

## JEFFCO PTA SUMMER OFFICER TRAINING

**Monday, July 26, 2010**  
**5:00 pm — 8:30 pm**  
**Jeffco Education Center**  
**1829 Denver West Drive, #27**  
**5th Floor Boardroom**

Dinner and training provided at no cost to you!

Pick up your membership cards, membership envelopes, and start the year off with training for: Presidents/Vice-Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries, Reflections, Membership Chairs, and Legislative Representatives!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JEFFCO PTA's FALL CONFERENCE!

**"The Power of Parents!"**



**Saturday, September 25, 2010**  
**8:00 am — 4:30 pm**  
**Bear Creek High School**  
**3490 S. Kipling Street**  
**Lakewood, 80227**



Spend the day with Jeffco PTA! Workshops, lunch, and fabulous keynote speaker, all for only \$25 per person or 5 people for \$100. It's a great way to kick off your school year!

## Turn in That Officer's List

It's that time of year again! If you have had your unit's elections please click [here](#) to download the 2010-2011 Colorado PTA officer's list, fill it out and email it to [office@copta.org](mailto:office@copta.org). **PLEASE GIVE US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.** We're saving trees and communicating electronically as much as possible. We WILL NOT share your email with other organizations and will not inundate you with emails from us.

## Jeffco Second Graders Receive Free Books

The Jefferson County Retired School Employees Association (JCRSEA) distributed over 500 books to Lasley, Deane, Lawrence, Russell, Stevens and Eiber Elementary students. The books are purchased from JCRSEA member donations. "For these kids, it's like Christmas, since many of them have never owned a book before," said Anton Delgado, Marketing Director for The Jefferson Foundation, fiscal agent for the Books for Kids Project. Read more at: [www.jeffersonfoundation.org](http://www.jeffersonfoundation.org).

## Budget 101—The District's Savings Account

Many families have savings accounts to use during emergencies or times when the family budget needs an influx of dollars to cover unexpected expenses. Jeffco Public Schools has been building its savings account or reserves since voters approved a mill levy increase in 2004. For the past six years, the district has been strategically building up and then spending down its reserve account.

The district plans to use \$25 million in reserves to help cushion the impact of cuts for the 2010-11 budget (the Jefferson County Board of Education must still approve the budget). In our continuing series, *Budget 101*, Superintendent Cindy Stevenson [talks about the reserves](#) and what it means for Jeffco students.

## Changing the Way Race and Ethnicity is Reported in Schools

There are changes coming in the 2010-11 school year from the U.S. Department of Education regarding the collection of information on race and ethnicity for public school students and staff. It will mirror the questions being asked on the 2010 Census form.

According to the federal officials, the new reporting method will give a more accurate picture of the nation's ethnic and racial diversity. Students and staff will be able to be identified in both ethnic and racial categories and in more than one racial category. In the past, individuals could only choose one racial category. Please note that the school district is required to provide an answer to the questions if parents or guardians choose not to provide the information.

Every school will begin collecting this information during the 2010-2011 registration process. The racial and ethnic data that is gathered will be used in reporting and analyzing test results, such as the Colorado Student Assessment Program, or CSAP.

Additional information is available on the Colorado Department of Education Web site, simply type in "race and ethnicity" in the search box: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/>

## "Healthy Schools" Grant Winners Chosen!

Congratulations to the following schools for receiving the "Healthy Schools" grant for the 2010-2011 school year: Blue Heron Elementary, Chatfield Senior High, Evergreen High School, Hackberry Hill Elementary, Kendrick Lakes Elementary, Lakewood High School, Little Elementary, Maple Grove Elementary, Martensen Elementary, Moore Middle School, Mortensen Elementary, Patterson International, Pleasant View Elementary, Prospect Valley Elementary, Ryan Elementary, Shelton Elementary, Slater Elementary, Stein Elementary, Stober Elementary, Warder Elementary, Wayne Carle Middle, and Witt Elementary. For more information on "Healthy Schools" please click [here](#).

## Have You Ever Dreamed of Being on the Jeffco PTA Board?

We have several openings right now! If you're interested in any of the following positions, please contact the Jeffco PTA President, Michelle Winzent at [president@jeffcopta.org](mailto:president@jeffcopta.org).

- Parliamentarian
- Hospitality
- Grant Writer
- ExCEL Coordinator

## Upcoming Events

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## This Month's Quote

Lee Iacocca -

In a completely rational society, the best of us would aspire to be teachers and the rest of us would have to settle for something less, because passing civilization along from one generation to the next ought to be the highest honor and the highest responsibility anyone could have.

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