

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

Dear Families,

As we navigate the academic journey of our scholars here at Jefferson, I want to take a moment to underscore the significance of extracurricular activities in shaping a well-rounded educational experience.



Extracurricular activities encompass a wide array of opportunities beyond the classroom, including sports, clubs and the arts. These activities provide invaluable avenues for our scholars to explore their interests, develop essential skills and foster meaningful relationships outside of their academic pursuits.

Participation in extracurricular activities offers numerous benefits for our young scholars. Not only do these activities promote physical fitness and emotional well-being, but they also cultivate important life skills such as teamwork, leadership, time management and resilience. Moreover, engaging in diverse extracurricular pursuits enhances scholars' self-confidence and helps them discover their passions and talents.

Research consistently highlights the positive impact of extracurricular involvement on academic achievement. Scholars who participate in extracurricular activities tend to demonstrate higher levels of motivation, improved school attendance and enhanced academic performance. By actively engaging in these activities, scholars are better equipped to excel both inside and outside the classroom.

At Jefferson we are committed to providing a vibrant and enriching extracurricular program that caters to the diverse interests and talents of our scholars. From unicycling, computer coding and various sports offerings, to sign language, music exploration and chess, Jefferson has had something for everyone

April 29, 2024

CALENDAR

April 29

Unicycle Club 3-4pm

Soccer Clinic (Grades 1-3)
3-4pm

April 30

Jefferson Book Study
"Demystifying Disability"
7:30am, Library

Leadership Club 3-4pm

Girls On The Run
3-4:15pm

May 1

Unicycle Club, 3-4pm

Soccer Clinic (Grades 1-3)
3-4pm

May 2

Coding Club 3-4pm

Girls On The Run
3-4:15pm

Jefferson Book Study
"Demystifying Disability"
7:30pm, TEAMS

May 3

1st Grade Field Trip to Fire
Station & Library

this year. To date, 55% of our Jefferson scholars have participated in at least one extra-curricular sport or club. We continue to add additional experiences and diversify our offerings and look to drive this number higher and higher as part of our ongoing School Improvement Plan focus on building a sense of belonging for each and every child. Please partner with us to both encourage your scholar to participate and support them as they do.

Make it a great week!

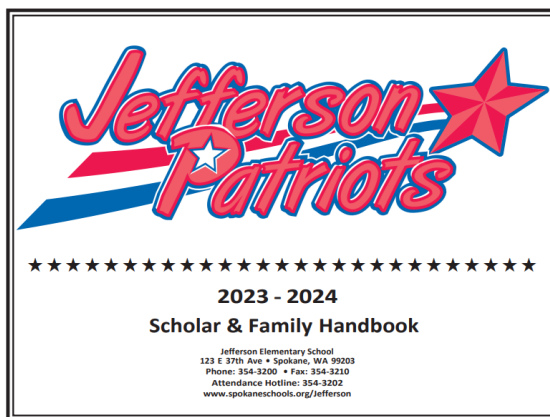
Brent



Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)
Principal brentp@spokaneschools.org



- Erik S.
- Jack G.
- A.J. A.
- Kylo O.
- Oliver C.
- Marcus L.
- Fletcher B.
- Parker G.
- Paige J.
- Isabella W.-M.
- Charlie K.
- Frank G.
- Caius W.
- Mason S.
- Jaleel S.
- Harrison D.
- Moyer D.
- Penelope E.



FROM YOUR
Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook

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

Field Trips - p. 13

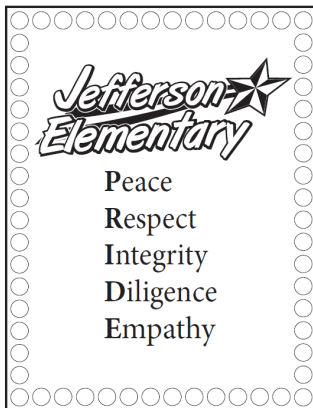
During the year, field trips may be planned by individual teachers. Only scholars with signed permission slips are allowed to participate. Parents participating in their child's field trip must complete and clear the Washington State Patrol screening.

It is the expectation that during field trips, scholars will conduct themselves according to Jefferson's school wide expectations.





PATRIOT PRIDE



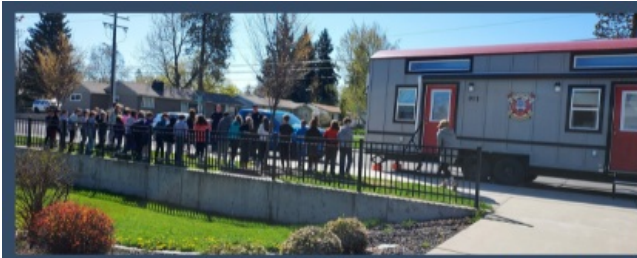
Congratulations to **Rothstein's 4th graders** for recently filling up the 60 spaces on their classroom PRIDE posters!

Classrooms at Jefferson can earn stickers for their PRIDE posters when they collectively meet PRIDE expectations across the building. When their poster is filled with stars, classes receive a Smart Snack compliant treat and extra recess with Mr. Perdue or Mrs. Gage and Millie, Jefferson's emotional support dog. The five PRIDE expectations include: **P**eace, **R**espect, **I**ntegrity, **D**iligence and **E**mpathy.



