

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,

Growing up in the Spokane area, I never had a full sense of the history of this place we call home. I learned a little about Native American tribes in school but mostly as background characters in the story of white explorers and settlers who came to lands that were yet unexplored and unclaimed, which does not accurately reflect the truth that indigenous people had lived on the land for thousands of years. Last week, I introduced a tool that allows us to explore which indigenous tribes inhabited an area before colonization. This week, I will visit a next step in honoring those who came before us.

Here at Jefferson, we are striving to tell the history of the area and our nation from all perspectives, which includes the history of those who were in power, but also of those who faced subjugation and removal as well. We have a moral obligation to tell all our stories.

When we examine all perspectives of the events in our history, it helps us make better decisions in the future to support all people and continue to make Spokane, and our nation, a better place for everyone.

In our effort to recognize the first inhabitants of the Spokane area, we include a land acknowledgment as part of our Jefferson Journal header each week.

What is a land acknowledgment you ask and why are so many businesses, government entities and educational institutions beginning to use them? Land acknowledgements are historically accurate statements that are honest and honoring of indigenous First Nations of North America. They commemorate their historical and ongoing connection to the land we inhabit.

In the graphic above, you will see the land acknowledgment that is included in the Jefferson Journal. It is shared with students each Tuesday morning during morning announcements.

Wishing you well,

Brent

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

Principal brentp@spokaneschools.org



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Make your voice heard!

Ballots must be postmarked by Tuesday, November 8.

VOTE!

CALENDAR

November 9

Veterans Day Concert 5:30pm

November 11

Veteran's Day, No School

November 10

Unicycle Class 3-4 pm

November 15

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

Unicycle Class 3-4 pm

November 16

5/6 Leadership Club Meeting
3-3:45 pm

November 23-25

Thanksgiving Break, No School

November 30

Individual Picture Retakes

In our last edition of The Jefferson Journal, we recognized our runners that competed at All City. All but one runner, that is! We missed Dylan Eagon's name on our list. Congratulations to Dylan for making it to and competing in All-City! We are proud of you and we apologize for missing your name the first go-around.

NOVEMBER 7TH, 2022

THE PTG SCOOP

- The next PTG meeting of the school year is Tuesday, December 6th! See you there.
- The Gift Wrap Sale ends VERY soon- Nov 9th. Be sure to [REGISTER](#) your student, SHARE the custom student support link with family and friends, and get your shopping done.
- The next Treats for Staff is in two days- Wednesday November 9th. The date was changed this month due to lack of volunteers. If you can drop off a snack or treat for our fabulous Jefferson staff, check out our Sign Up Genius!
- A BIG THANK YOU to all the amazing Patriot Families who continue to help make our events a success. We had such a great time at Bingo Night / Trunk or Treat, so thank you to all of you who volunteered and participated!

JOIN THE JEFFERSON TEAM!

Through October 28, Jefferson has had 111 paraeducator substitute positions fail to fill. If you or someone you know are able to help out, we would love to have you join the team! You can work as few or as many days as you like. Here are the details and a link to the job posting.:



Guest Paraeducators (substitutes): Anyone with a high school diploma and 72 quarter credits or 48 semester credits from an accredited college, an associate's degree (community college), bachelor's degree, OR who can pass an academic assessment is eligible. Paraeducators assist teachers in classrooms for students with identified special needs. The pay for these positions is \$15.75 per hour for general education support and \$18.00 for select positions determined by the district. For more information and to apply, go here: <https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/spokaneschools/jobs/3746895/substitute-paraeducator>

STAR AWARDS A HIT

Jefferson has a new program this year that recognizes scholars for demonstrating actions that support a character trait that is the schoolwide focus for each month. These traits are part of our Character Strong PurposeFull People curriculum. In October, the focus was on Responsibility. November sees us moving into Gratitude.

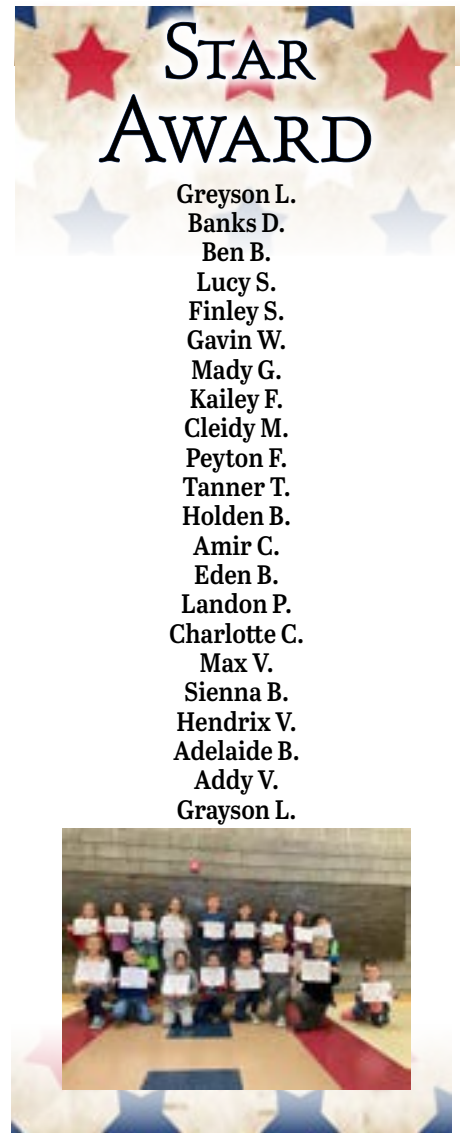


Students who are selected for the Star Award receive a certificate with the reason they were selected written on it and have their picture taken with other award recipients. The certificates are sent home the next week after spending time in the school's display cabinet near the office for all to see.

In this picture, other Jefferson scholars stop at the display case to read the reasons scholars have been selected.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK, FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

Family and community members are encouraged to like Jefferson on Facebook (www.facebook.com/jeffersonelementaryspokane) and follow Jefferson on Instagram (www.instagram.com/jeffersonelementaryspokane) 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.



- Greyson L.
- Banks D.
- Ben B.
- Lucy S.
- Finley S.
- Gavin W.
- Mady G.
- Kailey F.
- Cleidy M.
- Peyton F.
- Tanner T.
- Holden B.
- Amir C.
- Eden B.
- Landon P.
- Charlotte C.
- Max V.
- Sienna B.
- Hendrix V.
- Adelaide B.
- Addy V.
- Grayson L.

VETERANS DAY THIS FRIDAY

Jefferson wishes to thank all veterans, and the families



who support them, for their service to our country. The sacrifice these individuals and families make to serve and protect American ideals around the globe will never be forgotten. Two programs honoring veterans will take place this Wednesday, November 9th at Jefferson. The first will be at 1:30pm with a repeat program at 5:30pm. All veterans are invited to attend.

The Veterans Day holiday will be observed this Friday, November 11th. School will not be session.