

# 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,

Jefferson strives to recognize scholars who excel academically and as positive members of their classroom and schoolwide community. We do this through our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) expectations and activities. Five expectations guide this work:

Positive Problem Solver

Responsible Citizen

Independent Learner

Doing My Best

Earning and Giving Respect



Scholars earn PRIDE tickets for meeting PRIDE expectations across the school. These tickets can be turned in for prizes in recognition of efforts to meet and exceed PRIDE expectations. Scholars turn in tickets in multiples of ten, with ten tickets gaining a small prize and up to 50 tickets for a larger prize. Five students thus far have chosen to save up their tickets to earn their own 50 ticket Patriot Puppy. Two such winners are shown here (Ryder W. and Cecilia H.).

While we strive to create an intrinsic desire to be a person of character it is also fun to celebrate when students are being awesome!

Wishing you well,

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

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

## CALENDAR

### 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

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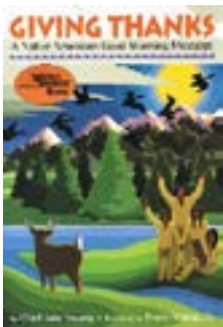
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# THE PTG SCOOP.....

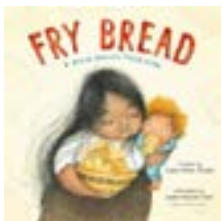
- The next PTG meeting of the school year is Tuesday, December 6th. We hope to see you there.
- If you are a 5th or 6th grade parent and have not submitted your student's info for the memory book, this is a reminder to please do so before we start contacting you.
- Show your Jefferson spirit! Jefferson T-shirt orders are happening now. Final orders are due Nov 28th. Place your order [here](#). Pictures of the t-shirts and sweatshirts can be viewed on the order form.

## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH READ-ALONGS

November is Native American Heritage Month. Families may enjoy sharing these read-along videos, compiled by Adams Elementary library staff, with your children.



Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message  
<https://youtu.be/eOQCxe15myQ>



Fry Bread by Kevin Noble Maillard  
<https://youtu.be/7N3Ky3eCI>



At the Mountain's Base by Traci Sorell  
<https://youtu.be/fnNoyNNhDkg>



We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom  
<https://youtu.be/7YviSkDv9xU>



At the Mountain's Base by Traci Sorell  
<https://youtu.be/fnNoyNNhDkg>



Fry Bread by Kevin Noble Maillard  
<https://youtu.be/7N3Ky3eCI>  
Interview with Author:  
<https://youtu.be/qs1xsPDOVoA>



Bowwow Powwow by Brenda J. Child  
<https://youtu.be/EmLBjegtIjM>



Mission To Space by John Herrington  
<https://youtu.be/phT6oFDtTik>



Birdsong by Julie Flett  
<https://youtu.be/ZaahD5Oc4a4>

## STAR AWARD

Kayden Riofrio  
 Theo Houchins  
 Nina Martinelli  
 Dakota Mathisen  
 Sasha Chepievskaya  
 Lily Myers  
 Elly Neff  
 Colin Doty  
 Only Jilon  
 Ben Bedford  
 Jane Lichfield  
 Iris Shankle  
 William Wycoff  
 Emma Miller  
 Ava Waite  
 June Nelson  
 Zayne Turner  
 Kylar Becker  
 Ryan Sykora






**FROM YOUR**

**Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook**



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

**Weather (page 23)**

When the weather is severe, please be careful to ensure that your child arrives at the regularly scheduled time. To avoid after-school confusion, please have a foul weather plan if your child walks or rides a bike. This helps keep your child safe and keeps our phone lines free in emergencies.



Please check our district website for information on school closures or listen to major radio and TV stations beginning around 5:30 a.m.

Fresh air and exercise are important parts of a child's development. We make every effort to provide this to scholars each day while they are at school. Scholars should come dressed appropriately for the weather and be prepared to be outside for recess. During cold weather, the principal will assess current conditions and review weather charts to ensure that it is safe for scholars to be outside. As a general rule, scholars will be kept inside when temperatures move into the single digits.



**PREPARING FOR WINTER WEATHER**

As winter arrives, families are encouraged to familiarize yourselves with Spokane Public Schools' [inclement weather procedures](#). School closure and delay information can be found there, as well as answers to many frequently asked questions (FAQs). There is also a video that explains how SPS decides on weather delays or closures.



**LOOKING FOR WINTER CLOTHES!**

Winter weather has arrived! Jefferson Elementary - along with other schools in our area - have students in need of warm winter gear. As you sort through your stash of winter outerwear, please consider donating any clean, gently used items to Jefferson. We are most in need of snow pants, winter boots, coats, and gloves. We need all sizes, kindergarten through young adult. Donated items will first go to Jefferson students in need. Any extra gear will be donated to Grant Elementary to support their students in need. Thank you in advance for ensuring all students can enjoy recess in the snow.

**PICK UP AND DROP OFF IN FRONT OF SCHOOL**

Families are asked to use the crosswalk directly in front of the school when crossing the pick-up loop. This both ensures the safety of everyone, but also teaches children the importance of crossing at designated crossings at school and in the community. Student safety patrol members typically man this crossing, adding an additional level of safety.



**PLAYGROUND CLOSED FOR ONE HOUR AFTER SCHOOL EACH DAY**

The Jefferson playground is closed for 60 minutes after school lets out each day. The playground is reserved for after-school activities and for Jefferson's Express Childcare program. Families are asked to remind their scholars that they are to go straight home after school. Families picking up students are also asked to help by having their children stay off the equipment until after 4pm.

