

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

Greetings Jefferson Families,

While we still have a few weeks left in the 2023-2024 school year, I know that if your family is like mine, you are already working on plans for childcare, family events and vacations for next year. This is where having the calendar early can be very helpful.

First, the grid below shows the extended weekends and vacations for the year. This grid below was emailed home a few weeks back by our school's Attendance Task Force as we work to encourage families to plan vacations during school breaks rather than pulling young scholars out of school. Below the grid is a link to the Spokane Public Schools' district calendar for 2024-2025. That will not only show days where school is not in session, but also late start days, family/teacher conferences days and more.

Dates	Number of days off, Including Sat and Sun	Occasion for Day Off
Monday, Sept 2, 2024	3	Labor Day
Fri, Oct 11, 2024	3	Prof. Learning for Teachers
Mon, Nov 11, 2024	3	Veteran's Day
Wed, Nov 27 – Fri, Nov 29	5	Thanksgiving
Mon, Dec 23 – Fri, Jan 3	16	Winter Break
Mon, Jan 20	3	MLK Day
Fri, Jan 31	3	Semester Break
Fri, Feb 14 + Mon, Feb 17	4	Prof. Learning + President's Day
April 5 – 13	9	Spring Break
Mon, May 26	3	Memorial Day

[SPS District-Wide 2024-2025 Calendar](#)

Hope these can be helpful in your planning.

Wishing you well,

Brent

May 27, 2024

CALENDAR

May 27

NO SCHOOL
Memorial Day

May 28

SBA Testing
4th Grade ELA
5th Grade ELA

Leadership Club 3-4pm

Girls On The Run
3-4:15pm

May 29

SBA Testing
4th Grade ELA
5th Grade ELA

Jefferson T-Shirt Interest
Form Due

PTG Bite Night at Gordy's
Sichuan Cafe
11:00am-9:00pm

May 30

SBA Testing
5th Grade ELA

Coding Club 3-4pm

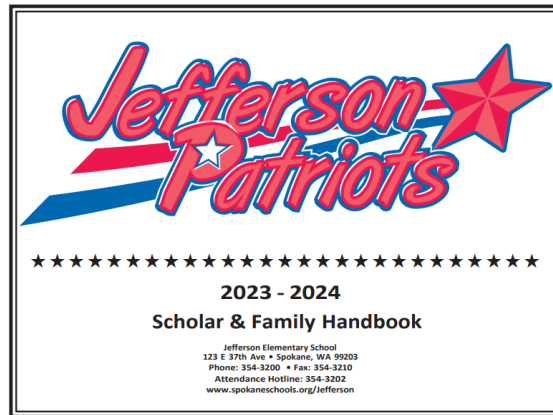
Girls On The Run
3-4:15pm

May 31

SBA Testing
4th Grade ELA



- Levi S.
- Joe R.
- June B.
- Charlotte A.
- Ryan S.
- William H.
- Quinn M.
- Olivia M.
- Paizley M.
- Tanner T.
- Gavi D.
- Charlie K.
- Vita T.
- Jaylee S.
- Jaymeson M.
- Emma T.
- Harrison D.
- Samantha R.
- Charlotte C.



FROM YOUR
Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook

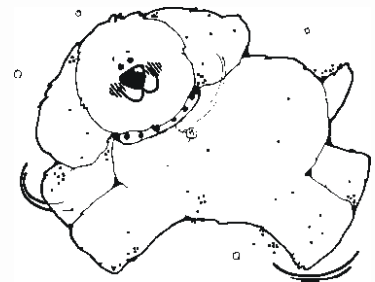
(located on the Jefferson Website in the "Students" dropdown menu or [click here](#))

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Even the friendliest dog can cause problems on a playground full of children.

