

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 to you all,

Our Mindset journey continues this week as we dig into the work of Jo Boaler, whose book, **Mathematical Mindsets**, explores how the concept of mindset impacts a scholar's approach to mathematics.



Study after study has shown that the brain is a truly amazing organ, capable of rapid growth and change in a short amount of time. If something is learned at a deep level, lasting connections are formed, but if learning is just touched on or done in a "superficial way, the synaptic connections can 'wash away' like pathways made in the sand."

Interestingly, there is a pervasive belief in the United States that there are those who are born to do math, and others who are not. But this is simply not true. Recent brain research has shown that "everyone, with the right teaching and messages, can be successful in math, and everyone can achieve at the highest levels in school. A lot of scientific evidence suggests that the difference between those who succeed and those who don't is not the brains they were born with, but their approach to life, the messages they receive about their potential, and the opportunities they have to learn."

Here at Jefferson, we are embracing these tenets, and ask that you do so as well at home. All of our kids can learn mathematics at high levels. Please join me in our journey to make it so!

Check back next week when I will be sharing some findings that it is high achievers who are often most affected by having fixed mindsets, rather than embracing a growth mindset.

Make it a great week!

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

Principal brentp@spokaneschools.org

CALENDAR

January 31

Unicycle Club 3pm

February 1

Leadership Meeting
3:05-3:45pm

February 2

Unicycle Class 3-4pm
Multicultural Club 3-4pm

February 3

Semester BreakDay
No School

February 7

Unicycle Class 3-4pm
PTG Meeting 7pm

February 9

Unicycle Club 3-4pm
PTG Family Dance 6-7:30pm

JANUARY 30TH, 2023



- Beatrice R.
- Brynley M.
- Keagan N.
- Paeton F.
- Henry V.-V.
- Louise W.
- Lila S.
- Raylan M.
- Brixston C.
- June B.
- Abby J.
- Atticus S.
- Paizley M.
- Destiny H.
- Sayer L.
- Colin D.
- Shuli G.
- Logan P.
- Sage L.
- Braydon F.



THE PTG SCOOP.....

- The next PTG meeting is tomorrow, **Tuesday, Feb 7, 2023**. It will be in the library AND on Zoom at 7pm. See you there!
- It's never too soon to start thinking about next year. The majority of the 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. Please contact PTG with questions.
- 5th and 6th Grade Parents: You should have received an email from the Memory Book Committee (via your child's teacher) regarding submitting permission forms and photos. PLEASE get these needed items in soon if you haven't already.
- Mark your calendars for Jefferson's first Family Dance. It is scheduled for **Thursday, Feb 9th from 6-8pm**. More details to come.

CLASS PRIDE THROUGH AND THROUGH

Congratulations to Mrs. Deesten's kindergarten for recently filling up the 60 spaces on their classroom PRIDE poster!



Classrooms at Jefferson can earn stickers for their PRIDE posters when they collectively meet PRIDE expectations across the building. When their poster is filled with stars, classes receive a Smart Snack compliant treat and extra recess with Mr. Perdue or Mrs. Gage. The five PRIDE expectations include:

- P**ositive Problem Solver
- R**esponsible Citizen
- I**ndependent Learner
- D**oing My Best
- E**arning and Giving Respect



FROM YOUR

Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook

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

Address, Telephone Number(s) & Other Pertinent Information (page 4)

It is important to keep the school informed at all times of any changes of your child's information, such as address or telephone number at home or work, neighbor to contact, and health information. Changes should be sent to the school office as soon as possible. This information is essential in order to provide assistance to your child in case of an emergency.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES

- Main Line 354-3200
- Absence Line 354-3210
- Fax 354-3210
- Jefferson Elementary School 123 E. 37th Ave. Spokane, WA 99203
- Jefferson Website Address: <http://spokaneschools.org/jefferson>
- Spokane Public Schools Website Address: <http://spokaneschools.org>



The 10 minutes right before and after school can be quite a challenge. Busy and congested may be inconvenient, but it doesn't have to be unsafe. Please do your part to keep our students, staff, and other parents out of harm's way.

- ✓ **Park and walk. Avoid the chaos!** Park down the block and walk with your student. It's safer and healthier. If you park across the street, take the time to walk with your young student(s), and show them how to use the crosswalk correctly.
- ✓ **Park only in designated areas.** Parking inappropriately or in a No Parking zone puts students and other drivers at risk.
- ✓ **Watch for and follow crossing guard instructions.** Help them keep our students safe!
- ✓ **Use curbside arrival/departure:** Have your student(s) exit the vehicle at the curb, not into or across traffic.
- ✓ **Slow down!** We get it. It's been a hectic day. But the school zone is where you need to slow down and practice patience.

Please do NOT:

- ✗ **Park in bus areas.** While this may seem convenient, it creates all kinds of student safety issues.
- ✗ **Drive in the wrong direction or make U-turns.** Besides being illegal, these actions put students and other drivers in danger.
- ✗ **Block crosswalks, sidewalks, or driveways.** This forces students and others to walk around your vehicle into traffic. It also makes neighbors mad.
- ✗ **Use your phone.** Distracted driving puts everyone in danger.
- ✗ **Back up in school zones.** This can be extremely dangerous in areas with many younger students.

Questions? Ask your school's principal or call SPS Safety Services at 354.7320.



PRINCIPALS COOK UP APPRECIATION

Earlier in January, Mrs. Gage and Mr. Perdue shared their appreciation of staff by providing them with a New Year's



breakfast that is becoming an annual tradition. They even performed a fun song with lyrics tied to their work at the school. Mr. Perdue and Mrs. Gage invite parents to join them in thanking the Jefferson staff for continuing to make Jefferson such a special place for children.

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.



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JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTG PRESENTS A:

LIGHT

up the night

FAMILY

GLOW
STICKS

DJ

BUBBLES

glow party dance

Thursday, February 9th

6-7:30PM

Jefferson School Gym
123 E. 37th Ave.

LIGHT
MACHINES

pizza will be available for purchase. If you plan to eat pizza, it is highly recommended to preorder your slices using the QR code

GAMES



FREE ENTRY FOR FAMILIES

we will be collecting donations to support World Relief at the door. Please see their wishlist on the Hearts and Hands flyer that will be coming home