

# THE JEFFERSON JOURNAL

☆☆☆ News from Jefferson Elementary School ☆☆☆

*Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that we are on the unceded lands of the Spokane Tribe. The Spokane people shared this place with other tribes through their relations, resources, history, trade, and ceremony. We thank the caretakers of this land, who lived, and continue to live here Since Time Immemorial. This land holds the knowledge, culture, and spirit of "The People of the River."*



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

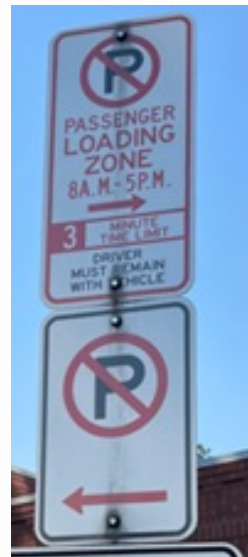
Good day Jefferson families,

*In today's Principal's Corner I wanted to speak to you about student safety during pick up and drop off. While our back bus loop is off-limits to drop off for anyone except families whose scholars are in one of our special programs, the front loop is available for everyone. The challenge we are seeing is that drivers are parking in no-parking areas or double parking in order to exit vehicles to meet their young scholars in person. This places other vehicles and children in peril as they navigate around cars that should be parked in the visitor's parking lot or along either 37th Avenue or Manito Boulevard.*

*I am asking that everyone abide by the signs posted (and shown here). Starting Monday, January 29, we will begin distributing friendly reminders to cars that are improperly parked and if needed, taking down license plate numbers for follow-up. It is my hope that we can work together and avoid the need for that. Thank you for being our partner in safety.*

Brent

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)  
Principal [brentp@spokaneschools.org](mailto:brentp@spokaneschools.org)



January 22, 2024

## CALENDAR

**January 22**

Scholastic Book Fair  
9-9:25am & 3-3:30pm

Volleyball 3-4pm

Board Game Club  
3-4pm

**January 23**

Scholastic Book Fair  
8-8:25am & 3-3:30pm

Choir Ensemble 3-4pm

**January 24**

Scholastic Book Fair  
8-8:25am & 3-3:30pm

Volleyball 3-4pm

Music & Movement  
3-4pm

**January 25**

Elementary Conferences  
Non-Student Day

Scholastic Book Fair  
8am-5:30pm

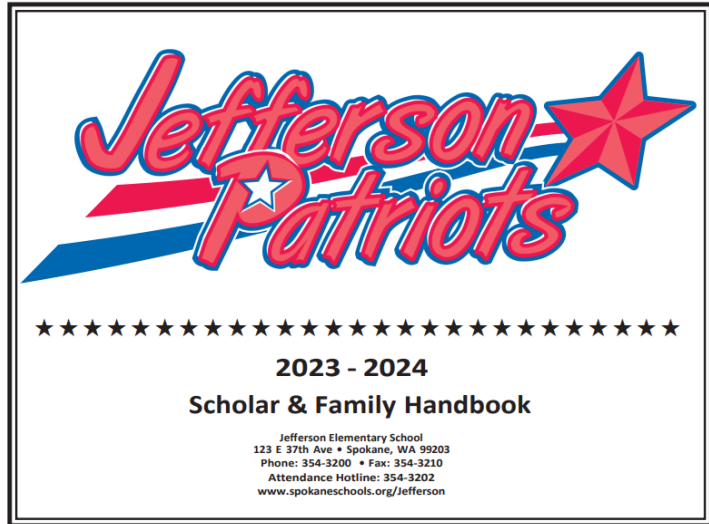
**January 26**

Elementary Conferences  
Non-Student Day

Scholastic Book Fair  
8am-2pm



Simon D.  
Wyatt W.  
Marcus L.  
Sophia M.  
Charlie K.  
Ella H.  
Sienna B.  
Ryleigh B.  
Digory C.  
Tove H.  
Finnian C.  
Dylan E.  
Danny R.  
Amelie T.  
Meredith W.



