

# 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

Families,

As we move through May, teachers and staff begin the important process of determining each child's class placement for the upcoming school year. Through a complex process, and using a specially designed computer program for class placement, we will work to create well-balanced classrooms utilizing a number of factors. The factors used include academic achievement, behavior, ratio of boys to girls, learning style/teaching style, independence and the need for support services. Long and thoughtful consideration is given to the placement of each child to ensure his/her maximum growth academically and socially.



Because of this need to balance classrooms in terms of all the factors mentioned above, combined with unknowns regarding which teachers will be at a specific grade levels come fall, **we do not accept parent requests for specific teachers.** However, if you feel that your child has unique needs academically or personally or requires special accommodations that should be considered, please describe those needs to me in writing by **Wednesday, May 22nd.**

The placement process is often tricky, as our classroom configurations are dependent on the number of students who arrive in the fall. Some students will move into the area, while others will move out. Because of this, it is important to remember that although you will be informed of your child's class placement in middle to late August via postcard from Jefferson, placements are not considered final until the 10th day of school in the fall.

May 13, 2024

## CALENDAR

**May 13**

SBA Testing  
3rd Grade Math

2nd Grade Field Trip to  
SFCC Planetarium

Unicycle Club 3-4pm

**May 14**

SBA Testing  
3rd Grade ELA  
4th Grade Math

Leadership Club 3-4pm

Girls On The Run  
3-4:15pm

**May 15**

SBA Testing  
3rd Grade ELA  
5th Grade ELA

Unicycle Club, 3-4pm

**May 16**

JEFFERSON JOG  
LC Track, 10:00am  
Picnic Lunch, 11:30am

Coding Club 3-4pm

Girls On The Run  
3-4:15pm

**May 17**

Have a wonderful week!

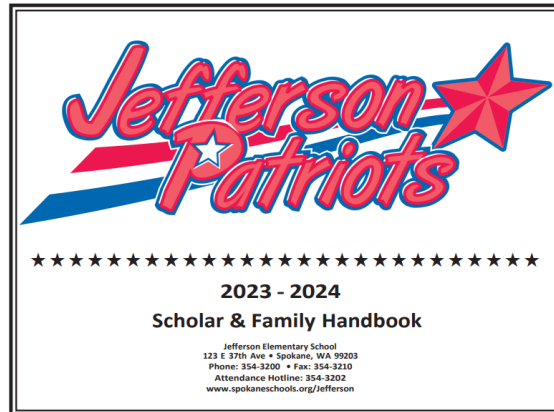
SBA Testing  
3rd Grade Math  
5th Grade Science

Brent

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



Oaks. B  
Peyton T.  
Jackson M.  
Tove H.  
Cora K.  
Henry W.  
Amelia J.  
Mrs. Sim's class  
Lucy B.  
Brody D.  
Sansa H.  
Benjami



**FROM YOUR**  
*Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook*

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

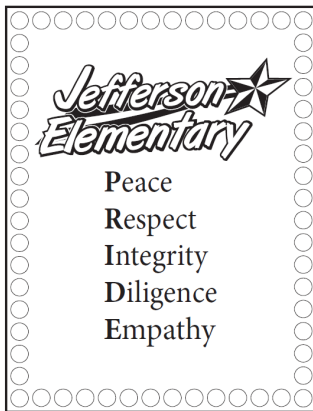
**Gum-** p. 13

Jefferson is a gum-free school due to difficulty in removing it from carpets and other surfaces.





# PATRIOT PRIDE



Congratulations to **Mrs. Antich's kindergarteners** and **Ms. Thomas's 1st graders** for recently filling up the 60 spaces on their classroom PRIDE posters!

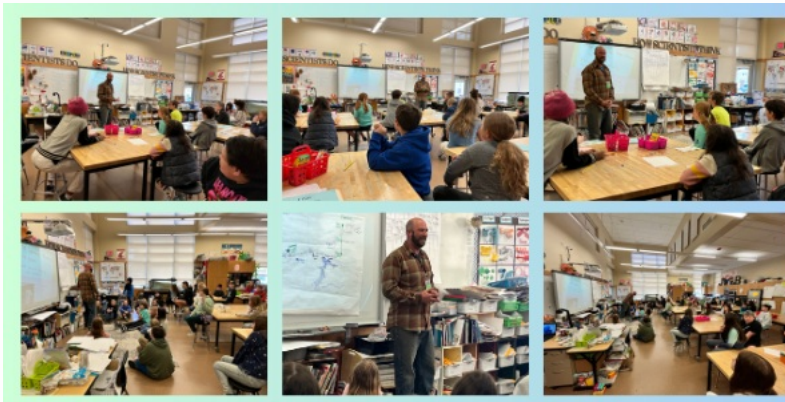
Classrooms at Jefferson can earn stickers for their PRIDE posters when they collectively meet PRIDE expectations across the building. When their poster is filled with stars, classes receive a Smart Snack compliant treat and extra recess with Mr. Perdue or Mrs. Gage and Millie, Jefferson's emotional support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

## 2024-2025 Jefferson School Supply List Posted

For those of you wishing to shop early, the [supply list](#) for the 2024-2025 school year has been posted on the Jefferson Website. It can be found in the "Students" dropdown menu on Jefferson's website.

