

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

Parent Input for 2022-2023 Class Placement

Families,

As we move through May, teachers and staff begin the important process of determining each child's class placement for the upcoming school year. Through a complex process, we will work to create well-balanced classrooms utilizing a number of factors including academic achievement, behavior, ratio of boys to girls, learning style/teaching style, independence, and the need for support services. Long and thoughtful consideration is given to the placement of each child to ensure his/her maximum growth academically and socially.

Because of this need to balance classrooms in terms of all the factors mentioned above, combined with unknowns regarding which teachers will be at a specific grade level come fall, **we cannot honor parent requests for specific teachers.** However, if you feel that your child has unique needs academically or personally or requires special accommodations that should be considered, please describe those needs to me in writing by **Wednesday, May 18th.**

The placement process is often tricky, as our classroom configurations are dependent on the number of students who arrive in the fall. Some students will move into the area, while others will move out. Because of this, it is important to remember that although you will be informed of your child's class placement in middle to late August via postcard from Jefferson, placements are not considered final until the 10th day of school in the fall.

Have a wonderful week!

Brent

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

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CALENDAR

May 20

Early Release
1:45 pm

May 30

No School
Memorial Day

June 17

Last Day of School:
Half Day



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MAY 9, 2022

THE PTG SCOOP

1. The Fun Run is BACK! Save The Date: 5/26/2022 3:30-5:30pm. Theme: Picnic with Patriots. Keep an eye out for packets with more details this week, and if you haven't received an email about volunteering, and want to, please email: lisaamiller21@gmail.com or text 509-842-4459.
2. If you'd like to be involved but can't make the meetings, no problem! Just email jeffersonpatriotspg@gmail.com to be included in the list with volunteer opportunities!
3. Know a former Patriot who is graduating this year and could use some help with college money? Check out the Jefferson Scholarship on the PTG website: <http://www.jeffersonpatriotspg.net> under the "Events" tab. Applications due by May 31st!

A "Super" Meal Option

Both breakfast and lunch at Jefferson are part of a federally subsidized program to feed children across the United States. There are strict nutrition and portion size guidelines that schools must follow as part of being reimbursed for costs associated with the program. While all school meals are free in the United States again this year, the portion size may not be enough for all students.



Families are permitted to add money to their child's lunch account for them to order extra milk or an additional entrée. *Al-a-carte prices* can be found on the district's website. It is easy to add money by visiting the [School Bucks website](#) and setting up an account. There must be money on the account before a super can be requested.

Scholars ordering "supers" are asked to be discreet about the practice, as there are families who do not wish for their scholar to have this option or who may have challenges funding this extra expenditure.

Book Fair Coming Next Week

Dear Parents and Families:

I'm excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair is back! After months without beloved school traditions, our upcoming Book Fair will be a familiar and welcome celebration. Here's what you need to know about our upcoming fair:

- Every dollar you spend will benefit our school directly.
- You can sign up for the Book Fair eWallet (see link below), a convenient digital payment account, so your child can shop the Fair cash-free. Grandparents, friends, and others can contribute to the eWallet to help build your home library.

Save these dates and view our school's Fair in the library:

Fair Dates: May 16-20

Book Fair Homepage & eWallet SignUp:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/jeffersonelementaryschool125>

We can't wait to see your child at the Fair!

Sara Talley

Jefferson Elementary

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CLASSES OF THE WEEK



Mrs. Thomas' First Grade



Mrs. Kenney's 2nd Grade

Chickasaw Virtual Assemblies Return

On April 28th, Lori White Buffalo of the Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma, again led two virtual assemblies for Jefferson scholars. Two weeks earlier, scholars learned about Chickasaw clothing from past to present. This time, the focus was on music in sessions titled Southeastern Sounds. From how musical instruments were made, to what types of celebrations, music, and dance are part of Chickasaw Culture, scholars learned much and had the opportunity to ask many questions!



Next Spirit Day on Its Way May 20th!

Two Fridays from now will be Jefferson's next Leadership Club School-Wide Spirit Day. Friday, May 20th will be Ties, Tutus, and Tiara Day. Dig out your favorite tie, your most colorful tutu, or your fanciest tiara and get in the spirit!

