

THE JEFFERSON JOURNAL

☆☆☆ News from Jefferson Elementary School ☆☆☆

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Greetings Jefferson Community,

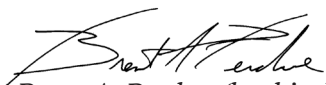
What an amazing start to a school year! I have missed seeing the smiling faces of children on the first day of school. And while their actual smiles were covered in masks, I could see the smiles in their eyes!

The Jefferson Open House that took place the afternoon before the first day of school seemed to be a big hit, given 87.1% of scholars had family attend. And most were able to find the Patriot Puppies hidden around the school! Having families visit in three different "shifts" eased crowding to help with social distancing. The unintended benefit of our staggered entry was that it provided more opportunities for staff and families to interact and begin or extend relationships. I could see us continuing this practice in coming years. A huge thank you to Jefferson's Parent Teacher Group (PTG) for providing the fun treat for families after each shift!

Additional pictures from the event can be found on Jefferson's newly established Facebook page at <https://bit.ly/3h1iDC0>. Once there, be sure to like and subscribe our page to receive future updates and pictures of the goings on at Jefferson.

And on a personal note, I wanted to thank you for the warm welcome. I can already tell that this is a special place for children and that your work at home to support your scholars, shines through in all that they bring to school with them each day.

Make it a great week!



Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

Principal, brentp@spokaneschools.org

CALENDAR

September 23
Individual Picture Day

September 24
Early Release Day
1:45 pm Dismissal

October 8
Learning Improvement Day
No School



SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

^more NEW FACES AT JEFFERSON

Last week, The Journal included many new names of staff who have joined the Jefferson family. This week, there are a few more to announce. Please welcome the following:

Mykette “Kettie” McFarlane, Registered Nurse

Jennifer Cooke, Paraeducator

Free Breakfast and Lunch for All! But We Need Your Help!

While the federal government has made school breakfast and lunch free for all children in the country, we are still in need of families completing the application forms. Doing so, helps ensure our school keeps the federal and state grant funds that help support our great school programs. Not having all surveys completed places these funds at risk. Additionally, these applications give students access to additional benefits such as Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) and waived program fees. **Family Surveys are due by Thursday, September 30.**

That’s right, every child at Jefferson gets to eat free breakfast and lunch regardless of ability to pay!

Use this QR code to access the application online.



THE PTG SCOOP

Jefferson Parent Teacher Group (PTG) needs your help!

Our purpose:

- to support the educational goals of Spokane Public Schools
- to enhance to communication link between staff, the students’ homes, and the community
- to provide support to the parents and guardians of Jefferson students
- to provide family-oriented and other social functions to enhance the general school environment
- to organize and host fund-raising activities in order to obtain funds to accomplish everything outlined above
- So... what does all that actually look like?
- We purchased both the new playground structure the district installed and the soccer goals
- We host multiple family events, including Bingo Night, the Variety Show, and the Fun Run
- We coordinate fundraisers, including T-shirt sales, gift wrap sales, and the book fair
- We assist teachers to purchase specific items that benefit students’ academic and overall well-being (items for a calming corner, ukuleles for music class, Scholastic News magazine, gardening supplies for science class)
- We assist staff by purchasing things such as a second microwave for the break room, a new laminating machine, and hosting monthly Treats for Staff.

We are a volunteer organization, and we can’t do what we do without your help! There are a wide variety of opportunities to help throughout the year with varying levels of commitment. Can you bake a yummy treat for staff? Can you distribute t-shirts? Can you compile the student directory? Do you want a say in what assemblies we organize for students? Would you want to chair one of our committees such as the Variety Show? Want to join our Executive Board? Do you have a great idea for a fundraiser?

Please reach out to us at jeffersonpatriotsptg@gmail.com or attend one of our monthly PTG meetings. They are typically held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7pm. They are currently happening via Zoom.

Also, we post volunteer opportunities and upcoming events on social media. Follow us on Facebook (Jefferson PTG) and Instagram (@jeffersonpatriotsptg).



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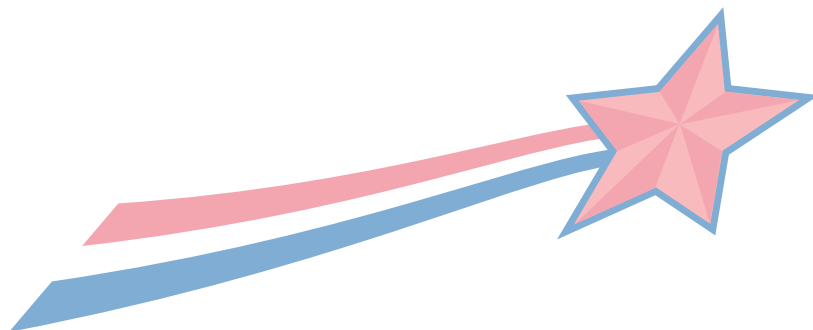
JEFFERSON TEACHERS GO BACK TO SCHOOL

August is full of ongoing trainings for teachers in Spokane Public Schools. The month finishes with a series of days in-building in preparation for a new year. Jefferson teachers, after 18 months of meeting only through videoconferencing, were excited to be back together in-person again.



CROSSING GUARDS AND NOON SUPERVISORS NEEDED!

Jefferson is in need of crossing guards and in building aides to serve as morning and afternoon crossing patrol guards, as well as for the lunchroom and playground during the noon hour. The wage for these positions is \$14.19 per hour. It is a great way to get outdoors, interact with students and become more involved in the school that your child or children attend. For more information, please call the Jefferson office at 354-3200 between the hours of 8 and 4 pm.



Like Us on Facebook

Family and community members are encouraged to like Jefferson on Facebook to keep up on the latest happenings and to see many more pictures of events than are able to fit in an issue of The Jefferson Journal.

This QR code can take you right there!



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