

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 and Community,

This week is Staff Appreciation Week here at Jefferson and across the nation. I invite you to join me in saying thank you to each of the over 80 staff members who make Jefferson such a wonderful place for children.

Jefferson staff look at their work as being more than just a job. Their passion and tireless commitment to the Jefferson Community is evidenced by the long hours they work, the baskets of materials they tote home to be prepared for the next day and their embracing professional learning in all its forms to be the best they can be for our scholars. From driving buses to making meals, from teaching classes to keeping the building clean and functioning, it takes every one of them to create an atmosphere of learning and growth for children. Your children are very lucky to have such caring adults guiding them each day.

I encourage you to take a moment to reach out and say thank you and to celebrate the wonderful staff who make Jefferson a wonderful place for kids.

With a thankful heart,

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

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MAY 2, 2022

CALENDAR

May 6

Early Release
1:45 pm

May 20

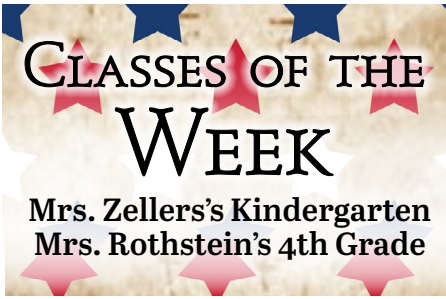
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1:45 pm

May 30

No School
Memorial Day

Weed Spray Alert

Weed and grass control spray will be applied to the shrub beds and mowing strips at Jefferson on May 11, 2022. A variation of this schedule may occur as a result of inclement weather. This spray is to control unwanted grass and weeds in the shrub beds, around the trees and along the street curb areas. Our school has taken steps to keep school children away from the tree and shrub bed areas for 24 hours. We would like to ask that you and your children refrain from using these same areas during that period of time. Thank you!



CLASSES OF THE WEEK

Mrs. Zellers's Kindergarten
Mrs. Rothstein's 4th Grade

THE PTG SCOOP

1. The next PTG meeting is this Wednesday, May 4th, at 7pm via Zoom. Watch social media for the link!
2. The Fun Run is BACK! Save The Date: 5/26/2022 3:30-5:30pm. Theme: Picnic with Patriots. Keep an eye out for more details and if you haven't received an email about volunteering, and want to, please email: lisaamiller21@gmail.com or text 509-842-4459.
3. If you'd like to be involved but can't make the meetings, no problem! Just email jeffersonpatriotsptg@gmail.com to be included in the list with volunteer opportunities!

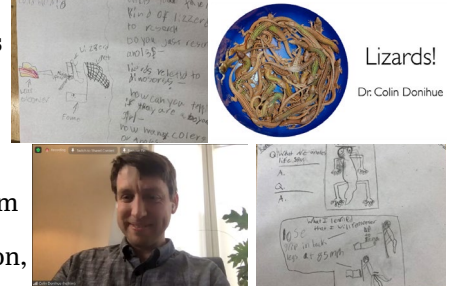
March Madness, Dreambox Style, a Huge Success!

The goal all year long has been for all Jefferson students to complete 5 Dreambox lessons per week. Our students averaged 4.6 lessons in January and 5.3 lessons in February. During the height of competition in March, students averaged 6.5 lessons per week! Way to push, Jefferson scholars. We encourage you to keep after that 5 lesson a week goal for the remainder of the school year.



Skype A Scientist Returns!

What do lizard feet, a leaf blower and hurricanes have in common? The answer is Dr. Colin Donihue! Colin talked to budding Jefferson scientists about his research and efforts with all different types of lizards. In one of his interesting stories, he shared how he uses a leaf blower on the lizards to mimic hurricane conditions! This helps him see how the pads of the lizards' feet change due to the high winds. After his presentation, students asked Colin a variety of questions about his research and his life as a scientist!



Lizards!
Dr. Colin Donihue

Generation Alive

Central to the philosophy of Generation Alive is the idea that they don't build programs to serve kids. They build up kids to serve the world. Join our group of 6th grade students from Jefferson Elementary that make up our Generation Alive Action Team to help serve the food insecure in Spokane. It only takes 25 cents to buy the ingredients to make someone a meal. The Action team is asking you to donate so that our school can purchase and put these meals together to send to the Food Bank. Prior to the pandemic, our school raised enough money to make over 15,000 meals for two years in a row. We can do it again with your help. Your child will be bringing home a donation box on May 13th to collect funds for our cause. The box will also have a method to donate online if you prefer. Your children are a Generation Alive and you can help them do big things! Thank you for your support.

March Citizens of the Month Named

In a virtual assembly held Tuesday, April 19th, Jefferson recognized its March Citizens of the Month. Congratulations to the scholars who demonstrated exceptional aspects of one or more of Jefferson's PRIDE expectations or showed tremendous growth. Pictures of the March Citizens of the Month and a recording of the virtual assembly can be found on [Jefferson's Facebook page](#).

Kindergarten

June Biel
Mila Nunn
Ren Salcido
Parker Jones
Adelaide Barber
Louise Wimmer
Miles Curry
Kalya Grossman
Hendrix Vivian



Second Grade

Abby Johnson
Theo Houchins
Eden Blum
Soleil McCullough
Cyrus Hol
Amir Chenevert
Arya Hume

Third Grade

Leo Coen
Oak Henderson
Corinne Nance
Matt Wilson-Belnap
Henry Burner
Judah Mwangi
Daniel Myers
Chloe Hill
Blythe Barber

Fourth Grade

Gage Davis
Reagan Lobdell
Coco Bailie
Lucy Stover
Brad Hutchings
Tommy Jilon
Isabel Brower
Elodie Andrade
Sage Lowderback
Brynley Martinsen
Emma Miller
Elsa Calhoun

Fifth Grade

Henry Stewart
Olivia Vasey-Vehrs
Bridgette Richardson
Lydia Killian
Oliver Castillo

Gavin Percy
Maddy Parisot
Shuli Giangreco
Remi Thurston
Banks Donovan
Caylee Vlasak
Logan Aldana
Ryan Munden
Noah Allison



Sixth Grade

Chavah Dillon
Parker Cook
Kelsey Burum
Jackson Dunn
Toby Kettleson
Hannah Dierks
Viela Gulseth



First Grade

Isabella Hurd
Rashid Rashidi
Frank Gulseth
Aaliyah Kenney
Emerson Dennler
Colin Doty
Arden Hodge
Randal Munden