

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

Spokane Public Schools subscribes to two results-based computer programs to meet elementary scholars where they are in their reading and mathematics journeys. Dreambox (mathematics) and Lexia (reading) learn from your scholar's successes and errors and adjusts the program to meet their individual needs. You can help at home, but not in the way you might think.



Each click of the mouse is analyzed by the programs to determine whether the user is understanding. If a teacher, parent or sibling "helps," the program believes that the user has mastered understanding that they truly have not. This can lead to frustrations when the learner then gets stuck.

The best support that families can provide at home is to help ensure that their scholar is completing a minimum of 5 lessons per week in Dreambox and 10 units per week in Lexia. These goals have been determined to be the minimums a user needs to hit each week to be on target for grade level standards at the end of the year. If a student is behind grade level targets or ahead of them, the number of lessons/units needing completion can differ.

It is important to note that with each scholar at Jefferson having their own assigned laptop at school, and with designated time being allocated at school for using these tools, you won't be on your own to help your scholar hit the targets. You can help ensure that they do, and perhaps help them go above and beyond! If your scholar is not currently where they need to be in terms of academic achievement, providing time and encouragement for them to do more than the minimum lessons/units each week can help them close the gap. Just don't forget to make sure they do it all on their own.



To sign in to either program from home, go to <https://clever.com/in/spokaneschools>. Your scholar's username is their last name + the last 4 digits of their SPS student Identification number + @sps81.org. For example, if I were a student, my username would be perdue1009@sps81.org. Their password is their 8 digit birthdate (MMDDYYYY).

In continued partnership,

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

Principal brentp@spokaneschools.org

CALENDAR

December 6

Picture Re-take Day
Chess Club 3-4:30

December 7

Sacajawea Middle School
Band/Strings/Choir Visits
Jefferson
Chess Club 3-4:30
Leadership Club 3-3:45pm

December 8

Chess Club 3-4:30pm

December 15

KG Gingerbread Plays 5-6pm

December 19-January 2

Winter Break-No School

DECEMBER 5TH, 2022

FROM YOUR

Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook

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

Vehicle Safety (page 23)

We all need to work together to ensure scholar and driver safety near the school. We ask that all adults act as positive models for our scholars.

Jefferson's safety expectations include:

- Scholars must cross the street at the nearest corner with a scholar or adult safety patrol member on duty.
- Vehicles may never double park. It is illegal and a safety hazard.
- All scholars, parents and visitors must cooperate with our safety patrol.
- Always drive in a responsible manner.



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 information for the memory book, this is a reminder to please do so ASAP. Pictures can be emailed to: jeffersonpatriotmemories@gmail.com
- The next Treats for Staff event is Wednesday, Dec 7th. If you can bring a delicious treat to celebrate our fabulous Jefferson staff, please check out the SignUpGenius [here](#)!
- Save the date! Reading Night at Jefferson will take place on Thursday, January 12th from 6-8pm. More information to follow. Don't miss this fun event!

STAY IN TOUCH WITH JEFFERSON AND SPS!

Jefferson, and all schools in the Spokane School District, utilize Blackboard Messenger to send recorded phone calls, text messages and emails to families. This is the main form of communication for notices and in the case of emergencies or school closures.



If you are not receiving:

- ⇒ Phone Calls– Call 855.502.7867.
- ⇒ Text Messages– Text the word "START" to phone number 60680.
- ⇒ Emails– Check to see if your inbox is routing emails from Spokane Public Schools (SPS) to your junk folder. If that does not do the trick, email Rachel Nicholson in the SPS tech. department at RacheIN@spokaneschools.org and request that she assist.

STAR AWARD

Logan D.
Giovanni B.
Henry B.
Emme F.
Nora N.
Owen V.
Oliver E.
Conway J.
Leonna F.
Sela S.
Alyssa K.
Alexis C.
Elsa C.
Anders C.
Van B.
Ayden G.
Marshall C.
Audrey R.



GOING BACK IN THE 80'S!

Jefferson's student leadership club tabbed November 22nd as 80's Spirit Day! Even some of the teachers and staff got into the fun.



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.



BUS LOOP RESTRICTIONS

The bus loop is restricted to buses and vehicles with special permission before and after school. This allows for the efficient and safe pick up and drop off of scholars each school day. Other scholars can be dropped off on 37th street in front of the school or along Manito Boulevard in the back.



STEAM Powered Fundraiser *at* *Northwest Winterfest*



Come join us to celebrate the holiday season and raise money for Spokane Public Schools classrooms and teachers! Bring your family and join the Spokane Public Schools Foundation as we raise funds for classroom grants. Last year the Foundation awarded over \$100K to classroom teachers across the District. We want to continue this effort, and we need you!

One Night Only!

Thursday, December 8, 2022 | 5:00pm – 7:30pm

Tickets for ages 11 and up are \$20, which includes:

- » Touring the Northwest Winterfest light displays
- » Presentations by students from Spokane Public Schools
- » Family Photos
- » Hot Chocolate & Apple Cider Bar
- » Kid Crafts and children 10 and under are free!

Other activities to raise money for our classroom grants will include:

- » Face Painting
- » Cookie Decorating
- » Prize Drawings
- » 50/50; Prize Raffles

Food is also available for pre-order:

Choose a beef hot dog or a pulled pork sandwich. Both options include a bottle of water and chips.

To purchase tickets visit:

<https://spokanepublicschoolsfoundation.ticketspice.com/steam-power-2022>

For more information or inquiries email us at STEAM@spokaneschoolsfoundation.org

