

# 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 Jefferson Staff, Families and Community,*

*I hope this message finds you all in great spirits as we embark on a very special week here at Jefferson - Staff Appreciation Week! It is a time when we pause to reflect on the incredible contributions of our dedicated staff members who work tirelessly day in and day out to make our school a wonderful place for our students to learn and grow.*

*Our bus drivers, cafeteria workers, counselors, crossing guards, custodians, nurse, office staff, playground supervisors, paraeducators, teachers and everyone in between play pivotal roles in shaping the educational experience of our students. They go above and beyond to ensure that each child feels supported, valued, and inspired to be their best selves.*

*This week, I encourage you all to join me in expressing gratitude to our phenomenal staff members. As parents, you see firsthand the impact our staff members have on your child's life. I urge you to take a moment this week to share your appreciation with them. Whether it's a kind word of thanks during drop-off or a note of appreciation in your child's backpack, your recognition means the world to our staff.*

*To our incredible staff members, I want to express my deepest gratitude for all that you do. Your passion, dedication, and*

May 6, 2024

## CALENDAR

### Staff Appreciation Week

**May 6**

Unicycle Club 3-4pm

Crisis Drill Today  
Teachers & Staff will be  
Practicing with the  
Raptor Application.  
Students will not be  
impacted.

**May 7**

Leadership Club 3-4pm

Girls On The Run  
3-4:15pm

PTG Meeting 6:30pm  
Jefferson Library & TEAMS

**May 8**

Weed & Grass Control  
Spray Application

SBA Testing  
4th Grade ELA

Unicycle Club, 3-4pm

**May 9**

Coding Club 3-4pm

Girls On The Run  
3-4:15pm

unwavering commitment to our students are truly commendable. You are the heart and soul of our school community, and we are incredibly fortunate to have you as part of the Jefferson family.

May 10  
SBA Testing  
4th Grade ELA

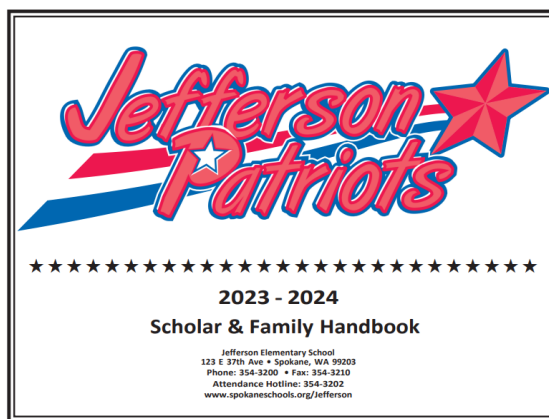
With a thankful heart,

Brent

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



- Jayce S.
- Landon S.
- Greyson R.
- Elliot P.
- Yekateryna K.
- Jeffrey P.
- Jayce S.
- Simon D.
- Isla M.
- Keagan N.
- Gabe C.
- Bailey H.
- Mason S.
- Emma N.
- Gavin W.
- Levi S.



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

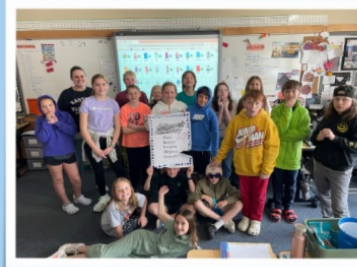
(located on the Jefferson Website in the "Students" dropdown menu or [click here](#))

**Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards, Skates- p. 5**

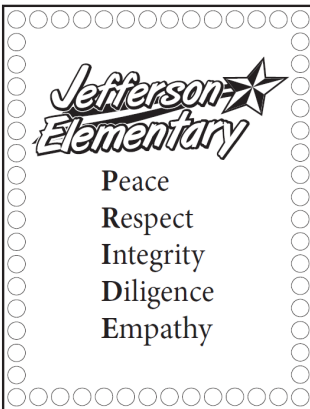
Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards, Skates Scholars who ride bikes and scooters to school should be governed by the following:

1. Parents make the decision as to whether their child may or may not ride a bike to school. It is the recommendation of the school that students in grades K-2 not ride to school unless accompanied by an adult.
2. All bicycles and scooters must be parked in the racks provided and locked. They should not be locked together.
3. The school does not accept responsibility for damaged or stolen bikes or scooters.
4. Bikes and scooters must be "walked" across patrolled crossings, and on school grounds when coming to or leaving school.
5. Skateboards and skates are not permitted at school since they cannot be locked up outside.
6. Helmets are highly encouraged.
7. Many children in the Spokane area are treated each year for bicycle-related injuries that are sometimes critical or cause lifelong brain damage. The goal of the city ordinance is to help reduce the number of head injuries among young people by requiring helmet use.





# PATRIOT PRIDE

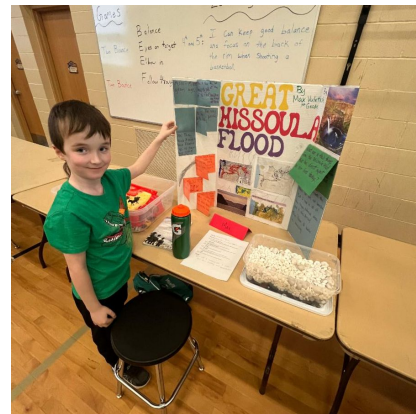


Congratulations to **Mrs. Kenny's 2nd graders, Ms. Tinney's 3rd graders and Mrs. Mazzola's 5th graders** for recently filling up the 60 spaces on their classroom PRIDE posters!

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.

## First Grader Fascinated by Ice Age Floods Story

First grader Max Vuletich, a first grader at Jefferson, was recently recognized by the Cheney-Spokane Chapter of the Ice Age Floods Institute for his project on The Great Missoula Flood at Jefferson's recent STEM Night event. Check out their April 4, 2024 post here: [News – Ice Age Floods Institute \(iafi.org\)](https://www.iafi.org/news-ice-age-floods-institute)



## Weed and Grass Spray Alert

This is to inform you that weed and grass control spray will be applied to the shrub beds and mowing strips at our school on May 8, 2024. A variation of this schedule may occur as a result of inclement weather. This spray is to control unwanted grass and weeds in the shrub beds, around the trees and along the street curb areas. Our school has taken steps to keep school children away from the tree and shrub bed areas for 24 hours. We would like to ask that you and your children refrain from using these same areas during that period of time. Thank you!



# 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.jeffersonpatriotspg.net](http://www.jeffersonpatriotspg.net)

### 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!

### Jefferson Jog Volunteers Needed

Please sign up [here](#) to help volunteer at the Jefferson Jog event on Thursday 5/16! All volunteers must have district volunteer clearance through the office.

### 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 [jeffersonpatriotspg@gmail.com](mailto:jeffersonpatriotspg@gmail.com) with any questions.

### 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](mailto:jeffersonpatriotspg@gmail.com) for more information.

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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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