

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

**Reprint From Last Week*

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 20, 2024

CALENDAR

May 20

SBA Testing
3rd Grade ELA

May 21

SBA Testing
3rd Grade ELA
4th Grade Math
5th Grade Math

Leadership Club 3-4pm

Girls On The Run
3-4:15pm

May 22

SBA Testing
3rd Grade ELA
5th Grade Math

Jefferson Jog Celebration
Assembly 2:30-2:45pm

Unicycle Club, 3-4pm

May 23

Coding Club 3-4pm

Girls On The Run
3-4:15pm

May 24

4th Grade Field Trip
Eastern WA University

May 27

Memorial Day

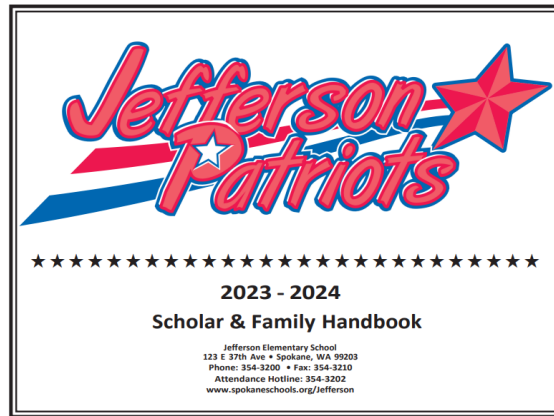
Have a wonderful week!

Brent

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



- Adrian Z.
- Leo P.
- Arlo N.
- Lula Z.
- Cru W.
- Sasha C.
- Ren S.
- Amelie T.
- Pippa S.
- Ruthie C.
- Wesley B.
- Vivienne B.
- Daniel O.
- Jenna S.
- Lars H.



FROM YOUR
Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook

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

Dress Code- p. 12

Jefferson's expectations for clothing and appearance are shown below and are built around the schoolwide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) expectations of Peace, Respect, Integrity, Diligence and Empathy. The school will maintain the dignity of any scholar who wears an article of clothing that may be contrary to these expectations as it helps the scholar make adjustments to their attire.



Peace

- Clothing should not interfere with the educational process. School staff will work with scholars and families if an item of clothing is deemed inappropriate, provides a distraction or interferes with the educational process.
- Scholars should wear clothing that allows for safe movement throughout the school.
- Scholars should wear shoes appropriate for P.E. and play. Due to tripping hazards with loose-fitting shoes, we encourage students not to wear "flip-flops" or backless shoes/sandals.

Respect

- Jefferson is a positive and supportive learning community. Clothing that advocates for a position counter to the mission of the school district are prohibited. This includes words, symbols or pictures that depict drug/tobacco/alcohol use,





inappropriate language, illegal activities, racial/cultural insensitivity, etc..

Integrity

- Scholars should wear only their own clothing. Clothing, shoes and hats should not be shared.

Diligence

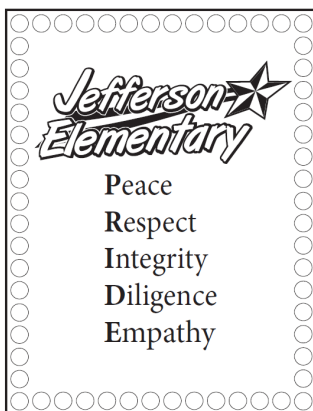
- Scholars are encouraged to solve problems before they occur by wearing clothing to school that is appropriate for the weather and that allows freedom of movement.

Empathy

- Clothing and other items worn to school should be positive towards the educational process and towards all who call Jefferson home.



PATRIOT PRIDE



Congratulations to **Mrs. Zellers's kindergarteners, Mrs. Mazzola's 5th graders and Mrs. Talley'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**ace, **R**espect, **I**ntegrity, **D**iligence and **E**mpathy.



SPS ART SHOW AT THE KRESS GALLERY

Jefferson Art teacher, Mrs. Valley, selected artwork from 5 Jefferson students: Summer T. (Kindergarten), Arlo N. and Cru W. (1st grade) and Kyson B., Isla M. and Aly S. (2nd grade) for the SPS Art Show at the Kress Gallery. Artwork will be on display at

the gallery, located at 808 W Riverside, River Park Square, behind the food court, until May 28th. With over 2000 pieces of art finished this year at Jefferson, it was not an easy task to decide which art to put on display. Teachers were only allowed to pick 6-10 pieces per school.



Secure Bicycles and Scooters

Scholars who ride bicycles or scooters to school should bring along a means of securing them to one of the many bike racks on school grounds. There have been multiple bike thefts during the school day over the past year. Please help your young scholar be diligent about protecting their bicycle.



THE PTG SCOOP

PTG Upcoming Events

Jefferson Jog- Thank you!

Thank you to our families and students for their incredible fundraising efforts for our school!

The final deadline for donations to be considered for prizes is tonight 5/20 at midnight.

There will be one more cash donation table by the little

5th Grade Graduation

Thursday 6/13 at 1:30pm in the multipurpose room

Save the Date

More information will come home soon about the following events:

Tuesday, June 4

Altitude Trampoline Night

playground after school today.

Prizes and our grand total will be announced soon!

Bite Night at Gordy's Sichuan Cafe:

Wednesday 5/29 from 11am-9pm

Dine in and carry out

20% of the orders goes back to Jefferson PTG

June Treats for Staff

The last Treats for Staff for the year is

Thursday, 6/6. Let's show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate them! Sign up **here**.

No PTG Meeting in June

The June meeting will be for board members only. We will see everyone at our first meeting in September!

Friday, June 7
Spokane Indians Night

Wednesday, June 12
Field Day



ELIGIBILITY

If you attended Jefferson Elementary for at least 1 year (any grade) in elementary school and are now a graduating senior planning on continuing your education after graduation, you are eligible to apply.

APPLICATION

- Download the application at www.jeffersonpatriotspg.net
- Complete your application and return your essay to jeffersonpatriotspg@gmail.com
- Further details available in the application.

APPLICATIONS DUE
JUNE 3, 2024

\$500 SCHOLARSHIP

CONTACT INFORMATION

JEFFERSONPATRIOTSPG@GMAIL.COM WWW.JEFFERSONPATRIOTSPG.NET

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR
STUDENTS AND SCHOOL. WE APPRECIATE
YOUR GENEROSITY AND HARD WORK!



The donation deadline to be considered for prizes is midnight tonight 5/19.

THERE WILL BE A FINAL CASH DONATION TABLE
AFTER SCHOOL TODAY BY THE LITTLE PLAYGROUND.

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.

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CHALLENGE
WITH
MULTICARE

WALK THROUGH
COLON WITH
FRED HUTCH
OUTREACH
CENTER

PIPETTING, ORGAN
EXPLORATION, AND
FINGERPRINT
DUSTING WITH
HOSA STUDENTS

AND MUCH
MORE!



Now Enrolling Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 School Year!

KINDERGARTEN Registration



2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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



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