

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 Members,

Welcome to a new school year! This is the first edition of The Jefferson Journal for the 2022-2023 school year. Each Monday throughout the year, a new edition will arrive in your inbox and be posted on the school's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Please take the time to read The Journal each week with your young scholars, as it will be full of information about the current happenings at school, celebrations of learning and ideas for how you can help support your scholars' learning at home.

In keeping with our digital age, the [Scholar and Family Handbook](#) that used to come home as part of a printed school calendar will now be maintained electronically. This will allow you to access information about your scholars' school from any computer or mobile device. Please take time this week to review the handbook together as a family. The handbook can be found on our website under the "Students" drop down. This will help everyone get off to a smooth start!

On behalf of the entire Jefferson Elementary School staff, welcome back! We look forward to partnering with you in guiding the learning and growth of every child!

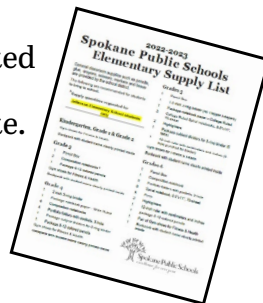
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Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

Principal brentp@spokaneschools.org

Jefferson School Supply List Posted

The [supply list](#) for each grade level has been posted on the Jefferson [Website](#). It can be found in the "Students" dropdown menu on Jefferson's website. Families are encouraged to bring supplies with them to their scholar's launch conference this week.



CALENDAR

September 1-2

Launch Conferences

September 1-2 & 6

KG Conferences

September 6

1st Day of School Grades 1-6
8:30am - 3:00pm

September 7

1st Day of School for
Kindergarten (Group A)
8:30am - 3:00pm

September 8

1st Day of School for
Kindergarten (Group B)
8:30am - 3:00pm

September 9

Kindergarten (Group A)
8:30am - 3:00pm

September 12

Kindergarten (Group B)
Late Start 9:30 am For All
Students

AUGUST 29, 2022

Morning Arrival, Breakfast and More!

Scholars who are not eating breakfast at school are allowed on campus beginning at 8:15am. They will enter the school directly at that time and through the doors that they exit from in the afternoon. Exit doors will be shared with families during launch conferences this week. Scholars with younger siblings may enter the school through the door of the younger sibling if needed.

Those wishing to eat breakfast may arrive on campus to eat after 8:00am. Breakfast eaters will enter through the doors near the cafeteria on the north side of the school.



Birthday Wishes

Jefferson will begin announcing birthday wishes for students during morning announcements. If you would prefer that your child's name not be announced in recognition of his or her birthday, please contact the office so that we can make a note of your request.



THE PTG SCOOP

Welcome back, Patriots! The PTG is excited to serve Jefferson staff and students this year! Here are a few things to keep in mind as school is starting up:

- We will need MANY volunteers throughout the school year. We are not able to do all of our amazing community and school events like Book Fair, Reading Night, Fund Run and more without YOU! To volunteer, you will need to be cleared by the district. Find more information on that [here](#). Don't wait to get your volunteer clearance in. There is a quick turnaround on some of our volunteer opportunities, and volunteer forms can take two weeks to clear.
- To find out about volunteer opportunities, sign up for our email list! [Click here](#) to receive updates from PTG about events, volunteer opportunities and PTG meetings!
- Did you know the PTG is an option for AmazonSmile? You can donate to the PTG whenever you shop by choosing us (Jefferson School Parent-Teacher Group, Spokane WA) in your Amazon app as your AmazonSmile charity!
- Don't forget to follow our social media pages: Facebook: Jefferson PTG, Instagram: @jeffersonpatriotspg for all the latest updates!
- The first PTG meeting of the school year will be TUESDAY,

Sign up for Launch Conferences!

Schools across Spokane will be starting the year with a new concept called Launch Conferences. These will replace the traditional parent-teacher conferences that took place after school was well underway and saw scholars released early every day for a week.

Conference times are available between 8am-5:50pm Thursday, September 1 and between 8:00-2:20pm on Friday, September 2. Kindergarten families also have Tuesday, September 6 from 8:00-3:00 as an option, as kindergarten WAKids conferences are longer than a typical conference.

Families of scholars in grades 1-6 will sign up using the district's electronic scheduler [here](#). In addition to the conference with the teacher, families are asked to plan an additional 30-45 minutes to be spent visiting various parts of the school and taking care of important tasks that will get everyone off to a smooth start.

Kindergarten families have received a letter from their scholar's teacher indicating the time they have been assigned and steps to take if a different time is needed.



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.

Like us on Facebook, Follow us on Instagram

Family and community members are encouraged to like Jefferson on Facebook and follow Jefferson on Instagram to keep up on the latest happenings and to see many more pictures of events than can fit in an issue of The Jefferson Journal.



Peach Jar Provides Electronic “Backpack” for Families



Jefferson, and all schools in Spokane Public Schools, utilize a free digital service, called Peachjar, to put school and community fliers at your fingertips. No more lost or forgotten fliers buried in the bottom of a child’s backpack.

Peachjar will send information right to your device via a free app. Digital school fliers will come directly into your virtual backpack and remain there until they expire for easy review and reference.

No action is required on your part beyond making sure that Jefferson has your most current email address. You will receive a welcome email from Peachjar that includes a username and password. This is provided to give you the opportunity to manage your account and flier delivery preferences. You do not need to login to receive or view school digital fliers.

To ensure smooth delivery of this communication, we suggest you add “school@peachjar.com” to your email contacts. When you receive your first e-flier, be sure to click “always display images.”

This system is used exclusively for distribution of school-approved. Your email address will not be shared or used for any other purpose. You can also visit Jefferson’s website to see school/district-approved digital fliers. Simply click the e-fliers button with the picture of the peach on Jefferson’s homepage.



Note: Peachjar is free to our schools because community partners pay a small service fee to post and distribute their flyers digitally (typically much less than the cost to copy and deliver paper fliers).

New Faces at Jefferson

Jefferson is excited to introduce you to a number of new faces among the 80+ staff members who support the children of the Jefferson neighborhood.

Rhianna Barr, assistant kitchen manager
Kathy Boone, preschool paraeducator
Madeleine Edminster, preschool paraeducator
Mica Lamb, fitness and health teacher
Deanna McCabe, speech and language pathologist
Mallory Mott, mental health therapist
Stephanie Oakes, librarian
Kristina Smith, English learner specialist
Deanna Sudol, designed instruction teacher
Molly Sullivan, library clerk
Brittany Thompson, designed instruction paraeducator

