

THE JEFFERSON JOURNAL

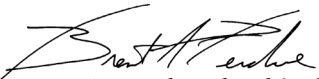
☆☆☆ News from Jefferson Elementary School ☆☆☆

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Good day Jefferson Families,

With many new families joining the Jefferson community, I wanted to address our expectations for Halloween. We wish to maximize our learning time with students, and large elaborate celebrations that distract us from our focus of educating scholars are avoided. We also do this because not all Jefferson families celebrate the same holidays and celebrating only certain holidays pulls us away from our interest in continuing to nurture an inclusive school family. We defer to your family to decide if and how you will celebrate this and other holidays. Therefore, students are not allowed to wear costumes, make-up or bring any item that is distracting to the learning environment on or near Halloween. We have only 180 days and wish to make the very most of them!

In partnership,



Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

Principal, brentp@spokaneschools.org

ARE YOU NOT RECEIVING COMMUNICATIONS FROM JEFFERSON OR SPOKANE PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

Jefferson, and all schools in Spokane Public Schools, utilize Blackboard Messenger to send recorded phone calls, text messages and emails to families. This is the main form of communication if an emergency arrives.



If you are not receiving emails, it is possible that the email on file is incorrect or that you have unsubscribed in the past.

If you are not receiving text messages, it can mean the phone number Jefferson has in the system is incorrect or that texts from the school and district have been blocked. To ensure that texts have not been blocked, simply text the word "START" to 60680.

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, or the use of a trained dog 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 listed on our website at www.spokaneschools.org/nondiscrimination

CALENDAR

October 20
Picture Retake Day

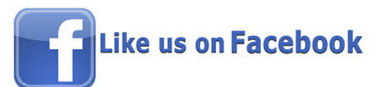
October 22
Early Release - 1:45 pm

November 1-5
Elementary Conferences
1:00 pm Release

November 7
Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 11
Veteran's Day: No School

November 12
Early Release - 1:45 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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FROM YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR & HANDBOOK

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Communications with Families

THE JEFFERSON JOURNAL
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

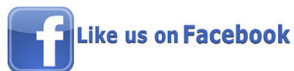
Each Monday, a new edition of the Jefferson Journal newsletter is published and posted online on PeachJar, the district's electronic "backpack."

This weekly newsletter provides families with important information and upcoming dates at school. Families are encouraged to read the Jefferson Journal together each week and discuss the topics included.

BLACKBOARD MESSENGER FAMILY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

A system is used to notify families of important school events and other information. Blackboard Messenger sends messages via email, text message or recorded telephone message. The phone numbers generated by the system are pulled from the school's electronic record system nightly and therefore, it is important that parents keep the school informed of any changes to contact phone numbers.

FACEBOOK



Jefferson maintains a Facebook page to keep families informed and celebrate the great things their children experience during the school day.

Families are encouraged to visit <https://www.facebook.com/jeffersonelementaryspokane> and give the page a "like."

PEACHJAR ELECTRONIC BACKPACK

Spokane Public Schools uses a flier distribution service called Peachjar that sends approved fliers about events and activities from school and community organizations to parent email accounts.

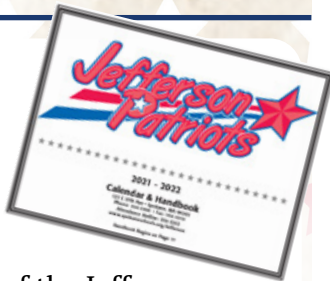


The Jefferson Journal newsletter, mentioned above, is posted on Peachjar every Monday.

READERBOARD

The outside reader board highlights current messages and events at the school.

Note: An electronic copy of the Handbook can be found on the Jefferson Website in the Students dropdown menu.



BUS LOOP RESTRICTIONS

The bus loop is restricted to buses and vehicles with special permission before and after school. This allows for the efficient and safe pick up and drop off of scholars each school day. Other scholars can be dropped off on 37th street in front of the school or along Manito Boulevard in the back.

NEW KIDS EDITIONS

Check out this month's edition of Kids: For Moms & Dads at <https://bit.ly/3Bxhyu5!>



SPIRIT DAY BRINGS PLENTY OF FUN AND GIGGLES!

Jefferson's Leadership League had its first spirit day of the year recently. Crazy Hair & Hat Day was a big hit!

