

JEFFERSON in SEPTEMBER

Welcome Back!

Welcome to 2021-2022 school year! The Jefferson staff and I look forward to working with you as partners in your child's education. If you have questions or would like additional information about Jefferson Elementary, please contact the school office at 421-4411.

Lindsey Millsap, Principal

Covid-19 Mitigation at Jefferson— Safety (as always) is our #1 Priority

- If students are ill they should stay home
- Limit visitors outside of appointments or special events
- Socially distance when possible
- Students stay in their “family” or class groups as much as possible
- Handwashing/sanitation is taught and done regularly
- Extra cleaning measures in place
- Masks must be worn on school buses
- Masks are optional for everyone in the building, the CDC encourages wearing them if unvaccinated and over the age of 2

We are all doing our best to stop the spread of coronavirus and keep our schools open so we can teach. We ask that parents don't send sick children to school and follow all public health recommendations.

School Notes

*Students must leave personal items (toys, sports equipment, trading cards, cell phones, iPods) at home. Equipment for recess will be provided by the school.

*If your student needs medication at school, please make an appointment to fill out a form for our nurse. She is unable to give medication without a parent signature on the completed form.

*At this time only STAFF AND STUDENTS are allowed in the building except by appointment.

*Due to district health and safety guidelines parents will NOT be able to come and eat lunch with students until further notice.

School Pictures will be
September 21st



So many great ways to stay
connected

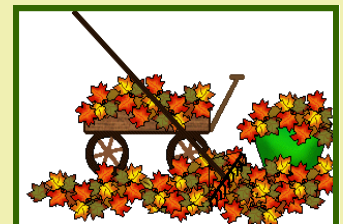
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Check out our PBIS website
for great videos and pictures
of Jefferson activities.

[https://sites.google.com/a/
masoncityschools.org/
jefferson-elementary-pbis](https://sites.google.com/a/masoncityschools.org/jefferson-elementary-pbis)

Please visit the [Counselor Website](#) to find her contact info, calendar, and helpful articles
<http://k4counselor.weebly.com/>



School Hours K-4

Monday/Tuesday—Thursday/Friday

7:45-8:05 a.m. - breakfast, inside supervision

8:05 a.m. - school begins

10:55-11:15 a.m. - lunch K

11:20-11:40 a.m. - lunch grade 1

11:45-12:05 p.m. - lunch grade 2

11:45-12:05 p.m.— lunch grade 3

12:10-12:30 p.m.—lunch grade 4

3:00 p.m. - school dismissal

Wednesdays early dismissal 1:40 pm

School Hours 4 Year Old PK

8:30-11:00 a.m. - AM Preschool

12:00-2:30 p.m. - PM Preschool

Music Programs

4th Grade: October 21*

3rd Grade: November 18*

2nd Grade: December 9*

1st Grade: March 10*

Kindergarten: April 21*

All programs are at 6:00 p.m. in Jefferson gym. Doors will not open until 5:45.

**These dates are subject to change based on public health guidelines.*

PBIS

Jefferson Elementary is a Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports school. The Behavior Plan includes expectations (Caring, Appropriate, Ready, Safe) for appropriate behavior, consequences for problem behavior, and rewards for demonstrating expected behaviors. The goals are to teach and encourage appropriate behavior; to deal with inappropriate student actions in a fair and consistent manner; and to increase motivation of students to behave in an appropriate way. During the first week of school, students were taught what the following expectations mean in all setting areas of the school (classroom, playground, restroom, hallway, lunch, bus, arrival/dismissal). They will also find our PBIS mascot "Jeffy the Jaguar" throughout Jefferson Elementary to remind everyone of our expectations in all settings. Ask your child about their PBIS driving license.

Our PBIS website is: <https://sites.google.com/a/masoncityschools.org/jefferson-elementary-pbis>

Back Pack Program



Jefferson will be partnering with United Way of North Central Iowa to implement the national Back Pack Program. This program is for low income families. Students enrolled in the program will be provided nutritious, non-perishable meals and snacks to take home for the weekend. There are forms on the table out front of the office if you would like to sign your student up.

Child Abuse

Any person who believes a student has been abused by a school employee may make an informal contact in the school district, or may go directly to a Level I investigator; Tom Drzycimski at 421-4400. Forms for filing complaints are available at the Superintendent's office.



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Important September Dates

~September 3	Fundraiser Kick-Off
~September 6	No School—Labor Day
~September 13	Jefferson PTO in IC @ 6:30 p.m.
~September 21	School Pictures
~September 22	No school for PRESCHOOL
~September 27	Fund Raiser Order Forms and \$\$ Due

Courtesy On The Circle Drive

Just a reminder that our circle drive out front is just a drop off spot for students. Please park your car in the parking lot if you have an appointment to come into the building. Also, please do not sit with your child in the circle drive to discuss school, finish getting dressed, eat, etc. Help keep the traffic moving before and after school. After school 3rd and 4th grade pick up is along 6th Street and Kindergarten through 2nd grade is out front.

As always, think **STUDENT SAFETY FIRST** as part of the traffic flow and DON'T let your student out unless you are up against the curb. Remember buses are on a tight schedule and have the right of way. Please be courteous and respectful of other drivers. Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe.

Our New Staff

We would like to welcome many new staff members to our Jefferson family this year: 4th grade teacher—Nolan Urban, 2nd grade teacher—Kelly Lien, Spec. Ed—Renae Bergman, Paraprofessionals—Lana Hauge, Michelle Lynn, Kelsey Millard, Mareah Van Zante, Seth Wagner and Michelle Witham, and PM Custodian—Ryan Van Lengen. Each month we will spotlight a different new employee.

Our September Spotlight is 4th Grade teacher Nolan Urban:

Hi, I'm Nolan Urban and was born overseas as a military brat. We relocated to Omaha, NE where I went to school and graduated from. I served in the military and attended university in both Hawaii and Nebraska. My favorite food is ice cream (pistachio flavors being the current front runner) with hot spicy South Indian curries being a close second. I met my wife in college and we have been together for over 10 years and lived in three different states. I enjoy being outdoors to fish and hunt as well as exercise (bicycling). I love to read science fiction and spy thrillers when I'm not trying out new recipes or learning a new hobby. I hope that I'll be able to continue my education and finish a doctoral degree before I hit 50!



My favorite quotes include:

“There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man;
true nobility is being superior to your former self.” - E. Hemingway

“Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up
and hurry off as if nothing had happened.” - W. Churchill

