

# 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

Dear Jefferson Community,

As 2022 nears its close, and our school year is well underway, I wanted to say thank you for partnering with us this past calendar year. School has mostly returned to normal following a pandemic that turned schooling upside down. Scholars lost precious learning time as well as time to develop important social skills that are so essential to a happy and healthy life. It is my hope that our collective resilience will see us through this stretch in history stronger than ever. It will take work and continued partnership to get there.

Thank you for being your child's first and most important teacher, and thank you for joining with us as we partner to build them up. By doing so, we strengthen our community and the larger world.

Wishing you the very best,

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

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



DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

## CALENDAR

**December 13**

Chess Club 3-4:30

**December 14**

Chess Club 3-4:30

**December 15**

KG Gingerbread Plays 5-6pm

**December 19-January 2**

Winter Break-No School

**January 3**

PTG Meeting Via Zoom 7pm



- Ryleigh B.
- Eden B.
- Sadie T.
- Cruz Q.
- Kimmy H.
- Charlie S.
- Sarah M.
- Eddie T.
- Liliana A.
- Kennedy L.
- Luke M.
- Parker G.
- Ella H.
- Anela S.
- Aaliyah K.
- Cailyn L.
- Nathaniel P.



# THE PTG SCOOP.....

- The next PTG meeting is Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023 (our first day back after break) on Zoom at 7pm. See you there!
- If you have children’s books that aren’t being used on your shelves, please donate them for our book swap during Jefferson Reading Night. Bring books for Pre-K-6th grade ages to the Jefferson Office. Thank you!
- Did you know the PTG is an option for AmazonSmile? You can donate to the PTG whenever you shop by choosing us (Jefferson School Parent-Teacher Group, Spokane WA) in your Amazon app as your AmazonSmile charity.
- It's never too soon to start thinking about next year. Several PTG Board members will be transitioning away in the 2023-2024 school year, and their roles will need to be filled. Could you step in? Earlier planning opens the door for possible mentorship. Stay tuned for more information and contact PTG with questions.

## FROM YOUR Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook

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

### Sexual Harassment (page 20)

Scholars and staff are protected against sexual harassment by anyone in any school program or activity including on school campus, on the school bus or school-sponsored off-campus events such as a school sponsored field trip. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination.

You can find a copy of the district’s policy and procedure 5011 on the district’s web site [www.spokaneschools.org](http://www.spokaneschools.org), at your school or Human Resources. Individuals who believe there has been a violation of policy are encouraged to report to any school staff member or contact the district Equal Opportunity Officer at (509) 354-7344 or Title IX/Staff Civil Rights Officer at (509) 354-7265. Further information and complaint forms may be found on the Spokane Public Schools website, [www.spokaneschools.org](http://www.spokaneschools.org). If you cannot resolve your concern with the school, you may wish to file a formal complaint with the school district.

There are three (3) steps to filing a complaint:

- Step 1:** Complaint to School District Superintendent
- Step 2:** Appeal to the School Board
- Step 3:** Complaint to OSPI. The instructions on how to follow these steps may be found at [www.k12.wa.us/Equity/Complaints.aspx](http://www.k12.wa.us/Equity/Complaints.aspx) and brochures are located at district schools and online at [www.spokaneschools.org](http://www.spokaneschools.org).

Spokane 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



## SAFETY PATROL HELPS EVERYONE GET TO AND FROM SCHOOL SAFELY

Jefferson has four road crossings manned by adult safety patrol. In addition, in cooperation with the Spokane Police Department, Jefferson trains fifth and sixth grade scholars to act as safety patrol crossing guards at intersections near the school. Fourth graders often join later in their fourth-grade year once they have turned 10 years old.

Scholars traveling to school must obey the safety patrol and cross the streets with the safety patrol in a safe and responsible manner.

Adult and scholar crossing guards are on duty from 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The following intersections are monitored by safety patrol members:

- Grand & 37th
- Bernard & 37th
- Manito & 37th
- Manito and Tekoa

Jefferson Elementary School Adult Monitored Safety Patrol Crossings



## LIKE US ON FACEBOOK, FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

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



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## NOTHING LIKE SNOW TO BRING OUT THE JOY!

Spokane's recent snowstorms may have snarled traffic and closed down schools, but it brought much joy to Jefferson scholars.



# SECOND GRADE

Mrs. Kenney, Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. Stefanoff

## FUN FACTS

This dynamic trio has done so many different things! Some of their previous careers include business owner, waitress, Hot Shot firefighter, marketing executive, carousel employee, advertising, egg packing and more. Can you guess who has done what?

## EXPERIENCE

This team has taught all grade levels, kindergarten through sixth. They have a combined 62 years experience in elementary education. With all that experience, you can be sure your second grade students are in excellent hands at all times!



## HOBBIES

They have raised five girls between them. They love outside activities such as hiking, biking, snow skiing and golfing, and love to travel and see the world!



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Providing gifts and food to those in need at Christmastime!

Spokane County Fair and Expo Center | 404 N Havana, Spokane Valley, WA 99212

DECEMBER 8-15, 2022

December 8-10 & 13-15 | 10am-2pm

Monday, December 12 | 4pm-8pm

(Closed on Sunday, December 11th)

All families are welcome this Christmas at the Fairgrounds!

Required Documentation

The following documentation is required to receive assistance:

Children (17 yrs. and younger)

Bring Proof of:

Name

Date of Birth or Age

(Examples of acceptable documentation)

- Birth Certificate
• Insurance Card
• Letter from school, DSHS or day care
• WA Apple Health Statement

Adults (18 yrs. and older)

Bring Proof of:

Photo ID (copies acceptable)

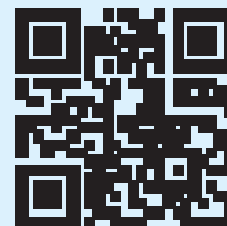
Proof of Physical Residence

(Examples of acceptable documentation)

- Bill
• Rental Agreement

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No Pre-Registration Required!



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We will follow CDC and Spokane Regional Health guidelines. You may be asked to wear a mask upon entry.