

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 Jefferson Families,

The tragedy that unfolded at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas has touched us all. Here at Jefferson, teachers have led age-appropriate conversations about the tragedy if the topic has surfaced in morning meetings and reviewed steps that we take at school to keep them safe. We also practice lock down drills, with different responses based on an outside or inside threat. I am truly saddened that we even have to do this at all.

While exterior doors remain locked at all times, and visitors must be buzzed in through our single point of entry at the main entrance of the school, there is one change we have made recently to our safety protocols, brought about following a morning meeting in one of our sixth-grade classrooms. The classroom sent a trio of scholars to meet with me about our practice of having all students line up on the blacktop before school begins. This practice has left them feeling vulnerable and they requested that we look to having students line up inside.

We have heeded this request and have now begun having students enter the school directly when arriving on campus. Families are asked to help in this regard by ensuring that scholars will not be on campus before 8:20am. They should enter the building through the same door that they exit each day. Each of these doors will remain available for entry until the 8:30am tardy bell rings. Kindergarteners, who have historically lined up by their classroom exterior doors will enter through the southwest doors by the small play structure.

While the sixth graders had many suggestions for helping address gun violence in schools across America, this suggestion was one that we have control over and can act on without outside action by government officials. We can learn a lot from children if we just take the time to listen.

Be well and thank you for sending us such amazing children.

Brent

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)
Principal brentp@spokaneschools.org

WE ARE HIRING.....Now Accepting Applications for Crossing Guards and Noon Supervision for the 22-23 School Year

Jefferson is now accepting applications for crossing guards and in building aides for the 22-23 school year 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. If you know a neighbor or friend who might be interested, please encourage them to apply as well.

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 stop by the office or call 354-3200 between the hours of 8 and 4 pm.

CALENDAR

June 6

6th Grade Band Concert 7PM

June 9

4th Grade Wax Museum 6PM

June 14

Field Day

June 16

6th Grade Promotion 1:30PM

June 17

Last Day of School:
Early Release
11:30AM Dismissal

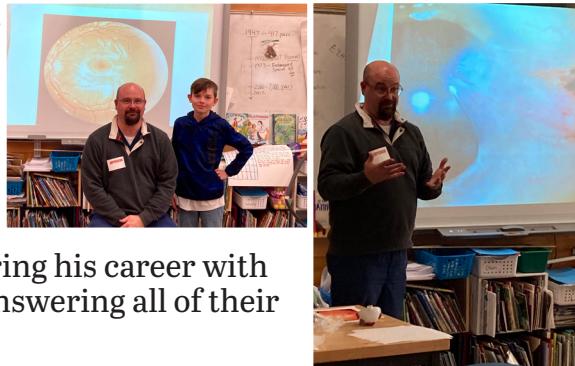
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THE PTG SCOOP.....

- 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. 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 SignUp Genius [here](#).
- 2. 5th Grade Parents: It is a Jefferson Tradition to have 5thGrade 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 SignUp Genius is [here](#).
- 3. 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.

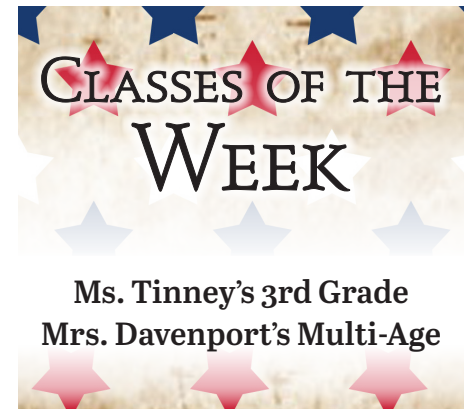
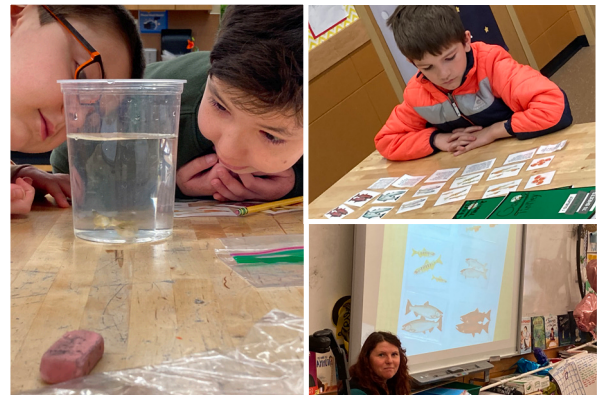
Eye Care Specialist Visits 5th Grade Science Class

On Monday May 23rd Mrs. Reed's class had the wonderful opportunity to hear Curtis Baker talk about his important job in eye care. He takes pictures of the inside of your eye. A big thank you to Mr. Baker for sharing his career with Jefferson scholars and answering all of their many questions!



Excited About Trout!

Jefferson has had the wonderful Autumn Eckenrod working with 3rd graders since January. Mrs. Eckenrod is a science teacher, Jefferson parent and Washington State Department of Fish and Game educator. Jefferson scientists have been raising trout with her since the first weeks of 2022 and learning about animal life cycles. She has created real world lessons to help students learn about human impact on animal life cycles and the environment.



PTG Fun Run Sees Many Miles Run

The annual PTG Fun Run took place on May 26th and saw many Jefferson students piling up the laps! Check out pictures from the event on [Jefferson's Facebook page!](#)





JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY

When:

Friday, June 17th

Game @ 6:30pm

Gates Open @ 5:30pm

Where:

Avista Stadium

602 N. Havana

Spokane, WA 99202

Promotion:

Fireworks Night!

Order your tickets
at:

[https://fevo.me/
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Call (509) 343-OTTO (6886) with
any questions.

See you at the ballpark!

