

# 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

Good Monday to you all,

While September is often known as "back-to-school" month, it has also been noted as "National Attendance Awareness Month" by Attendance Works, a non-profit organization working to bring attention to the impacts of missed days of school by many young scholars in America. In their 2016 report "Preventing Missed Opportunity: Taking Collective Action to Confront Chronic Absence," Attendance Works noted that "more than 6.5 million students, or about 13 percent, miss three or more weeks of school, which is enough time to erode their achievement and threaten their chance of (later) graduating."

With September coming to a close, I hope that this week's Jefferson Journal finds your young scholars getting "in the habit" of school. The structures that you help them set at home as the year begins, from consistent bedtimes to predictable morning routines, will help them find success throughout the school year and put them on a path of success for school, work, and life!

If you are having challenges getting your child up and off to school, we are here to help. Just reach out to your child's teacher, one of our counselors, or our admin. staff, and we will gladly help problem solve.

Wishing you well,

Brent

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

Principal [brentp@spokaneschools.org](mailto:brentp@spokaneschools.org)

## CALENDAR

### September 27

Cross Country Practice  
7:30 am-8:15 am

### September 28

Time trials will be held at  
Comstock Park  
Time TBD

### September 29

Cross Country Practice  
7:30 am-8:15 am

### October 4

Cross Country Practice  
7:30 am-8:15 am  
McTeacher Night  
4:30 pm-6:30 pm  
PTG Meeting  
7:00 pm-8:00pm

### October 5

Cross Country Practice  
7:30 am-8:15 am

### October 6

Cross Country Practice  
7:30 am-8:15 am

SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2022

# STAR AWARD

Fred Jabbora  
 Isla McCarthy  
 Ezme' Hol  
 Soraya Saleki  
 McKell Snyder  
 Jaden Ballou  
 Ada Dempsey  
 Aden Johnson  
 Quinton Lytle  
 Jayne Loper  
 Charlie Stuhlmiller  
 Soleil McCullough  
 Landon Ward  
 Cru Walters  
 Cora Kettleson  
 Benjamin Stephens  
 Kinsley Camarota  
 Frida Sanchez  
 Alice Cook



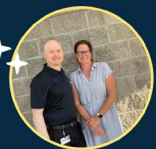
**FROM YOUR**  
**Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook**

(located on the Jefferson Website in the "Students" dropdown menu or click [here](#))

**Gum (page 11)**  
 Jefferson is a gum-free school due to difficulty in removing it from carpets and other surfaces.



Meet Jefferson's Administrators



**Mr. Perdue and Mrs. Gage**

**INTRODUCTION:**

We have a combined total of 54 years experience in elementary education.

**FUN FACT:**


We both have sons that love to boulder and daughters that love theater.

**OUR BACKGROUND**

Both of us were born and raised in the Spokane area. Mr. Perdue attended UW, Gonzaga and Whitworth. Mrs. Gage attended EWU.

**FAVORITE THINGS:**

We both enjoy hiking, kayaking, and paddle boarding. We love good food and being with our families. We love coming to work at Jefferson each day!

**Jefferson Elementary** **McTea** **Teachers NIGHT**   
**Tuesday**  
**October 4, 2022**  
**4:30pm to 6:30pm**  
**4647 S. Regal**  
**Regal McDonald's**



Celebrate National Hispanic & Latinx Heritage Month at the Spokane Library

Click [here](#) to find out more!

## THE PTG SCOOP

- The PTG is looking for someone to fill a vacant board position- Stewardship! Stewardship helps stock the "accident closet" and coordinates the "Hearts and Hands" event in January / February, and the Jefferson Scholarship in the spring. Mentorship available! Please email the PTG at [jeffersonpatriotsptg@gmail.com](mailto:jeffersonpatriotsptg@gmail.com) if interested!
- Bingo Nite / Trunk or Treat is coming up on October 27th- do you want to decorate a trunk? We'd love to have you! Let PTG know!
- Can you bring treats to celebrate our fabulous Jefferson staff on Wednesday, Oct 5th? If so, please check out our Sign Up Genius [here](#)!
- The next PTG meeting of the school year is Tuesday, October 4th, at 7pm on Zoom! Watch for the link. See you there, Patriot Families!

### Are You Not Receiving Communications from Jefferson or Spokane Public Schools?

Jefferson, and all schools in Spokane Public Schools, utilize Blackboard Messenger to send recorded phone calls, text messages, and emails to families. This is the main form of communication if an emergency arrives.



If you are not receiving emails, it is possible that the email on file is incorrect or that you have unsubscribed in the past.

If you are not receiving text messages, it can mean the phone number Jefferson has in the system is incorrect or that texts from the school and district have been blocked. To ensure that texts have not been blocked, simply text the word "START" to 60680.

Spokane Public Schools complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate in the admission, treatment, employment, or access to its programs or activities on the basis of age, sex, marital status, race, color, creed, national origin, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, to the use of a trained guide or service animal by a person with a disability, sexual orientation including gender expression or gender identity, or honorably discharged veteran or military status. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Title IX/Staff Civil Rights Officer, ADA Officer, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)/Student Civil Rights Officer and/or 504 Compliance Officer. The following Civil Rights Compliance Coordinators have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:  
 •Civil Rights Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator: Jodi Harmon, 509.354-7344  
 •Section 504 Coordinator: Melanie Smith, 509.354-7284