

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

Greetings Jefferson Community,

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month in the United States. The AAPI community is both diverse and growing, with over 100 languages, and approximately 50 different ethnicities. According to the 2020 Census, there are 24 million citizens in the United States that make up the AAPI community making it 7% of the total US population.

The beginnings of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month started in the 1970's, but it took over a decade to officially establish it. A celebratory week known as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week was first signed into law in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter. Later, in 1992, President George H.W. Bush signed Asian Pacific American Heritage Month as the law of the land.

Want to engage more with your young scholar about the AAPI community this month, or year round? Here are some helpful links to get you started:

- [How to Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with Kids](#) (article)
- [10 Children's Books Featuring AAPI Characters](#) (article)
- [Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month](#) (video)
- [Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month 2022](#) (video)

Make it a great week,

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

Principal brentp@spokaneschools.org

Gonzaga's Climate Fellows

Jefferson has had the pleasure to partner with Gonzaga University's Climate Fellows. From January to April, students in grades 3-5 have been exploring solar energy, weather and climate in a lot of fun ways. This has been a great opportunity to partner with Gonzaga and our budding scientists.



CALENDAR

May 23

6th Grade Strings Concert 7PM

May 26

PTG Fun Run
Hart Field Track
3:30-6PM

May 30

No School
Memorial Day

June 17

Last Day of School:
Half Day

Playground Closed for One Hour After School Each Day

The Jefferson playground is closed for 60 minutes after school lets out each day. The playground is reserved for after-school activities and for Jefferson's Express Childcare program. Families are asked to remind their scholars that they are to go straight home after school. Families picking up students are also asked to help by having their children stay off the equipment until after 4pm.



MAY 23, 2022

THE PTG SCOOP

- There are many upcoming volunteer opportunities at Jefferson this spring!
- Please be sure you have your volunteer clearance approved so you can be a part of it. More info on volunteer clearances [here!](#)
- 1. Don't Miss It! Our "Picnic With The Patriots Fun Run" is on May 26th!
- We will need help before, during, and after the event. Please check out all opportunities on our SignUpGenius [here](#). Your packets should have come home with your student, don't forget they need to be SIGNED and turned in Monday, May 23rd- this is your child's "permission slip" for Fun Run Participation!
- 2. Set-Up For Generation Alive: We need some help with setting up for this event after school on June 2nd! The Sign Up Genius for this event can be seen [here](#).
- 3. Our last Treats for Staff of the year is June 1st and we are in need of some volunteers to make and deliver some yummy goodies! Check out our SignUpGenius [here](#).
- 4. Field Day is coming! It is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th. If you want to help out at this fun Jefferson event, check out our Sign Up Genius [here](#).
- 5. 5th Grade Parents: It is a Jefferson Tradition to have 5th Grade Parents serve cake / punch at the 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony! (And then enjoy it yourselves, the next year). The 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony is Thursday, June 16th- can you help out? If so, the Sign Up Genius is [here](#).
- 6. The last day of school, Friday, June 17th, is also Jefferson Elementary Night at the Spokane Indians! Get your tickets [here](#).
- We are also looking for more help on the PTG Board. We are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator and a CAC (Citizen's Advisory Committee) Representative for the 2022-2023 School Year! Please reach out to the PTG via email or social media with any questions about what these entail.

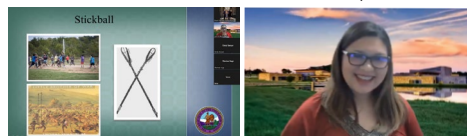
Jefferson Artists Display Work at Kress Gallery

Spokane Public Schools participated in First Friday with artwork at the Kress Gallery from all SPS elementaries and our sister city, Nishinomiya, Japan. Students and families were invited to celebrate with a reception in their honor Friday evening. While many Jefferson artists were deserving of recognition, only three could be included. Those three are shown here. Congratulations to first grader Mary Diede for her Birds with Rainbow, kindergartener Lily Myers for her Cat and Bird and third grader Harper Crofts for her Lava Lamp.



Chickasaw Virtual Assemblies Have Final Session

On May 9th, Lori White Buffalo of the Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma, completed the third and final virtual assembly with Jefferson scholars on Chickasaw Cultural Identity. Comic books were also made available for scholars to learn more. Jefferson is thankful to The Chickasaw Nation for providing these fun and informative sessions. Jefferson families and community members are invited to reach out to the school if they have cultural experiences or connections that could be shared with Jefferson scholars.



CLASSES OF THE WEEK

Mrs. Sims' 3rd Grade

Mrs. Gallagher's 6th Grade

Generation Alive Kicks Off

A live action assembly on May 13 kicked off the Generation Alive project. With an estimated 65,000 people suffering food insecurity in Spokane County, Generation Alive works with schools to raise funds that are used to purchase ingredients that the students assemble into meals after the fundraiser is completed. Prior to COVID, Jefferson worked with Generation Alive to provide 18,000 meals to those in need. The goal this time around is to raise enough money to pack 20,000 meals! Each meal costs only 25 cents! You heard that right. For every 25 cents that is donated, a family of four can have a nutritious meal, assembled by scholars at Jefferson. Donations can be sent to Jefferson or submitted online [here](#) or via the QR code shown here.

