

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

Dear Families of Jefferson Scholars and the Larger Jefferson Community,

It was wonderful to see so many families at Jefferson or joining on-line for our recent conference week. What better way to continue building a partnership between school and home? We always aim for 100% attendance during conference week and understand that this is certainly a high bar, but also a worthy goal to shoot for because of how important one-on-one time with a scholar's teacher is.

During our most recent conference week, Jefferson saw 95% of scholars have families attend to discuss their progress.

The breakdown by grade level was as follows:

- Kindergarten: 100%
- First: 97%
- Second: 96%
- Third: 98%
- Fourth: 94%
- Fifth: 91%
- Sixth: 90%

During conference week in October, 96% of Jefferson scholars had family join in conferences. This spring was just a touch lower, but still a strong showing!

Thank you again to all families who took the time out of their busy schedules to partner with their child's teacher. And for those who were unable to attend during the designated week, it is not too late to contact your child's teacher to set up a time to connect about your scholar's progress and set goals for the remainder of the year!

In continued partnership,

Brent

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

Principal brentp@spokaneschools.org

CALENDAR

April 22

Early Release
1:45 pm

May 6

Early Release
1:45 pm

May 20

Early Release
1:45 pm

May 30

No School
Memorial Day

APRIL 18, 2022

Kindergarten Registration Continues

Do you have a young scholar who will turn 5 before August 31st? If so, registration is happening now. Families are encouraged to register online [Enroll/ Enrollment Home \(spokaneschools.org\)](https://spokaneschools.org). After your online registration is complete, you will be contacted about visiting Jefferson to complete the process. You will need to bring the following with you to the school:



1. A **birth certificate** or other official verification of age (such as a passport or visa) is required for students who have not previously enrolled in school. Kindergarten students must be 5 on or before Aug. 31; first graders must be 6.
2. **Medically verified immunization records** for new students.
3. **Part B Health Record** filled out for new students.
4. Proof of residency. This can be a current utility bill.

THE PTG SCOOP

1. The next PTG meeting is Wednesday, May 4th, at 7pm via Zoom with a possible in person option. Watch social media for the link!
2. 6th Grade Parents: You should have received information about the 6th Grade Memory Book during Conference Week. It's on bright green paper! Please SUBMIT your student's permission form and photos as soon as possible, or we will not be able to include them in the memory book!
3. Upcoming volunteer opportunities include: Fun Run, Generation Alive set up, Treats for Staff, and Play Day. Please watch our social media for more information, or email jeffersonpatriotsptg@gmail.com to receive emails about volunteer opportunities!

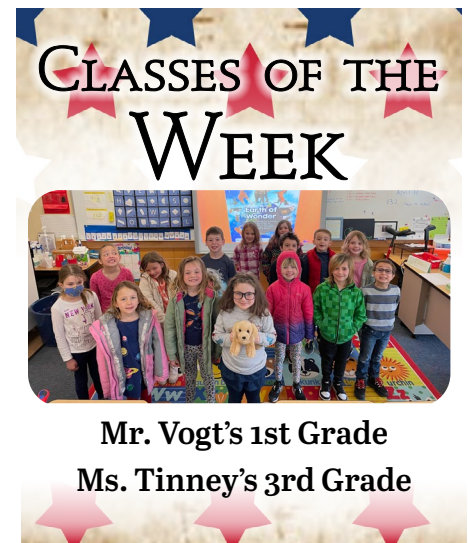
Secure Bicycles and Scooters

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.



3rd Graders Learn from Lakota Tribal Member

Mrs. Sims's class had a very special visitor before Spring Break! After studying about the many Native American Tribes of North America, Lenore Three Stars came to the classroom to share about her heritage and culture. Lenore Three Stars is a member of the Lakota tribe. She brought in artifacts, pictures, books, and played music. She also taught the students how to count to ten in her native language and told them a couple of folktales as well. There was also time for the class to ask questions and interact with her at the end of her presentation. Many thanks to Mark Finney for arranging this wonderful opportunity! It is our hope that Lenore Three Stars will come back to Jefferson and share her knowledge and heritage with many more classrooms!



Crossing Guards and Noon Supervisors Needed!

Jefferson is in need of crossing guards and in building aides to serve as morning and afternoon crossing patrol guards, as well as for the lunchroom and playground during the noon hour. Even if you only have 2 or 3 days per week of availability, consider applying.

The wage for these positions is \$14.99 per hour. It is a great way to get outdoors, interact with students and become more involved in the school that your child or children attend. For more information, please call the Jefferson office at 354-3200 between the hours of 8 and 4 pm.



Check out this month's edition here: [March 2022 final by Shannon Dayton - Flipsnack](#) and on page 2, you will see that Jefferson's amazing office staff were recognized as the office staff of the month!