Variety Show Showcases Hard Work and Student Interests

Jefferson's Variety Show recently saw 62 Jefferson Scholars participate in helping entertain their peers during an all-school assembly and then again during a night performance for family and friends. From magic to dance to puppetry, and everything in between, the hard work of the performers and stage crew shined through! More pictures from the event can be found on Jefferson's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.



Fire Safety House and Hazard House

The Spokane Fire Department recently visited Jefferson and shared their Fire Safety House and fire safety curriculum with our 3rd and 4th graders. In addition, 1st and 2nd graders enjoyed the dollhouse sized Hazard House presentation.



Coding Club

1st and 2nd graders are having fun learning coding with PBS Kids Scratch Jr. program on the school's iPads! There are weekly challenges such as getting a character from PBS Kids out of a tree. This is a great support to coding lessons that all students have had through their library class during school hours!



Unicycle Club

The Jefferson Unicycle Club meets on Monday and Wednesday from 3-4 pm. Jefferson's club has 19 members, ten are learning to ride and nine are honing their skills. They are learning that hard work pays off, and their motto is "never give up!"

ART SHOW RECEPTION



Friday
May 3, 2024

5-7 pm

The Kress Gallery
808 W Main Ave
Riverpark Square, 3rd Level
Spokane, WA 99201

SELECT STUDENT
ART FEATURED
AT THE KRESS
GALLERY

Like us on Facebook, Follow us on Instagram

Family and community members are encouraged to like Jefferson on Facebook



Like us on Facebook



FOLLOW US ON
Instagram

(www.facebook.com/jeffersonelementaryspokane) and follow Jefferson on Instagram (www.instagram.com/jeffersonelementaryspokane) to keep up on the latest happenings and to see many more pictures of events than can fit in an issue of The Jefferson Journal.

THE PTG SCOOP

PTG Upcoming Events

PTG Meeting

May 7th at 6:30pm

In person in the Jefferson library or on

[Zoom](#).

PTG Website

Please visit our website for up-to-date information about all of our events.

www.jeffersonpatriotsptg.net

Open Board Position

Jefferson PTG is looking for a new Volunteer Coordinator to join our board next year. Help make a difference at

Jefferson next year! Please email jeffersonpatriotsptg@gmail.com with any questions.

Jefferson Jog Fundraiser

PTG's biggest fundraiser of the year starts today and goes through May

17th! Please click [here](#)

to learn more about this fun event and what we fundraise for.

Donations are accepted [here](#). Thank you for supporting student enrichment, community events, staff support and more here at Jefferson!

Staff Appreciation Week

May 6th-10th

PTG has many fun treats planned for our wonderful staff including a catered lunch. Click [here](#) to donate items.

JEFFERSON JOG

MAY 16TH AT 10AM AT HART FIELD

FOLLOWED BY A FAMILY BBQ AT 11:30AM

IT'S TIME FOR THE PTG'S BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!



This fundraiser makes up the bulk of the PTG's annual budget and the money raised benefits students by paying for expenses such as: field trips, events (like the Glow Dance, Trunk or Treat, the STEM Expo, and the Variety Show), adding new playground equipment, playground snow removal and much more!

OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL IS \$20,000 WHICH CAN EASILY BE REACHED BY EACH STUDENT EARNING \$75

HOW IT WORKS:

Students will raise funds via flat donations beginning on **Monday, April 22nd and continuing through Friday, May 17th.**

Ideas for fundraising include: lemonade stands, selling unused toys, picking up pinecones, etc. Be creative!



SCAN HERE TO DONATE



DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A RECEIPT UPON DONATING

PRIZES

T-Shirt for Each Student

Treat Time with Millie

Pizza Parties

Donut Parties

Personalized Patriot Puppies

A Visit From the Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Truck

Extra Recess + Popsicles

For every \$10 a student earns, they will receive one raffle ticket. Each Friday, during the fundraising period, we will randomly draw several names to win gift cards to Coldstone, Starbucks, Altitude, Get air, Mobius and more!

Know of a business who would like to support Jefferson's PTG? There are four sponsorship levels and depending on the amount donated, the PTG will put their logo on a vinyl sign on 37th Ave for a month, give social media shoutouts and more! Email jeffersonpatriotspg@gmail.com for more information.

Now Enrolling Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 School Year!

KINDERGARTEN Registration



SIGN UP NOW FOR NEXT YEAR!

REMINDER THAT REGISTRATION IS
NOW OPEN FOR THE 2024-2025
SCHOOL YEAR. IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 354-3200.

Now Enrolling Preschool for the 2024-2025 School Year!



Free Quality Preschool for 3 & 4 Year-Old Children

Where Play Meets Learning

SPS offers several free preschool programs
that help children become lifelong learners.

Washington State Department of
CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Learn more and fill out an interest survey at
www.spokaneschools.org/preschool

Spokane Public Schools

Questions? 509.354.5640



For more information on the SPS preschool program at Jefferson, please contact Holly Anderson-Lester at 354-3193 or HollyA@spokaneschools.org

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

[Unsubscribe kevind@spokaneschools.org](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by natalief@spokaneschools.org powered by



Try email marketing for free today!