

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

Good day Jefferson community,

With another school shooting in the news, this one in Tennessee, it can make a parent anxious about the safety of their children when they are in school. I want to share our safety protocols with you today so that you are aware of the steps we take in case of an emergency. Monthly drills help us practice various scenarios, so that in the very unlikely event that something was to occur here, our staff and scholars know how to respond to keep themselves and others safe.

Current Jefferson safety protocols can be reviewed [here](#). The pages linked here are taken directly from our Jefferson Staff Handbook and include specifics for crisis clipboards that are hung in every office and classroom across the school.

Spokane Public Schools will be shifting to a new system soon, which will see some updates to these practices. For now, know that we have a safety team that meets monthly to review protocols and any safety concerns at Jefferson.

And speaking of safety, you can help us in a number of ways. First, it is essential that all visitors access the school building through our single point of entry at the main office. We work hard to help scholars learn to not open exterior doors for anyone, but it can be difficult for a youngster to ignore an adult who is waving to them to open a door. If they never see adults trying this and never see a peer opening a door for someone, they are more likely to remember that we don't do this at Jefferson.

Next, if needed, reassure your child that events like those that happened in Tennessee are rare and that Jefferson Staff are focused on their safety and have plans in place to respond to emergencies. This [resource article from Yale Medicine](#) can also help if your child has anxiety about something they have learned about in the news.

Your partner in safety,

Brent


CALENDAR

April 18

Girls On the Run
3-4:15pm

April 20

Girls On the Run
3-4:15pm
Multicultural Club
3-4pm

April 25

Girls On the Run
3-4:15pm

April 26

Leadership Club
3:05-3:45pm

April 27

Girls On the Run
3-4:15pm
4th Grade Recorder
Concert 5:30pm

APRIL 17TH, 2023

THE PTG SCOOP.....

- The next PTG meeting is Tuesday May 2nd, at 7pm in the library or on Zoom. See you there!
- If you want a say in what events happen at the school next year, now is the time to get involved. Next year's board (positions are still available) will set the calendar and budget for the 23-24 school year in June. If there's something you'd like to see happen at the school, make sure you're a part of the process.
- Memory Book: pictures will be taken soon so make sure you're getting your info turned in.
- There are a lot of events (Fun Run, Play Day...) still to come at Jefferson this year. Please keep an eye on our social media for updates, and email jeffersonpatriotsptg@gmail.com to be on our mailing list.

STAR AWARDS A HIT

Jefferson has a new program this year that recognizes scholars for demonstrating actions that support a character trait that is the schoolwide focus for each month. These traits are part of our Character Strong PurposeFull People curriculum. In April, the focus is on courage.



Students who are selected for the Star Award receive a certificate with the reason they were selected written on it and have their picture taken with other award recipients. The certificates are sent home the next week, after spending time in the school's display cabinet near the office for all to see.

In the picture (below, to the right, or wherever it is) other Jefferson scholars stop at the display case to read the reasons scholars have been selected.

CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED!

Jefferson is in need of crossing guards and in building aides to serve as morning and afternoon crossing patrol guards, as well as for the lunchroom and playground during the noon hour. Even if you only have 2 or 3 days per week of availability, consider applying.



The wage for these positions is \$16.24 per hour. It is a great way to get outdoors, interact with students and become more involved in the school that your child or children attend. For more information, please call the Jefferson office at 354-3200 between the hours of 8 and 4 pm.

STAR AWARD

- Levi S.
- Kennedy L.
- Finnian C.
- Mady G.
- Alexis C.
- Paisley J.
- Sophia M.
- Rowan V.
- Lucille G.
- Koah F.
- Vitaliy G.
- William H.
- Finley S.



Due to an unfortunate design error in last week's Jefferson Journal, a few of our Star Award winners were omitted from last week's Star Award list. We'd like to apologize and acknowledge the following students for their Cooperation awards:

- Teddy R.
- Lily M.
- Ryleigh B.
- Landen D.

FROM YOUR

Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook

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

Safe Schools 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.



Safety (page 19)

All doors at Jefferson remain locked at all times. A single point of entry system requires that all visitors be buzzed in at the front entry by the office. Staff have proximity badges that allow them to buzz themselves and their students through other exterior doors. Families are asked to help reinforce the safety protocol of never opening an exterior door for anyone with their scholars.



PRIDE SHINES THROUGH

Congratulations to **Mr. Vogt's 1st Graders** and **Mrs. Sawyer's 2nd Graders** for recently filling up the 61 spaces on their classroom PRIDE posters!



CLASS PRIDE THROUGH AND

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:

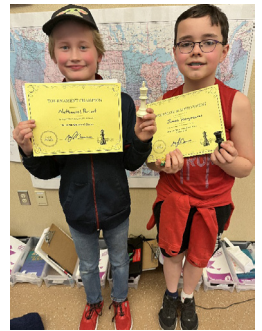


- P**ositive Problem Solver
- R**esponsible Citizen
- I**ndependent Learner
- D**oing My Best
- E**arning and Giving Respect



CHESS CLUB TOURNAMENT SEES PLAYERS SHINE

The Spring Chess Club had 21 participants in 3rd-5th grade. Nathaniel, the eventual winner, had to



persevere from losing in an earlier match to win against his previously unbeaten opponent in the championship game! Congratulations to all who participated. Chess is a game that lasts a lifetime!

