

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,

Tomorrow is the first day of November and also the first day of Native American Heritage Month. This special month was first titled National American Indian Heritage Month in a joint proclamation by George HW Bush in 1990, looking to recognize the contributions of First Nations peoples to the history of The United States of America.

There are currently 574 federally recognized tribes in the US, with 29 whose ancestral homelands reside in what is currently Washington State.



A few years back, I was introduced to Native Land Digital (www.native-land.ca), a powerful online tool that can help interested parties determine which tribes had ancestral homelands at any location across the globe. Using the tool, one can enter their own home address, or any location of interest. Using the tool and inputting the address of Jefferson Elementary School, one finds, not surprisingly, that the range of both the Spokane and Coeur d'Alene tribes historically inhabited this area.

Once an address is entered, the map zooms in much like Google Earth. To the left of the screen, links to territories, languages and treaties can be found for the area along with links to the specific tribes that inhabited the area before colonists arrived. Drilling down in our area leads one to hyperlinks for websites for both The Spokane (<https://spokanetribe.com/>) and Coeur d'Alene (<https://www.cdatribe-nsn.gov/>) tribes. Consider trying it out as a family!

Wishing you well,

Brent

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

Principal brentp@spokaneschools.org

OCTOBER 31ST, 2022

CALENDAR

November 1

PTG Meeting, 7pm- Zoom

November 2

5/6 Leadership Meeting
3-3:45 pm

November 3

Building Bridges to Beloved
Community 5:15pm (for those
who have RSVP'd)

November 9

Veterans Day Concert 5:30pm

November 11

Veteran's Day, No School

November 15

5th grade Career fair, Spokane
Fair & Expo Center
12:45-2pm

November 16

5/6 Leadership Meeting
3-3:45 pm

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FROM YOUR

Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook



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

Illnesses: When to Keep Your Child Home from School (page 13)

NOTE: The list below applies to a typical non-COVID year. District health protocols will guide expectations for students staying home and might change throughout the year based on guidance from the Spokane Regional Health District.

Children should stay home if they have any of the following:

- A fever of 100 degrees or higher in the last 24 hours. Your child should be fever free (without the use of fever reducing medicines) for 24 hours.
- A consistently goopy, runny nose.
- Drainage from the eye and/or redness of the eyelid or skin around the eye.
- A bad cough--one that you wouldn't want your well child to be around.
- A sore throat, especially with fever or swollen glands in the neck.
- Shortness of breath or other problems with normal breathing.
- Is unusually tired, pale, or difficult to awaken, headache or body aches, seems confused or irritable and/or lacks normal appetite.
- A rash that is associated with fever or severe itching.
- Vomiting with/without diarrhea within the last 24 hours. Your child should be free of vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school. NOTE: A child who has one episode of bloody diarrhea or two episodes of diarrhea at school must be sent home and cannot return until the diarrhea has resolved. Some diarrhea may be associated with bacteria or virus. If your child has severe diarrhea, you should contact your health care provider.
- Has begun taking an antibiotic within the past 24 hours.
- Any contagious disease such as chicken pox, influenza, whooping cough or gastroenteritis.
- As directed by your health care provider.



STAR AWARD

Tesla Milton

Kyle Pauling

Sophia McCarthy

Emma Monroe

Lizzie Fasano

Juliette Snyder

Wilder Mitchell

Sophia Elliott

Eliana Stevens

Axel Paul

Channah Dillon

Greyson Baker

Malia Finney

Junia Killian

June Beil

Rylie Gillum

Jaleel Sanders

THE PTG SCOOP

• **The PTG** is looking for someone to fill a vacant Stewardship board position. Stewardship helps stock the "accident closet" and coordinates the "Hearts and Hands" event in January/February as well as 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 tomorrow, Tuesday, November 1st, at 7pm on Zoom. Watch for the link. See you there, Patriot Families.

• The next **Treats for Staff** is Wednesday November 2nd. If you can drop off a snack or treat for our fabulous Jefferson staff, check out our [SignUp Genius](#).

