

THE JEFFERSON JOURNAL

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Jefferson Community,

Did you know that Hispanic Heritage Month starts in the middle of September and continues through the middle of October? Unlike other heritage months that are recognized and celebrated beginning with the first day of a selected month, Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15th and continues for 30 days to the middle of October. You may be asking yourself why that would be? Well, let's find out!

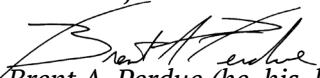
September 15 is the date that a number of Latin American countries celebrate as their Independence Day, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Recognition of Hispanic heritage started in the United States in 1968 when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a bill designating the week of September 15th as National Hispanic Heritage Week. Then, 20 years later, the week was lengthened to an entire month under President Ronald Reagan.



If you are interested in delving deeper into ways of observing and learning more about Hispanic Heritage Month, and the many reasons the country celebrates the contributions of the Latino community to the fabric of the US, head to your local library or consider watching the PBS documentary *Latino Americans* which features many interviews and covers over 500 years of history. Please be aware, that if you are considering having your elementary aged scholar join you in watching, that parental discretion is advised.

In service,


Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)
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A LOST AND FOUND EXPLOSION!

Can your scholar not locate their coat in the hallway closet? Are they missing their lunchbox or backpack? Well, it just may be in Jefferson's blossoming Lost and Found. Please have your young Patriot swing by and take a look, or you can stop by as well and have a look. This is a good reminder to also put your child's name on all clothing and personal items.



OCTOBER 4, 2021

CALENDAR


October 8
Learning Improvement Day
No School

October 20
Picture Retake Day

October 22
Early Release - 1:45 pm

November 1-5
Elementary Conferences
1:00 pm Release

November 7
Daylight Savings Time Ends

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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!



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hello Jefferson Families!

The counselors are off and running this school year, teaching Kelso problem-solving strategies in K-2 classrooms and building community (ask your scholar to teach you the difference between a backpack problem and a suitcase problem). By mid-October we will be in 3rd-6th grade classes as well.

All Jefferson kids know they can come to either counselor to help solve a problem, and that goes for parents with concerns as well. You can reach Anne Walter on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and Kim Thomas on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Don't hesitate to call or email if you have any questions!

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Have a great week. From Mrs. Walter, Mrs. Thomas and Kelso



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AMAZING DISPLAYS OF SPEED!

With over 100 Jefferson scholars turning out for cross country, last week's meet was full of excitement! The pandemic may currently prevent speedsters from competing against other schools, but it didn't slow down the Patriots, who raced each other through multiple laps around the school. See more pictures on Jefferson's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/jeffersonelementaryspokane>.



PORTRAIT DAY FUN

School pictures are always a fun day and add an extra level of energy to a school that is already brimming with excitement! If your Jefferson scholar missed picture day, or you are interested in having them taken again, retake day is scheduled for October 20.



Are you looking for Free Quality Preschool for 2021-2022?

- Do you want to connect with families, teachers or your community?
- Do you want help preparing your child for Kindergarten?
- Could you use supplies and fun activities for your 3 or 4 yr. old child?
- Are you looking for a local food bank or other community resources?
- Do you need access to free meals through your local school district?
- Do you need technology support?
- Does your child receive school district education services and you want more support?

A Family Support Specialist will be happy to assist with the enrollment process

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REGAL 509.354.3905	ROOSEVELT 509.354.4041	STEVENS 509.354.4221	WHITMAN 509.354.3905

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We are committed to high quality Preschool!



POTENTIAL MENU CHANGES

While it is the district's intention to serve the posted menu each school day, it may not be possible this year with the current supply chain issues. An attempt will always be made to substitute the scheduled menu item with a similar item. Thank you for being patient and understanding. We will work hard to share menu changes as they occur.