

THE JEFFERSON JOURNAL

☆☆☆ News from Jefferson Elementary School ☆☆☆

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Jefferson Community,

Welcome to November and the first day of Native American Heritage Month. This special month was first titled National American Indian Heritage Month in a joint proclamation by George HW Bush in 1990, looking to recognize the contributions of First Nations peoples to the history of The United States of America.

There are currently 574 federally recognized tribes in the US, with 29 whose ancestral homelands reside in what is currently Washington State.

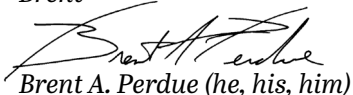
A few years back, I was introduced to Native Land Digital (www.native-land.ca), a powerful online tool that can help interested parties determine which tribes had ancestral homelands at any location across the globe.

Using the tool, one can enter their own home address, or any location of interest. Using the tool and inputting the address of Jefferson Elementary School, one finds, not surprisingly, that the range of both the Spokane and Coeur d'Alene tribes historically inhabited this area.

Once an address is entered, the map zooms in much like Google Earth. To the left of the screen, links to territories, languages and treaties can be found for the area along with links to the specific tribes that inhabited the area before colonists arrived. Drilling down in our area leads one to hyperlinks for websites for both The Spokane (<https://spokanetribe.com/>) and Coeur d'Alene (<https://www.cdatribe-nsn.gov/>) tribes. Consider trying it out as a family!

Wishing you well,

Brent



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CALENDAR

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

VOTE!

Don't Forget to Vote!

Make your voice heard! Ballots must be postmarked by tomorrow, November 2nd

Thursdays Are T24 Spirit Days

Join your fellow Jefferson scholars and staff each week in celebrating going beyond high school graduation with T24! Every Thursday wear any T (technical school) 2 (community college) 4 (university) gear and let everyone know that you know the importance of learning plans beyond high school!



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES CONTINUE

Conference week began today. Families who have yet to sign up for a time, can do so by going to <https://weba.spokaneschools.org/conference>. An instructional video for signing up can be found at <https://bit.ly/3CbKx76>.

Jefferson is shooting for 100% of our scholars having their family sit down with the teacher, celebrate successes and make plans for continued growth in identified areas. Sign up today!



NOVEMBER 1, 2021

ALL CITY RUNNERS SHINE

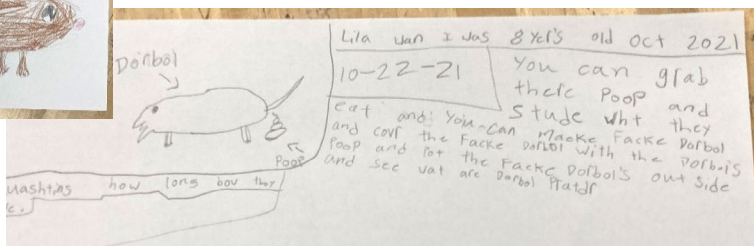
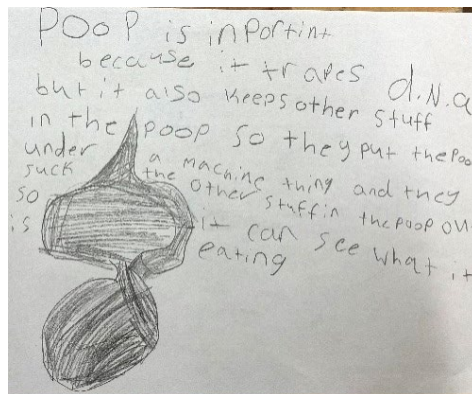
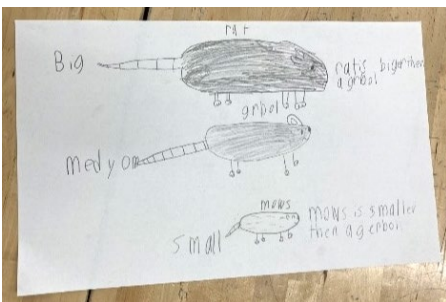
Saturday, October 23 saw many Jefferson cross country runners taking their talents to the All City Meet at Franklin Park. Hundreds competed in each grade level's race, seeing runners from all across the Spokane area race their hearts out. Congratulations to All City Placers including 1st Grade Girls (1st Place- Vera Bookey, 2nd Place- Juliette Snyder), 2nd Grade Boys (6th Place- Lucas Castillo, 7th Place- Dylan Eagon) 5th Grade Girls (10th Place- Mia Brady). More pictures from the event can be found on Jefferson's Facebook page at <https://bit.ly/3E1uO1a>.

Jefferson wishes to congratulate all runners who worked hard, improved their times, and made Jefferson proud throughout the season!



GERBIL SCIENTIST MEETS VIRTUALLY WITH JEFFERSON SCHOLARS

On Friday October 26th, our budding Patriot scientists had the opportunity to Skype a Scientist. Courtney Reed, a PHD student in ecology and evolutionary biology talked to our students about all things poop. Her area of expertise is gerbils of Kenya. She shared how as a scientist she asks questions and conducts investigations. The main questions she asked were what do gerbils eat and what eats gerbils? She shared how they collect DNA of what a gerbil eats by collecting scat (poop) samples. Courtney answered all of our curious scientists' questions, while some students drew what they would remember about Skyping with a Scientist.



CLASSES OF THE WEEK

The **PRIDE** puppies found new homes on Friday, being awarded to Mrs. Johnson's 1st-5th Grade Multi-Age and Mrs. Norris's 3rd Grade classrooms. The puppies will stay with them until the next Friday when new classrooms are chosen. Classes of the week also are awarded with some extra time playing a game or doing an activity with Mr. Perdue and/or Mrs. Gage to celebrate.

Classrooms are chosen based on their collective ability to meet PRIDE expectations during their specialist classes (art, fitness and health, library and science). Jefferson's School-Wide PRIDE expectations are:

- Positive problem solver**
- Responsible citizen**
- Independent learner**
- Doing my best**
- Earn and give respect**



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**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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