

# 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

Hello Jefferson Community,

In June of 2020, the Spokane School Board drafted an equity resolution that has led to updates in Board policies and a renewed focus on living up to our creed of Excellence for Everyone.

Part of this work has been to support schools with resources to assist teachers and young scholars in this work. One such support has seen Jefferson's library receive 217 new books to add to its shelves. These books, a mix of fiction and non-fiction texts, are helping all libraries in Spokane Public Schools diversify their holdings.

We all need inspiration, and representation matters. From books with protagonists of color or with special needs, to biographies of diverse leaders, scientists and public figures, Jefferson welcomes these wonderful additions to our library!

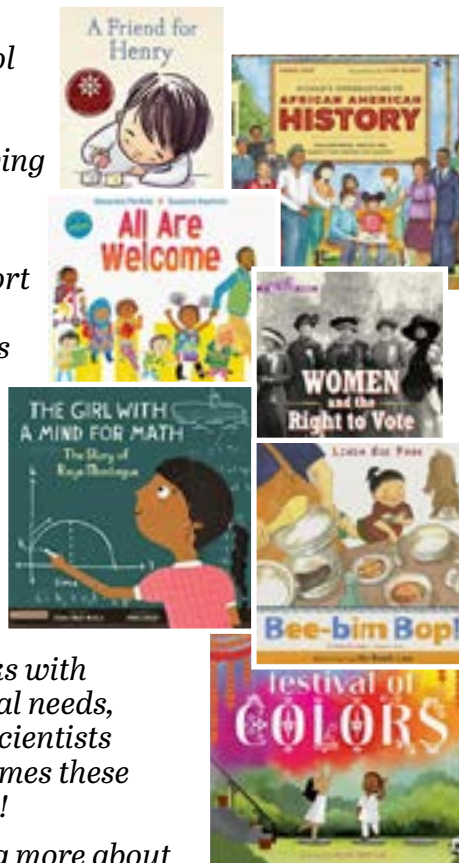
And for those interested in learning more about equity work in Spokane Public Schools, you are invited to visit the Equity section of the main district website.

Be well and make it a marvelous week!

Brent

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

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



## CALENDAR

**April 24**

Unicycle Club 3-4pm

**April 25**

Girls On the Run  
3-4:15pm

**April 26**

Unicycle Club 3-4pm  
Leadership Club  
3:05-3:45pm

**April 27**

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

**May 1**

Unicycle Club 3-4pm

**May 2**

PTG Meeting 7pm

**May 3**

Unicycle Club 3-4pm

**May 3**

Multicultural Club 3-4pm

APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, 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](mailto:jeffersonpatriotsptg@gmail.com) to be on our mailing list.

## JEFFERSON SCIENTISTS IMPRESS JUDGES AT STEM EXPO

Thursday night, April 13th, was the culmination of a series of evenings highlighting science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The first event took place March 9th and saw local adults in the STEM field sharing their interests and expertise. This time it was the young Jefferson scientists' turn. Judges visited each student's project to provide feedback around their research and scientific process. There were even opportunities to sample nitrogen ice cream, delve into virtual reality and plan a garden in a cup! Jefferson wishes to thank the many family and staff volunteers who helped make the evening a success and to parent, Kate Kearney, and science teacher, Melissa Percy, for bringing Jefferson the joy of STEM!

More pictures from the event can be found on Jefferson's Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/jeffersonelementaryspokane>) and Instagram ([www.instagram.com/jeffersonelementaryspokane](http://www.instagram.com/jeffersonelementaryspokane)) pages.



## SECURE BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS

There have been multiple bike thefts during the school day at Jefferson over the past two years. Those who ride bicycles or scooters to school should bring along a means of securing them to one of the many bike racks on school grounds.



# STAR AWARD

- Conway J.
- Oliver R.
- Amelia J.
- John R.
- Anthony M.
- Olivia V.-V.
- Harley B.
- Kane S.
- Bodhi E.
- Myra D.
- Jade D.
- Emma M.
- Sophia P.
- Adalyn C.
- Vivienne B.
- Kayla P.
- Adelaide B.





**FROM YOUR**

**Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook**

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

**Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards (p. 5)**

Scholars who ride bikes and scooters to school should be governed by the following:

1. Parents make the decision as to whether their child may or may not ride a bike to school. It is the recommendation of the school that students in grades K-2 not ride to school unless accompanied by an adult.
2. All bicycles and scooters must be parked in the racks provided and locked. They should not be locked together.
3. The school does not accept responsibility for damaged or stolen bikes or scooters.
4. Bikes and scooters must be "walked" across patrolled crossings, and on school grounds when coming to or leaving school.
5. Skateboards are not permitted at school.
6. Helmets are required. An ordinance enacted by the Spokane City Council requires all people to wear a helmet when riding their bikes, or scooters, etc. on streets, sidewalks, and other public property. Students attending schools located within the city must therefore wear a helmet when riding their bikes or scooters to and from school.
7. Many children in the Spokane area are treated each year for bicycle-related injuries that are sometimes critical or cause life-long brain damage. The goal of the city ordinance is to help reduce the number of head injuries among young people by requiring helmet use.



**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PARENT ADVISORY  
COUNCIL (SEPAC)**



Join us for a discussion about special education topics relevant to families. We meet on Zoom from 6:30-7:30 PM on the last Tuesday of the month throughout the school year.

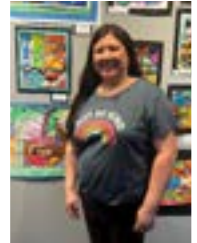
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**JEFFERSON ARTISTS  
CHOSEN TO DISPLAY  
ARTWORK AT KRESS**

Dawn Valley, Jefferson's art specialist, works with Grades K-2 and Grade 6 each week. On Friday, April 14th, ten of Mrs. Valley's artists had their work selected to include in a Spokane Public Schools display at the Kress Gallery in River Park Square. The artists and their families were invited to take part in a reception that day. Their artwork will be on display through April 27th. Jefferson artists celebrated include Margot S., Vera B., Sienna B., Arden H., Willa B., Koah F., Ashlynn M., James T., Maddy P. and Axel P.



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Congratulations to **Mr. LaBarre's 4th Graders** and **Mrs. Thomas' 1st Graders** for recently filling up the 61 spaces on their classroom PRIDE posters!

