

# THE JEFFERSON JOURNAL

☆☆☆ News from Jefferson Elementary School ☆☆☆

*Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that we are on the unceded lands of the Spokane Tribe. The Spokane people shared this place with other tribes through their relations, resources, history, trade, and ceremony. We thank the caretakers of this land, who lived, and continue to live here Since Time Immemorial. This land holds the knowledge, culture, and spirit of "The People of the River."*



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Jefferson Families,

Spokane Public Schools subscribes to two results-based computer programs to meet elementary scholars where they are in their reading and mathematics journeys. Dreambox (mathematics) and Lexia (reading) learn from your scholar's successes and errors and adjusts the program to meet their individual needs. And you can help at home, but not in the way you might think.

Each click of the mouse is analyzed by the programs to determine whether the user is understanding. If a teacher, parent or sibling "helps," the program believes that the user has mastered understanding that they truly have not. This can lead to frustrations when the learner then gets stuck.



Lexia



Dreambox

The best support that families can provide at home is to help ensure that their scholar is completing a minimum of 5 lessons per week in Dreambox and 10 units per week in Lexia. These goals have been determined to be the minimums a user needs to hit each week to be on target for grade level standards at the end of the year.

It is important to note that with each scholar at Jefferson having their own assigned laptop at school, and with designated time being allocated at school for using these tools, you won't be on your own to help your scholar hit the targets. But you can help ensure that they do, and perhaps help them go above and beyond! And if your scholar is not currently where they need to be in terms of academic achievement, providing time and encouragement for them to do more than the minimum lessons/units each week can help them close the gap. Just don't forget to make sure they do it all on their own. And if they get stuck, reach out to their teacher to check in.

To sign in to either program from home, go to <https://clever.com/in/spokaneschools>. Their username is their last name + the last 4 digits of their SPS student Identification number + @sps81.org. For example, if I were a student, my username would be perdue####@sps81.org. And their password is their 8 digit birthdate (MMDDYYYY).

In continued partnership,

Brent

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

Principal, [brentp@spokaneschools.org](mailto:brentp@spokaneschools.org)

## CALENDAR

**December 10**  
Early Release  
1:45 p.m.

### 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!



Like us on Facebook

**DECEMBER 6, 2021**

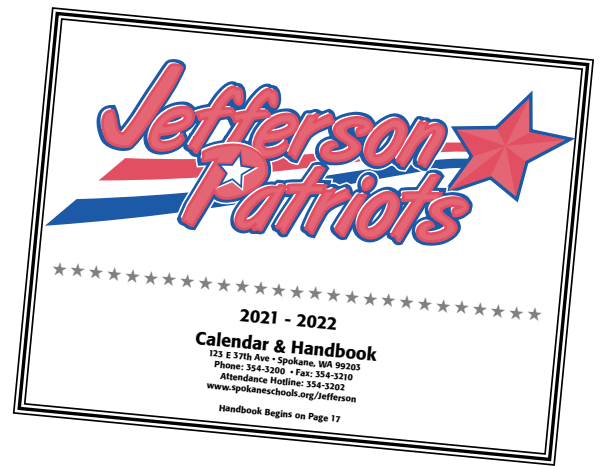


Mrs. Robinson-Harding's  
1st Grade (above)

Mrs. Kirn's  
3rd-6th Grade Multi-Age

## FROM YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR & HANDBOOK

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## Safety Patrol

The Spokane Public Schools Safety Patrol is an affiliate of the Spokane Police Department. We maintain student patrols and adult crossing guards at several locations approaching the Jefferson School grounds. Please note that patrols are present during limited times before and after school, and if your child arrives at the intersection outside of that schedule, there will be no guards to help them cross those potentially very busy streets. The specific locations and schedule will be confirmed and notices sent home as school gets underway for the year.



The safety record that our patrols have maintained over the years has been remarkable, but parents should understand that we are limited in our ability to enforce traffic regulations without cooperation. Please help us in safely crossing the students by not blocking the crosswalks or obstructing the safety patrol's view when you drive your student(s) to school. Take care also to avoid the bus loading zone. There is a drop-off area in the front of the school for your use, or a parking lot if you need to leave your car and come inside.

Be alert and drive safely! We are all in this together.

## 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 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.

## SECURE BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS

Scholars who ride bicycles or scooters to school should bring along a means of securing them to one of the many bike racks on school grounds. A recent bike theft during the middle of the school day is a good reminder for us all.





**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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To best protect our 30,000 + clients, 500+ volunteers, and all those coming to the Christmas Bureau, proof of vaccination or negative COVID PCR test within the past 48 hours is required for entry.