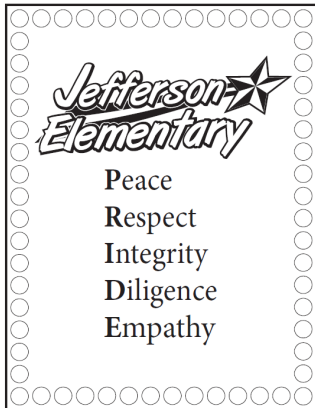
If it is necessary to bring your dog to school, please make sure it remains on a leash at all times and you are courteous in picking up after your pet.

Only service animals are allowed inside the school without advanced written permission of school administration.





PATRIOT PRIDE



Congratulations to **Mrs. Stefanoff's 2nd 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.





Thank you SO MUCH

WE BEAT OUR \$20,000 GOAL!

OUR STUDENTS RAISED \$25,209!

**THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE'S HARD WORK AND GENEROSITY!
WE WILL BE ABLE TO BRING SOME WONDERFUL THINGS TO
JEFFERSON NEXT YEAR!**



Thank
you!
PTG



TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK
Jefferson Elementary
MAY 6-MAY 10
SCHOOLS PLANT SEEDS THAT GROW FOREVER

MONDAY:	YOU make time for our kids, we made time for YOU! 15 minute chair massage	TUESDAY:	You are SCENTISATIONAL! LOOK FOR YOUR CANDLE in your mailbox
WEDNESDAY:	Thanks for CATERING to our students! GORDY'S SICHUAN CAFE LUNCHEON 11-1	THURSDAY:	Popping with APPRECIATION POPCORN AND CANDY BAR
FRIDAY:	Jefferson would SUCC Without you! PICK UP A SUCCULENT		



SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN AND OUT OF SPS

With summer just around the corner, families may be wondering how to keep their children active and engaged. Spokane Public Schools has many summer activities for parents to ponder as they plan for summer break. Check out the [SPS Summer Website](#) for tons of links to activities both sponsored by SPS and those sponsored by other organizations in the Spokane area.



SPS Wants to Hear from You!

Dear SPS Families,

As the school year nears its end, we want to know your thoughts, opinions and perspectives as we continually assess our work as a district. Please take a moment to complete our annual Family Survey, linked at the end of this message.

This important survey allows SPS to understand your students' experiences at our schools or programs. We encourage you to complete the survey for each school-aged student in your household. The survey includes a link at the end to loop back and complete it again.

Please know that while we do ask for student names and ID numbers, this information is kept confidential and only used for demographic purposes.

We appreciate your feedback.

[Take the survey.](#)

Thank you.

Spokane Public Schools

Complete the
2023-24
Family Survey



spokaneschools.org/familysurvey

THE PTG SCOOP

PTG Upcoming Events

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!

5th Grade Graduation

Thursday 6/13 at 1:30pm in the
Multipurpose Room

Field Day

Wednesday 6/12

K-2nd grade: 9-10:30am

3rd-5th grade: 1-2:30pm

Volunteers needed!

[Field Day Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Save the Date

More information will come
home soon about the following
events:

Tuesday, June 4

Altitude Trampoline Night

Friday, June 7



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.

APPLICATIONS DUE
JUNE 3, 2024

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.

\$500 SCHOLARSHIP

CONTACT INFORMATION

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JOIN YOUR GROUP AT AVISTA STADIUM



Let's play ball! It's time to get ready for the Jefferson Elementary group event with the Spokane Indians at historic Avista Stadium.

WHEN: Friday, June 7 at 6:35 PM
WHO: Spokane Indians vs. Hillsboro Hops
WHAT: Fireworks Night
WHERE: Avista Stadium (**602 N. Havana St**)

CLICK HERE TO JOIN OUR GROUP

Purchase your tickets in advance! Tickets purchased within 48 hours of the game will still be available at the group rate but may be seated separately from your group. Groups of 30+ will receive an announcement during the game from our public address announcer. Gates to the ballpark open one hour prior to first pitch and, as always, parking is FREE at Avista Stadium!

The Spokane Indians Team Store is stocked with all your favorite baseball merchandise and is open on game days from 10:00 AM until the end of the game. If you have any questions about your event, please contact us at groups@spokaneindians.com or (509) 343-6886.

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.

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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

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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