

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 Community,

Did you know that Hispanic Heritage Month starts in the middle of September and continues through the middle of October? Unlike other heritage months that are recognized and celebrated beginning with the first day of a selected month, Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15th and continues for 30 days to the middle of October. You might be asking yourself why that would be? Well, let's find out!

September 15 is the date that a number of Latin American countries celebrate as their Independence Day, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Recognition of Hispanic heritage started in the United States in 1968 when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a bill designating the week of September 15th as National Hispanic Heritage Week. Then, 20 years later, the week was lengthened to an entire month under President Ronald Reagan.

If you are interested in delving deeper into ways of observing and/or learning more about Hispanic Heritage Month and the many reasons the country celebrates the contributions of the Latino community to the fabric of the US, head to your local library or consider watching the PBS documentary *Latino Americans* which features many interviews and covers over 500 years of history. Please be aware that if you are considering having your elementary aged scholar join you in watching, that parental discretion is advised.

In service,

Brent

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CALENDAR

October 10

Upper Manito Cross Country Meet for Grades K-2, 3:45 pm

October 11

Upper Manito Cross Country Meet for Grades 3-6, 3:45 pm

October 13

1st Grade Field Trip to High Country Orchard 9am - 1pm

October 14

No School - Professional Learning Improvement Day for Teachers

October 22

All-City Cross Country Meet (Franklin Park)

October 24 - 28

Scholastic Book Fair in the Jefferson Library

October 25

Individual Picture Day

October 27

PTG Bingo Night

OCTOBER 10TH, 2022

THE PTG SCOOP

- The PTG is looking for someone to fill the vacant board position of 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: jeffersonpatriotspg@gmail.com if interested.
- The next PTG meeting of the school year is Tuesday, November 1st, at 7pm on Zoom. Watch for the link.
- BINGO NIGHT will be Thursday, October 27th. We need: **Volunteers to decorate a trunk, volunteers to donate candy**, and a variety of volunteers to help run the event (sign up is coming soon). Click on either the trunk decorating or candy donation links to see the SignUp Genius for that area and get more information. We will also need raffle basket donations, which are themed by grade. Watch for a flyer coming home soon about raffle donations.

FROM YOUR Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook



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

Attendance (pages 4 & 5)

State Board of Education Regulation WAC 180-4C-100 states: “Pupils shall be punctual and regular in attendance and shall obey all rules and regulations of the school district as determined by the administration and Board of Directors.” Generally, the only excuse for absence is illness. Regular attendance is of the greatest importance for your child’s success and is a most necessary habit for a productive adult life. When a child is ill, they should be kept home and a written excuse should be sent to the teacher on the first day of your child’s return.



Parents are asked to call the attendance hotline (354-3202) if their child is going to be absent. This is most helpful to us and assures the school of the child’s safety. Should we not hear from you, you will be called to verify the child’s absence. It is necessary to know the reason for the absence as the school must report certain communicable diseases.

Children may be excused for medical and dental appointments during school hours.

Pupils are never to leave the school premises during the official school day except by written permission of parents, parental phone permission, or with the principal’s permission.

If for some reason it is necessary that your child be dismissed before regular dismissal time, please call the office or send written notice to that effect. Parents may arrange to meet their child in the office and sign him/her out for the remainder of the day or for the duration of an appointment.

Unless they are going directly inside for breakfast, children should not arrive on the school grounds more than 15 minutes before school starts at which time supervision will be provided.

When school is dismissed, children are expected to go directly home. Parents are encouraged to ensure an after-school plan is in place before the school day begins.

STAR AWARD

Sadie Antich
Willa Brown
Ryder Waite
Lula Zellers
Laney Sykora
Frankie Sanchez
Milo Shankle
Aly Schroeter
Ameera Fletcher
Tino McCullough
Stella Dimeling
Benjamin Murray
Parker Jones
Gemma Reykdal
William Hansen
Annie Bialkowsky
Logan Aldana
Lucy Bedford
Coco Bailie
Kayson Farnum



No School Friday

This Friday, October 14, is a non-student day.

This Professional Learning Improvement Day will see educators from across Spokane



“going to school” themselves. The morning will see Jefferson staff learning and collaborating at school before heading to Lewis and Clark HS to continue the day with teachers from all schools that are in the LC feeder pattern.



Disabilities Awareness Month
2022

October is Disability Awareness Month

Jefferson strives to teach young scholars about equity and the beautiful diversity of the world around them. To that end, parents are invited to help their children learn more about Disability Awareness Month which occurs each October. In the coming issues, one or two of Big Life Journal's [7 Key Steps to Raising Inclusive Kids](#) will be shared. Discuss these over dinner, while driving in the neighborhood, or while walking in the park. You will be glad you did!

1 MODEL INCLUSIVE BEHAVIOR

- Examine your **personal beliefs and behaviors** and ensure you're promoting the same values you'd like your child to have.
- **Celebrate differences**, use respectful language when talking about people from all backgrounds, avoid reinforcing stereotypes.
- If you **treat all people with kindness and respect**, your child will too.



2 BUILD SELF-ESTEEM AND EMPATHY

- Give your children **opportunities** to feel capable and competent.
- Empathy is the **ability to notice the feelings** of others and imagine how it feels to be in their position or to see from their perspective. It's a cognitive skill that **can be taught** and developed in children.



McTeacher Night Was a Hit!

Jefferson Staff and families came together last week for a fun McTeacher Night event at the McDonald's on Regal. With McDonald's donating 25% of the proceeds from the two hours that staff members helped serve and families helped eat, Jefferson benefited from the event! See more pictures on Jefferson's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/jeffersonelementaryspokane>).



Jefferson Cross Country Runners Complete Time Trial at Comstock Park

Wednesday, September 29 saw Jefferson runners compete against each other and Wilson Elementary at a time trial event at Comstock Park. Cheered on by hundreds of fans, the runners did their very best and made Jefferson proud!



Book Fair Coming to Jefferson

Get ready! The Fall Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). There's nothing better than seeing kids excited about reading and picking out books!



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 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 your kids get even more books to enjoy!
- **Fair Dates: October 24-28**
- **Book Fair Homepage & eWallet SignUp:** <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/jeffersonelementaryschool125>

We would love volunteers to help at the book fair! Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B45A9AF2DA4FB6-scholastic>

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

We can't wait to see our Jefferson students at the Fair!

Mrs. Talley

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.

