

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 families,

All this week, March 28-April 1, scholars will be released at 1:00 for conferences. If you have not yet signed up for a conference with your child's teacher, please do so right away to get the best selection of times remaining. Teachers have worked to provide extended hours outside of their contract day to be available to meet with families. If you haven't signed up yet, please contact the school office at 509.354.3200 to sign up for a time.

Please do not pass up this great opportunity to partner with us! We are 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.

Thank you in advance for partnering with your child's teacher to help your youngster see the greatest possible success this year!

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MARCH 28, 2022

CALENDAR

April 4-8
Spring Break

April 22
Early Release
1:45 pm


Parent-Teacher Conferences/ Early Release Start This Week!

Beginning Monday, March 28th and continuing through April 1st, students will be dismissed at 1:00 for conferences. If you have not signed up, please do so today! For teacher's using the district's conference scheduler, signing up can be done through the [sign up portal](#). For others, families should work directly with the teacher to sign up through this Friday, March 25th and with the school office after that.



CLASSES OF THE WEEK

Mrs. Zellers' Kindergarten



Mrs. Gallagher's 6th Grade

March Madness.....Dreambox style!

March Madness is here, and whether you are a Zag fan or not, March is always an exciting month. Here at Jefferson, scholars began a mathematics Dreambox March Madness challenge today that will last the rest of the month. Families are encouraged to cheer on their youngsters, and provide Dreambox time at home if needed, as they work to score for themselves and for their classroom team! Here is the gameplan:



1. If a scholar meets the goal of completing 5 Dreambox lessons a week for two weeks in March, they will win a basketball stress ball!
2. For every week each student meets their 5-lesson goal, they earn one point for their class. The two classes with the most points (averaged) at the end of each week will receive an extra recess and a **Smart Snack** treat from Mr. Perdue and Mrs. Gage.
3. The class with the highest percentage over the entire competition will win a mystery prize to be announced at the end!

The MADNESS begins today and ends on Friday, April 1st.

THE PTG SCOOP

1. The next PTG meeting is Wednesday, April 13th, at 7pm via Zoom with a possible in person option. Watch social media for the link!
2. Treats For Staff will be Wednesday, April 13th. If you can bring some yummy treats to celebrate our fabulous Jefferson staff, please check out our SignUp Genius! <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/30eod49afad2aa2f58-treats8>
3. Your PTG Needs You! We were not able to hold the Variety Show this year due to lack of organizers. Upcoming events this spring include: Fun Run & Play Day, both great Jefferson traditions! If you would be willing to volunteer, please reach out to your PTG through social media or email jeffersonpatriotsptg@gmail.com and let us know!

Chess Club Champions Recognized

Jefferson's chess club recently wrapped up with many scholars learning about the game and improving their prowess. A tournament was also held with James Hargreaves winning the championship in session 1 earlier in the year and Elliot Edgar winning in the most recent session. Congratulations to all who participated and grew their skills in a game they can play for years to come!

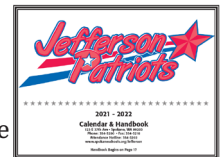


Pictured above: The Champions



From Your Family Calendar and Handbook

With spring on the way, families are asked to review the school attire expectations. Families are asked to cross out the fourth bullet regarding sandals, as that expectation was recently removed. Students should still be mindful of Fitness and Health (PE) days and wear, or bring, appropriate shoes to safely participate.



School Attire

At Jefferson, we expect students to maintain an appearance that is not disruptive to the orderly educational process of the school. The school is the students' work place. Just as others dress for their work place, we expect students to do the same.

Here are some reminders of appropriate school attire:

- Shorts or skirts should be no shorter than mid-thigh.
- T-shirts and tops need to be full length, not cropped or showing waistlines.
- Tank top straps need to be wide. Spaghetti strap tops should not be worn to school, unless covered with a sweater or a jacket.
- ~~Sandals need to be safe for place activities and going up and down steps. Flip-flops, other slip-ons and shoes with high heels are not safe for school.~~ Students should be able to walk safely on various surfaces indoors and on our grounds, and to run at recess and in PE in their shoes.
- Pajamas and slippers are permitted only on designated special days.