

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

Jefferson Families and Community,

This week is Staff Appreciation Week here at Jefferson and across the nation. I invite you to join me in saying



thank you to each of the over 80 staff members who make Jefferson such a wonderful place for children.

Jefferson staff look at their work as being more than just a job. Their passion is evidenced in so many ways. They embrace professional learning in all its forms to be the best they can be for our scholars and work to build solid relationships with each child as an individual. From driving buses to making meals, from teaching classes to keeping the building clean and functioning, it takes every one of them to create an atmosphere of learning and growth for young scholars. Your children are very lucky to have such caring adults guiding them each day.

I encourage you to take a moment to reach out and say thank you and to celebrate the wonderful staff who make Jefferson such a wonderful place for children.

With a thankful heart,

Brent

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

Principal brentp@spokaneschools.org

CALENDAR

May 8

Unicycle Club 3-4pm

May 9

Girls on the Run 3:00-4:15pm

May 10

Unicycle Club 3-4pm
Leadership Club 3:05-3:45pm
Weed & Grass Control Spray Application

May 11

Girls on the Run 3-4pm

MAY 8TH, 2023

Kindergarten Registration Now Open

Families interested in registering their new student and/or kindergarten student can do so on the SPS website. There is also a family help video.



Ruby G.

Junior M.

Ashton W.

Quinn M.

Paytyn M.

Henry W.

Ren S.

Martin S.

Brynley M.

Elise P.

Henry S.

Baird H.

Ruthie C.

Ashlynn M.

Alex W.

Gus U.

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THE PTG SCOOP...

- 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 process.
- If you can donate any candy for Teacher / Staff Appreciation Week, please bring it to the office. It starts today (Monday May 8th) so bring it in as soon as possible.
- 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.



WEED SPRAY ALERT

This is to inform you that weed and grass control spray will be applied to the shrub beds and mowing strips at our school on May 10, 2023. A variation of this schedule may occur as a result of inclement weather. This spray is to control unwanted grass and weeds in the shrub beds, around the trees and along the street curb areas. Our school has taken steps to keep school children away from the tree and shrub bed areas for 24 hours. We would like to ask that you and your children refrain from using these same areas during that period of time. Thank you!



FROM YOUR

Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook

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

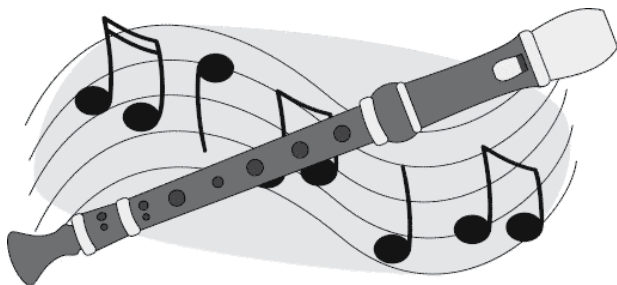
Preschool (p. 18)

Jefferson has an AM (8:15-11:15) and a PM (12:00-3:00) preschool which serves scholars ages 3-5, three hours a day, four days a week (Tuesday through Friday). This program is funded by a state grant called ECEAP (Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program) which provides comprehensive preschool, health and family services to eligible children and their families. For more information and enrollment, please contact Juliana Greiner Jefferson's ECEAP Family Support Specialist at 509.354.3176.

4TH GRADE RECORDER CONCERT

As a former band teacher, Mrs. King decided to look at teaching recorder from the perspective of beginning band. The students were given music books that they would add notes and information to while they learned their instrument.

Thursday's concert was the product of that experiment. She was impressed with how the fourth-grade students retained music theory information. Giving the class the option of practicing music on their own time for a solo, was another experiment that had a fun outcome. There were several students that worked on music to share for the concert. Hurray! Thank you parents, supporting the arts!



A "Super" Meal Option



Both breakfast and lunch at Jefferson are part of a federally subsidized program to feed children across the United States. There are strict nutrition and portion size guidelines that schools must follow as part of being reimbursed for costs associated with the program. While all school meals are free in the United States again this year, the portion size may not be enough for all students.

Families are permitted to add money to their child's lunch account for them to order extra milk or an additional entrée. Al-a-carte prices can be found on the district's website. It is easy to add money by visiting the School Bucks website and setting up an account. There must be money on the account before a super can be requested.

Scholars ordering "supers" are asked to be discreet about the practice, as there are families who do not wish for their scholar to have this option or who may have challenges funding this extra expenditure.

