

# THE JEFFERSON JOURNAL

☆☆☆ News from Jefferson Elementary School ☆☆☆

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Greetings Jefferson Community,

Growing up in the Spokane area, I never had a full sense of the history of this place we call home. I learned a little about Native American tribes in school but mostly as background characters in the story of white explorers and settlers who came to lands that were yet unexplored and unclaimed, which does not accurately reflect the truth that indigenous people had lived on the land for thousands of years. Last week, I introduced a tool that allows us to explore which indigenous tribes inhabited an area before colonization. This week, I will introduce a next step in honoring those who came before us.

Here at Jefferson, we are striving to tell the history of the area and our nation from all perspectives, not just from the perspective of those who were in power, but of those who faced subjugation and removal as well. We have a moral obligation to tell all our stories. When we examine all perspectives of the events in our history, it helps us make better decisions in the future to support all people and continue to make Spokane, and our nation, a better place for everyone.

In our effort to recognize the first inhabitants of the Spokane area, we will begin including a land acknowledgment as part of our Jefferson Journal header each week.

What is a land acknowledgment you ask and why are so many businesses, government entities and educational institutions beginning to use them? Land acknowledgements are historically accurate statements that are honest and honoring of indigenous First Nations of North America. They commemorate their historical and ongoing connection to the land we inhabit.

In the graphic below, you will see the land acknowledgment that, here going forward, will be included in the Jefferson Journal.

Wishing you happiness and health,

Brent

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

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## CALENDAR

November 11  
Veteran's Day:  
No School

November 12  
Early Release  
1:45 pm



### Veteran's Day This Thursday

Jefferson wishes to thank all veterans, and the families who support them, for their service to our country. The sacrifice these individuals and families make to serve and protect American ideals around the globe will never be forgotten. In honor of their service, the national Veteran's Day holiday will be observed this Thursday, November 11th. School will not be session.

**NOVEMBER 8, 2021**

# FROM YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR & HANDBOOK



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**PLEASE NOTE:** Families are asked to pay particular attention to #3 at right so that school grounds remain safe for riders and walkers during hectic arrival and departure times.

## PLAYGROUND CLOSED FOR ONE HOUR AFTER SCHOOL EACH DAY



The Jefferson playground is closed for 60 minutes after school lets out each day. The playground is reserved for after-school activities and for Jefferson's Express Childcare program. Families are asked to remind their scholars that they are to go straight home after school. Families picking up students are also asked to help by having their children stay off the equipment until after 4pm.

## BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS

Pupils 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.
2. All bicycles and scooters must be parked in the racks provided, and locked. They should not be locked together. The school does not accept responsibility for damaged or stolen bikes scooters.
3. Bikes and scooters must be "walked" across patrolled crossings, and on school grounds when coming to or leaving school.
4. Skateboards are not permitted at school.
5. Helmets are required. An ordinance enacted by the Spokane City Council requires all people to wear a helmet when riding their bikes, or scooters, etc. on streets, sidewalks, and other public property. Students attending schools located within the city must therefore wear a helmet when riding their bikes, or scooters to and from school.
6. Many children in the Spokane area are treated each year for bicycle-related injuries that are sometimes critical or cause life-long brain damage. The goal of the City ordinance is to help reduce the number of head injuries among young people by requiring helmet use.

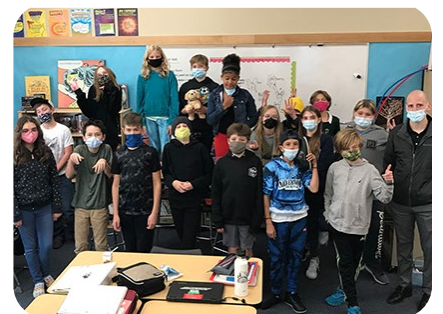
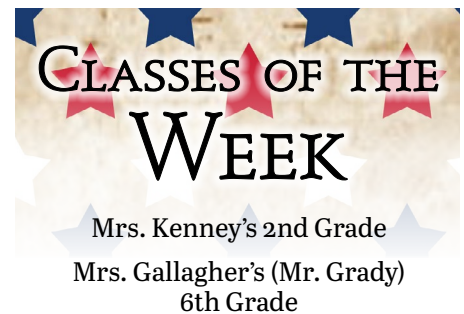


## MORNING ARRIVAL 8:20 AM

Families are asked to help Jefferson scholars arrive on school grounds after 8:20am each morning. There is no supervision before this time, as staff members have staff meetings, individual collaboration sessions and other tasks to complete before the start of the school day.

## 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!







**Providing gifts and food to those  
in need at Christmastime!**

Spokane County Fair and Expo Center | 404 N Havana, Spokane Valley, WA 99212

**DECEMBER 4th-16th**

**10am-2:30pm**

(Closed Sunday, December 5th and 12th)

Apply online or in person to receive assistance this  
Christmas at the Fairgrounds!

### Required Documentation

The following documentation is  
required to receive assistance:

#### Children (17 yrs. and younger)

Bring Proof of:

Name

Date of Birth or Age

(Examples of acceptable documentation)

- Birth Certificate
- Insurance Card
- Letter from school, DSHS or daycare
- WA Apple Health Statement

#### Adults (18 yrs. and older)

Bring Proof of:

Photo ID (copies acceptable)

Proof of Physical Residence

(Examples of acceptable documentation)

- Bills
- Rental Agreement

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### Masks Required!



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