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2023 - 2024

Scholar & Family Handbook

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Attendance Hotline: 354-3202  
www.spokaneschools.org/jefferson

**FROM YOUR**

*Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook*

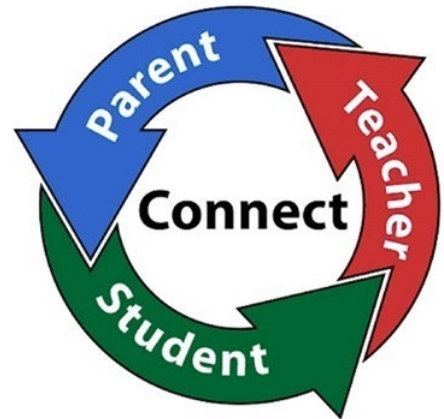
(located on the Jefferson Website in the "Students" dropdown menu or [click here](#))



## Parent-Teacher Conferences-

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In addition to the launch conferences that take place before scholars are in classrooms in the fall, another set of full-day conferences take place in January. The district is no longer doing a conference week with early release days. We will now have two full days for families to meet with teachers (January 25 & 26). This will be an excellent time to discuss a scholar's progress and chart a path for finishing the rest of the year strong.

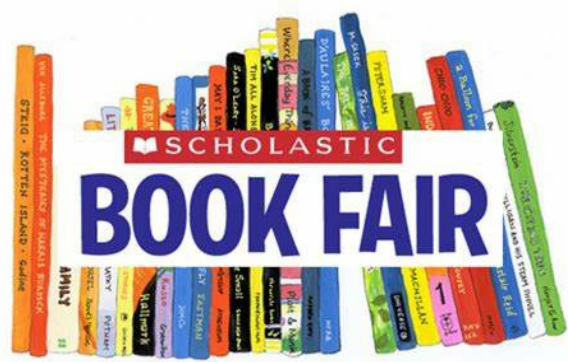


Many classroom teachers request that students attend the conference as well, and in some cases the student will be involved in leading portions of the conference.

Parents should not hesitate to ask questions about any concerns they might have. Parents are encouraged to bring to the teacher's attention any information which may assist the teacher in meeting a child's individual needs.



**Bond/Levy Information**



# Sign ME UP!

## The Scholastic Book Fair is Here!

### Book Fair Hours

Monday - 9-9:25am & 3-3:30pm

Tuesday - 8-8:25am & 3-3:30pm

Wednesday - 8-8:25am & 3:30pm

Thursday - 8am - 5:30pm (Conference Day)

Friday - 8am - 2pm (Conference Day)

### Payment Information

Our Book Fair Home Page has easy instructions on how families can create an *ewallet* account, this way, students don't have to bring money to school. Family members and friends can add to these *ewallets* from any computer. Money left in the *ewallet* will remain there for future book orders and/or book fairs.

### [Jefferson Book Fair Home Page](#)

### Volunteers

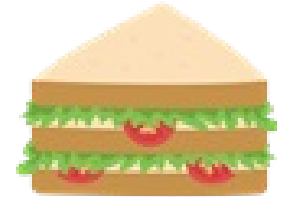
For the Book Fair to be successful many volunteers will be needed to help set up, run and take down the Book Fair. Please follow the link for volunteering through our Book Fair Home Page. The first Friday (1/19) is a set up position and the final time on Friday 1/26 is a pack up position.

### [Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up](#)

All volunteers must ensure they have completed the SPS Volunteer Application.

### [SPS Volunteer Information Page](#)

## Breakfast and Lunch Available During Elementary Conferences on January 25 and 26



Breakfast and lunch meal service will be available to all students during each non-student day this Thursday and Friday. Breakfast will be from 8-10 a.m., and lunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students must be present to pick up meals and should enter the school through the doors at the front of the school by the office.

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## Conference Scheduler Open

The [elementary conference scheduler](#) is open and ready for families to schedule a conference time for their scholars during parent-teacher conference days January 25 and 26. More information can be found [here](#).





## OPEN GYM



**Who:** All SPS 5th-12 Graders who register.  
**What:** Open gym basketball and other sports-related activities.  
**Where:** Shadle, LC, Ferris, Peperzak and Garry.  
**When:** 12-2pm on Sundays. Starting January 14th until March 24. (some sites have some exceptions, see registration).

