequately dressed. Please label your children's clothing, particularly hats and mittens. You'll be happy when it's returned to you because their name is on it!