### 2024-2025 Spokane Public Schools Elementary Supply List

- General classroom supplies such as pencils, glue, crayons, scissors, markers and folders are provided by the school district.  
The following are recommended for students to bring to school.  
**\*Supply quantities requested for Jefferson students only**
- Kindergarten - Grade 2**  
Headphones for computer use  
Cym shoes for Fitness & Health  
Backpack with student name clearly printed inside
- Grade 3**  
Headphones for computer use  
1 12-pack 3-ring binder  
2 Composition notebooks (Wide ruled)  
1 Package of 22 colored pencils  
Cym shoes for Fitness & Health  
Backpack with student name clearly printed inside
- Grade 4**  
Headphones for computer use  
Fitted Box  
1 (2-pack) 3-ring binder (No Trapper Keeper)  
2 Composition notebooks (Wide ruled)  
2 Package student folders for 3-ring binder  
Pencil/pen/pencil pouch to place inside 3-ring binder  
Cym shoes for Fitness & Health  
Backpack with student name clearly printed inside
- Grade 5**  
Headphones for computer use  
Fitted Box  
1 (2-pack) 3-ring binder (No Trapper Keeper)  
2 Composition notebooks (Wide ruled)  
2 Spiral notebooks, 8.5"x11", 70-sheet (Wide ruled)  
3 Pens  
3 Highlighters (Different colors)  
2 Package student folders for 3-ring binder  
Pencil/pen/pencil pouch to place inside 3-ring binder  
Cym shoes for Fitness & Health  
Backpack with student name clearly printed inside



On Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, our very own Spokane Riverkeeper, Jule Schultz, came to talk with

Mrs. Gallagher's, Ms. Mahoney's and Mrs. Mazzola's classes about what it is like to be a Riverkeeper! Students learned how to be advocates to keep the river healthy for all to enjoy and how scientists use evidence to make claims to explain how we can tell if a river is healthy or not. The Jefferson scientists shared some of their current thinking and asked MANY, MANY questions of Mr. Schultz!



Staff and students who participated in Bloomsday posed for a picture in their Bloomsday shirts!

## THE DUCKS HAVE A NEW HOME!

Thank you to Mrs. Sims and her husband Kipp! They were true heroes in rounding up Mama Duck and her 11 ducklings from the Jefferson Courtyard. Initially they could only find 9 of the 11 ducklings but when Mrs. Sims returned to the school to get her car, she heard a little "cheep cheep" in the courtyard. Husband Kipp played a Mama Duck call on his phone and the ducklings came waddling along. The whole family is now happily living together in their new pond home.



# THE PTG SCOOP

## PTG Upcoming Events

**Jefferson Jog**  
This Thursday 5/16 at 10am!

**Save the Date**

Please visit our [website](#) for more information or to donate. Families are welcome at the event and lunch!

### **Jefferson Jog Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers needed for the Jefferson Jog on Thursday 5/16. We also would like to borrow pop up canopies for each grade level even if you can't attend the event. Please sign up here!

[Volunteer Link](#)

### **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](mailto:jeffersonpatriotsptg@gmail.com) with any questions.

More information will come home soon about the following events:

**Tuesday, June 4**

Altitude Trampoline Night

**Friday, June 7**

Spokane Indians Night

**Wednesday, June 12**

Field Day

**Thursday, June 13**

5th Grade Promotion 1:30pm

# JEFFERSON JOG

**THIS THURSDAY 5/16 AT 10AM**

## THE IMPORTANT STUFF

Students will fundraise via flat donations.

The fundraising period continues through May 17th.

The fundraising will culminate in the Jefferson Jog which will take place on May 16th at 10:00am at Hart Field.

Each student will receive a free Jefferson Jog shirt.

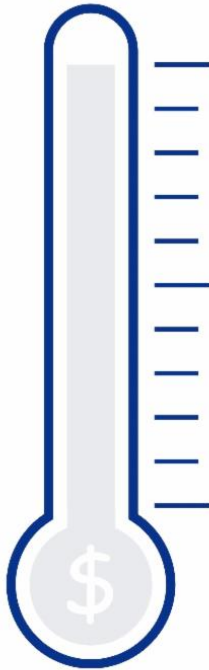
We will have an all school picnic lunch at the track.



More information can be found at [jeffersonpatriotspg.net](http://jeffersonpatriotspg.net)

**GOAL= \$20,000**

**\$75/STUDENT**



## CRITERIA

## PRIZES

1st place class that raises the most funds	Extra recess + visit from the Ben & Jerry's ice cream truck
2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th place classes	Class pizza party
Any class that reaches 100% participation in the fundraiser	Extra recess + popsicles for class
First 5 classes to raise \$1,000	Donuts with Millie
Top earners from each grade	Personalized stuffed Millie dog
School reaches 80% of goal	Surprise!

For every \$10 a student earns, they will receive one entry in the name drawing. Each Friday, during the fundraising period (ending on 5/17) we will randomly draw several names to win gift cards to Coldstone, Starbucks, Altitude, Get Air, Flying Squirrel, Mobius and more!

## Questions?

Contact: Jaime McGuire-Smith  
JaimeM@spokaneschools.org

# SCIENCE ON THE SOUTH HILL

IN FERRIS HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS

MAY 22 6:00PM-  
8:00PM

JOIN FERRIS HIGH SCHOOL'S HOSA (HEALTH OCCUPATION STUDENTS OF AMERICA) AT A SCIENCE FILLED NIGHT FOR GRADES 6TH-12TH AND THEIR FAMILIES. THIS EVENT INCLUDES MANY HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES, CONNECTIONS TO HEALTH AND SCIENCE FIELDS, AND PROVIDES INFORMATION FROM LOCAL COLLEGES AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

CPR  
CHALLENGE  
WITH  
MULTICARE

WALK THROUGH  
COLON WITH  
FRED HUTCH  
OUTREACH  
CENTER

PIPETTING, ORGAN  
EXPLORATION, AND  
FINGERPRINT  
DUSTING WITH  
HOSA STUDENTS

AND MUCH  
MORE!



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**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](http://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](mailto: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



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