• **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 amount coffee gift cards, hot cocoa bomb, etc.) These items will be raffled off to students who complete Patrol shifts. Email the PTG for more information. jeffersonpatriotspg@gmail.com.





JEFFERSON EDUCATOR EARNS FERRUCCI DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AWARD

Mrs. Pearcy was recently recognized for her work in science education using augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) to help students view themselves as scientists and see how science is part of their day-to-day lives. Congratulations Mrs. Pearcy! Read more in this [issue of the WSU Insider](#).

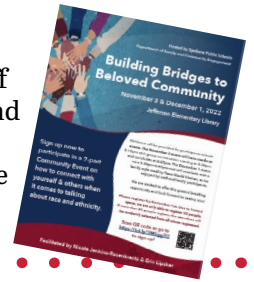
FAMILIES INVITED TO GIVE INPUT ON JEFFERSON'S SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Each school in Spokane drafts a School Improvement Plan to guide their efforts for every school year. A draft of the plan will be shared at tomorrow evening's (Nov. 1) PTG meeting, which begins at 7pm. This link will get you into the Zoom meeting: <https://bit.ly/3SE1xdj>



DON'T MISS OUT! BUILDING BRIDGES TO BELOVED COMMUNITY COMING TO JEFFERSON!

Jefferson is hosting an event for Jefferson parents and staff who wish to learn more about supporting their children and the larger community when it comes to talking about race and ethnicity. Find the flyer and more information on page 4 of today's edition of the Jefferson Journal!



ALL CITY CROSS COUNTRY

We had an outstanding cross country season with over 130 runners getting up early each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to be physically active and improve their running speed. 32 students qualified to run in the All-City meet last Saturday. These runners qualified by running their race under a specified time or by placing first or second in our regional time trials. We are so proud of all our runners. Shout out to Brynn Snyder for leading cross country this year as a volunteer and for all of the parents who supported her throughout this season. We could not have done it without your support!

Our all-city runners were:

Juliette Snyder, Marcus Lipsker, William Hansen, Isla McCarthy, Lucille Grant, Sadie Antich, Sadie Trader, Arayah Davis, Parker Ferguson, Lucas Castillo, Wesley Bialkowski, Vera Bookey, Koah Finney, Elliot Edgar, Owen Kettleston, Brad Hutchings, Guthrie Lanz, McKell Snyder, Mia Brady, Anna Lichfield, Claire Schmitt, Ellie Schmitt, Reagan Lobdell, Annie Bialkowski, Colton Klossner, Nathaniel Parisot, Malia Finney, Lila Sandusky, Jenna Snyder, Landon Ward, Kailey Finney and Dawson Fields



JEFFERSON SCHOLARS LEARN LAKOTA HISTORY AND HERITAGE

Many classrooms at Jefferson had the chance to experience Lakota culture recently. Lenore Three Stars shared some of the history of her tribe as well as personal stories of her and her family's life as indigenous people in America.



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Make your voice heard! Ballots must be postmarked by Tuesday, November 8.



Hosted by Spokane Public Schools
Department of Family and Community Engagement

Building Bridges to Beloved Community

November 3 & December 1, 2022

Jefferson Elementary

Sign up now to participate in a 2-part community event on how to connect with yourself, your neighbors and your children when it comes to talking about race and ethnicity.

Childcare will be provided for participants at both events. The **November 3** event will include snacks at 5:15pm with group conversation starting at 5:30pm and concluding at 6:45pm. The **December 1** event will be held from 5:30pm-6:45pm and will conclude with a family style meal by Feast World Kitchen, to be enjoyed by staff and family participants.

We are excited to offer this ground breaking opportunity and look forward to seeing you!

Please register by November 1st. Due to limited space, we are only able to register 50 people. If more than 50 people register, the attendees will be randomly selected from all whom registered.

Scan QR code or go to
<https://bit.ly/3MGggTO>
to sign up!



Facilitated by Nicole Jenkins-Rosenkrantz & Erin Lipsker