

# 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

Good day to all Jefferson Families and Community Members,

Last week, I dove into the history behind Black History Month and how it came to be the month of February in The United States.

This week, I wanted to push our thinking a little and branch out from what has traditionally been the focus of the month. Often, schools and communities focus their attention on just four or five influential black Americans in history, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Fredrick Douglass, Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks, with a little Ruby Bridges thrown in at the elementary level. It is important to help our young scholars learn of many more influential contributors to the long and rich history of African-Americans in America.

Renee Graham, in her essay "How - and how not- to celebrate Black History Month" pushes us to learn about history's hidden figures, especially Black women. Dr. Patricia Bath was an ophthalmologist who invented the Laserphaco Probe for cataract treatment; in 1986, she became the first Black woman doctor to receive a medical patent... Pauli Murray, a feminist and civil rights icon, deeply influenced King. In 1971, Murray even wrote a letter to President Nixon asking to be considered as a replacement for retiring justice Hugo Black."



Graham goes on to say that "Black people stand not apart from but in the center of American history. Every American who honors Black achievement and accomplishment honors their nation. Dig deeper. Read more. Listen and learn from those who know. Appreciate the sacrifices, innovation, and unrequited love that Black people have given this nation."

Let's follow Graham's encouragement and keep digging in!

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## CALENDAR

**February 21**

No School: President's Day

**February 22**

6th Grade Parent Night  
6pm, Sacajawea MS

**February 23**

6th Grade Band Feeder Concert  
7pm, Sacajawea MS

**February 24**

6th Grade Strings Feeder  
Concert  
7pm, Sacajawea MS

**March 18**

Early Release  
1:45 pm

### 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!



# CLASSES OF THE WEEK

Mrs. Rothstein's 4th Grade  
Mrs. Culver's 5th Grade

Check out this month's edition of *Kids: For Moms & Dads at: [Kids Newspaper-- February 2022 by Shannon Dayton - Flipsnack.html](#)*



## Weekly PBIS Drawing Recognizes Student Success

As part of Jefferson's Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program, scholars receive PRIDE tickets when they exhibit elements of Jefferson's schoolwide expectations. PRIDE stands for:



**P**ositive problem solver  
**R**esponsible citizen  
**I**ndependent learner  
**D**oing my best  
**E**arn and give respect

These tickets are added to a classrooms prize basket, which is then taken to the office each Friday for a drawing. One scholar from each classroom is randomly selected to win an extra prize at the office. We say "extra" because the most important prize is the recognition that their good or kind deed has been noticed by school adults.

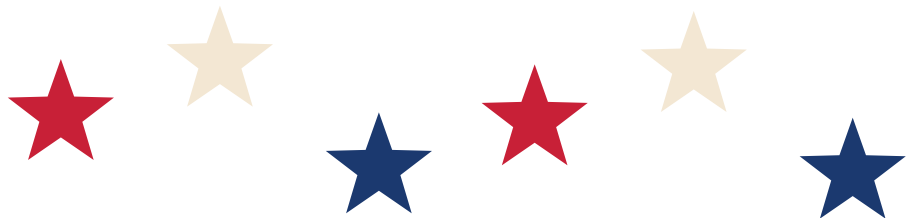
## A Lost and Found Explosion!

- 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.



## THE PTG SCOOP

1. The next PTG meeting is Wednesday, March 2nd at 7pm via Zoom. Watch social media for the link!
2. Also on March 2nd, is the next Treats for Staff! Want to bring a treat for our fabulous Jefferson teachers and staff? [Check out our SignUp Genius!](#)
3. 6th Grade Parents: we are still in need of a photographer with daytime availability for the memory book! Please let us know if you can help by March 1st!
4. The PTG is currently running our "Hearts and Hands" program- an annual Jefferson tradition that focuses on supporting a local charity! This year we are giving to Ronald McDonald house. A flyer went home last Friday with your student- please check it out!



# ♥ Hearts and Hands ♥

The PTG's "Hearts and Hands" event this year is focused on helping families in crisis, by donating to the **Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Inland Northwest**. The RMHC provides no-cost temporary lodging, along with social and emotional support, to families of children accessing medical services. Donations help families stay together, close to the hospital and their child's medical team, during their difficult journey.

The items below are the RMHC's biggest current needs. You can also visit their website at <https://rmhcinlandnw.org/wish-list/> or scan the QR code below to access the list.

**Biggest Needs:** Keurig K-cups, juice boxes and individual serving beverages, fresh fruit and vegetables, eggs, shredded cheese, frozen meals (breakfast sandwiches, snacks, pastas, pizza, etc), garbage bags (tall kitchen with drawstrings), paper towel rolls, 55 gallon trash bags, antibacterial liquid hand soap refills, activities and games for teenagers, baby wipes, teen/adult coloring books and colored pencils.

To make a donation, just bring the item(s) into Jefferson and place it in the "Hearts and Hands" box (located in the entryway outside the office) between now and February 25th. At the end of the drive, PTG will deliver everything to RMHC.

Want to help out, but don't want to shop? You can donate to Jefferson PTG and we will shop for you! You can donate by check (made out to Jefferson PTG) or online by using the other QR code below. Please make sure you mention "Hearts and Hands" so the donation goes to this event! If you have questions, please email [jeffersonpatriotsptg@gmail.com](mailto:jeffersonpatriotsptg@gmail.com).

Thank you for helping a local charity help families in need!

