

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,

October is Disability Awareness Month here at Jefferson. Last week's issue of *The Journal* included the first two key steps to raising inclusive kids according to *Big Life Journal*. Two more of the 7 Key Steps to Raising Inclusive Kids are included later in this week's edition.



Jefferson's School Improvement Plan, which all schools complete each year to guide their continued improvement efforts, had increasing awareness and inclusion of special needs populations as an area of focus last year. We will continue this as a focus area in this year's plan so that we can get better and better at not only supporting our special needs scholars and their families, but in helping their school peers and the larger community benefit from the unique diversity and perspectives represented at Jefferson.

Your partner in equity,

Brent


Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)
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OCTOBER 17TH, 2022

CALENDAR

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
5th Grade Classes Attend
the Symphony
PTG Bingo Night

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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: jeffersonpatriotsptg@gmail.com if interested.
- The next PTG meeting of the school year is Tuesday, November 1st, at 7pm on Zoom. Watch for the link. We hope all of our Jefferson families can join us.
- BINGO NITE will be Thursday, October 27th. We will need: [Volunteers to decorate a trunk](#), [volunteers to donate candy](#), and [a variety of volunteers to help run the event](#). Click on one of these links to go to the SignUp Genius to get more information and sign up to volunteer. We will also need raffle basket donations which are themed by grade. A raffle basket flyer should have come home with your child with more information. Keep an eye on our social media for info as well.
- PATROL: Jefferson Patrol is looking for ways to make things fun for our 6th grade Patrol, who help our students cross streets safely. Can you donate a small item that a 6th grader might enjoy? (Ideas: large candy bars, small denomination coffee gift cards, hot cocoa bombs, etc) These items will be raffled off to students who complete Patrol shifts. Email the PTG for more information. jeffersonpatriotsptg@gmail.com.

Reading Buddies Alive at Jefferson

Not only are Reading Buddies tons of fun, but they also give older scholars the chance to practice reading aloud while younger scholars experience advanced vocabulary in books they often can't yet read themselves.



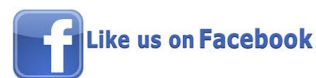
STAR AWARD

- Gabriella Gray
- Madison Sperry
- Oliver Covio
- Abraham Russell
- Ashlynn McClure
- Harper Crofts
- Blythe Barber
- Kendall Weber
- Jaymeson Miller
- Arden Hodge
- Dawsyn Fields
- Zia Lo
- Arayah Davis
- Baird Henderson
- Boston Priest
- Daphne Larson
- Lillie Brigham
- Paizley Miller
- Gage Davis



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.



FROM YOUR Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook



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

Lost and Found (page 14)

Parents are requested to mark all backpacks, lunch pails and articles of clothing with the child's first and last name. We always have quite an accumulation of unclaimed articles which could have been returned if properly marked.



During the school year, please notify the office regarding missing items. After staying in the lost and found for one month, unclaimed items are donated to a community agency.

Spookane 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

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>

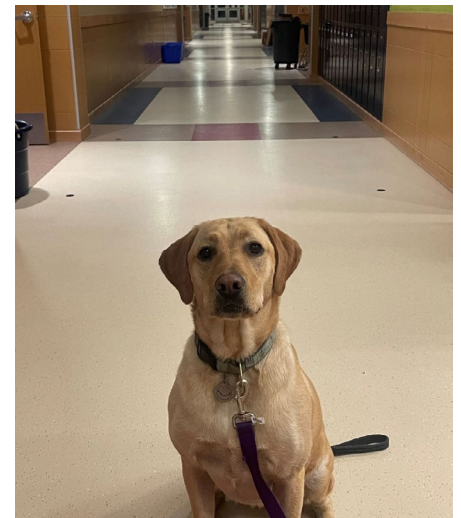
If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

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

Mrs. Talley

New Member of the Jefferson Team

Meet the newest member of the Jefferson team! Millie is Mrs. Gage's dog, and she has been through extensive training to prepare her to be a Jefferson Patriot. While not a service animal or therapy dog, Millie is here to assist in ways that only animals can, bringing joy and also helping to calm young scholars who might be having a hard time. If you have any questions about Millie and her role at the school, reach out to Mrs. Gage!



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. Beginning last week two of Big Life Journal's **7 Key Steps to Raising Inclusive Kids** was shared (Modeling Inclusive Behavior and Build Self-Esteem and Empathy). Two more are being shared this week. Discuss these over dinner, while driving in the neighborhood or while walking in the park. You will be glad you did!

3 BE PREPARED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

Still, discussing differences can be challenging. Try these steps:

1. **Talk about it openly.** Don't avoid the questions.
2. **Ask them why they'd like to know** or what made them think of the question.
3. **Provide an honest answer** that is age appropriate.
4. **If you don't know the answer, don't be afraid to say so.** You can say, "I need to think about your question and tell you the answer later." Once you've gathered the information you need, go back to your child and say, "Let's talk about it."



4 PREPARE FOR VARIOUS SCENARIOS

- Sometimes, your child's question might be about something they perceive as "weird." Emphasize to your child that there is no "normal" and "weird" or "us" and "them."
- If your child uses inappropriate terms or language that is not socially acceptable in asking these questions, **gently correct them** and provide a better alternative.
- Sometimes, our children also ask about differences in public. Apologize for your child if necessary. Then provide a simple and positive response.



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.