**REGISTER:** 



## Jefferson Coat Cart

- **Mission:** to keep kids warm during the winter
- **What:** we are creating a cart that holds winter clothes for kids to borrow during recess to keep them warm throughout recess. It would be like a coat library.
- **Why:** It is scientifically proven that being outside helps child development. Some kids do not have warm clothes, and others might forget theirs at times.
- **Help:** We are asking for donations for the coat cart: coats, mittens, gloves, snowpants, boots etc. Anything helps. Please note that all donations need to be tagged with parent permission. Thanks again,

- The Jefferson Student Coat Cart Team

### Jefferson Transition Event Rocks Lewis and Clark High School

Tuesday, January 16 saw Jefferson scholars attend a basketball game and Lewis and Clark High school. A special shout out was given at half-time, with scholars then given a rollicking' tour of the school! For many, it was the first time they had been at LC. The skybridge and theater were definite highlights!



# THE PTG SCOOP

## PTG Upcoming Events

**January 22-26**

Scholastic Book Fair  
Volunteers Needed

[Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up](#)

**January 25 & 26**

Soup for Staff during Elementary  
Conferences

[Sign Up to Bring Soup for Staff](#)

**February 1**

STEM Night  
5-6:30pm

**February 6**

Bite Night Panda Express  
5-7pm

**February 8 & 9**

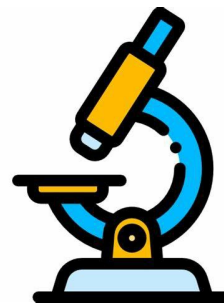
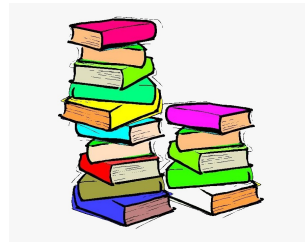
Variety Show Auditions

**February 13**

PTG Meeting, 6:30pm

**February 29**

Reading Night  
"Leap Into Reading"  
6-7:30pm



# Spokane Public Schools

## School Facility Bond & Replacement Levy Election

February 13, 2024

### What is a school levy?

Levies support essential programs, staff, and services that provide students with a quality education.

The 2024 Educational Programs and Operation Levy replaces the expiring 2021 levy.

The levy helps to provide an educational experience that our community has grown to expect to meet student needs by funding extracurricular activities, special education programs, critical health and wellness services, and other student programs and supports.

### Levies support programs and services benefiting all schools

- Athletics
- Arts, Music, and Drama
- Nurses
- Counselors
- Advanced Placement Courses
- Special Education
- Behavior Specialists
- Technology Support
- Smaller Class Sizes
- Highly Capable Programs
- Librarians
- Custodians
- Intervention Programs

### What is a school bond?

Bonds support buildings – they pay for facility and security improvements. They cannot be used to operate schools and fund programs.

Bonds require 60% approval, and 40% of voters from the prior general election for validation.

### What does the 2024 bond do?

- Modernizes and replaces a few older schools and make smaller improvements across the district while keeping the tax bill predictable.
- Continues Spokane Public Schools' proven history of constructing and maintaining durable, well-designed school buildings.
- Protects and maintains the community's investment in school buildings, keeping the district's long-range replacement and modernization plan on course.



**VOTE**  
by  
February 13  
2024



**Commitment to  
Maintaining a  
Predictable Tax Bill**



**VOTE**  
by  
**February 13**  
2024

**SCAN HERE  
TO LEARN MORE**  
[spokaneschools.org/bondlevy2024](https://spokaneschools.org/bondlevy2024)

- ### 2024 Major Bond Projects
- Adams Elementary Replacement
  - Madison Elementary Replacement
  - North Central High School Modernization of Old Section
  - Garry Middle School Modernization and Addition
  - Chase Middle School Improvements
  - Spokane Public Montessori and Libby Center Upgrades
  - The Community School Improvements
  - Balboa and Indian Trail Elementary Full Redesign

Spokane Public Schools complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate in the admission, treatment, employment, or access to its programs or activities on the basis of age, sex, marital status, race, color, creed, national origin, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, to the use of a trained guide or service animal by a person with a disability, sexual orientation including gender expression or gender identity, or honorably discharged veteran or military status. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Title IX/Staff Civil Rights Officer, ADA Officer, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)/Student Civil Rights Officer and/or 504 Compliance Officer.

The following Civil Rights Compliance Coordinators have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

•Civil Rights Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator: Jodi Harmon, 509.354.7344

•Section 504 Coordinator: Melanie Smith, 509.354.7284

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