

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 Families of Jefferson Scholars and the Larger Jefferson Community, I am going to take a quick break from our series on Mindset this week. I'll get back at it next week after celebrating with the community the success of our recent parent/teacher conferences.

It was wonderful to see so many families at Jefferson or joining on-line for our recent conference week. What better way to continue building a partnership between school and home? We always aim for 100% attendance during conference week and understand that this is certainly a high bar, but also a worthy goal to shoot for because of how important one-on-one time with a scholar's teacher is.

During our most recent conference week, Jefferson saw 97.1% of scholars have families attend to discuss their progress.

The breakdown by grade level was as follows:

- Preschool: 100%
- Kindergarten: 98%
- First: 100%
- Second: 98%
- Third: 96%
- Fourth: 98%
- Fifth: 96%
- Sixth: 95%

During launch conferences in August, 96.2% of Jefferson scholars had family join in conferences.

Thank you again to all families who took the time out of their busy schedules to partner with their child's teacher. For those who were unable to attend during the designated week, it is not too late to contact your child's teacher to set up a time to connect about your scholar's progress and set goals for the remainder of the year!

In continued partnership,

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CALENDAR

February 6-17

Hearts & Hands
(Donations to World Relief)

February 14

Unicycle Class 3-4pm

February 15

6th Grade Orchestra
Feeder Concert
Sacajawea MS, 7:00pm

February 16

Unicycle Class 3-4pm
Multicultural Club Meeting
at the MAC 3:30-5:30pm

February 20

President's Day-NO SCHOOL

February 21

Professional Learning
Development Day for
Teachers-NO SCHOOL

February 22-23

5th/6th Grade Curriculum
Night, 6:30pm Sacajawea MS
(Last name A-M-22nd;
N-Z-23rd)

February 24

School Night with the
Spokane Chiefs

FEBRUARY 13TH, 2023



STAR AWARD

- Oak H.
- Sebastian P.
- Maci W.
- Sadie T.
- Landen D.
- Corinne N.
- Hil B.
- Jaden B.
- Carter B.
- Lucy C.
- Maisy K.
- Levi S.
- Lucy B.
- McKell S.



THE PTG SCOOP.....

- **Hearts and Hands:** Jefferson students voted to support refugees through World Relief. Please see World Relief's wish list. Donations can be sent to school until 2/17.
- **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.
- **The next PTG Meeting** will be Tues March 7th at 7pm in the Library and on Zoom. See you there!



Dear Jefferson families,

We will be collecting donations for World Relief to support refugees relocating to the Spokane area. Last year World Relief supported over 450 refugees. Frequently these refugees flee their homes quickly and arrive with few belongings.

Jefferson students will be collecting basic hygiene items to help the refugees set up their new homes in Spokane. Please see the wish list from World Relief. Donations can be brought to school between **February 6th-17th** and at the Family Dance on February 9th. Students who donate can hang a heart in the front hallway to show their caring for these new members of our community.

World Relief would also like to collect letters from our students for their welcome packets. Please include a drawing, a letter welcoming the refugee family to Spokane and the student's favorite thing to do in Spokane. They can start and end the letter generically such as "Dear friend," and "Sincerely, a Jefferson student". Students can also hang a heart for turning in a welcome letter.

Thank you for your support!

Jefferson PTG

- WISHLIST**
- toothpaste
 - toothbrushes
 - dental floss
 - bar soap
 - hand soap
 - shaving cream
 - deodorant
 - shampoo
 - conditioner
 - Clorox wipes
 - welcome letters



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FROM YOUR

Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook

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

Safe School Hotline (page 19)

If you have information regarding weapons, drugs, alcohol or other criminal behavior in or around Spokane Schools, please call 354-SAFE (7233). All calls are completely anonymous 24 hours a day, year-round. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in keeping our schools safe.



6TH GRADERS TAKE IN A COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

Jefferson 6th graders recently traveled to the Eastern Washington University campus in Cheney and attended a basketball game. Getting campus exposure was an awesome opportunity for all students!

At half time, there was even a geology demonstration of seismic waves! Three Jefferson scholars participated in the demonstration in front of a full stadium!

Experiences like these are part of Spokane Public Schools' efforts to help young scholars think about options for after high school.

See more pictures from the event on Jefferson's Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/jeffersonelementaryspokane>) and Instagram (www.instagram.com/jeffersonelementaryspokane) pages.



REPORT CARDS ARRIVING WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, February 15, parents can expect to receive either an email or a hard copy of their Jefferson scholar's fall semester grades. If one does not arrive, parents are asked to reach out to their scholar's teacher.



DEMONSTRATING CLASS PRIDE

Congratulations to Mrs. Sims' 3rd Grade for recently filling up the 60 spaces on their classroom PRIDE poster!



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SCHOOL NIGHT AT THE SPOKANE CHIEFS



FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 24 | 7:00 PM
JERSEY PILLOW GIVEAWAY

\$10 TICKETS

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FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND FACULTY**

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