

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

Families,

As we move through May, teachers and staff begin the important process of determining each child's class placement for the upcoming school year. Through a complex process, we will work to create well-balanced classrooms utilizing a number of factors including academic achievement, behavior, ratio of boys to girls, learning style/teaching style, independence, and the need for support services. Long and thoughtful consideration is given to the placement of each child to ensure his/her maximum growth academically and socially.

Because of this need to balance classrooms in terms of all the factors mentioned above, combined with unknowns regarding which teachers will be at a specific grade level come fall, **we cannot honor parent requests for specific teachers.** However, if you feel that your child has unique needs academically or personally or requires special accommodations that should be considered, please describe those needs to me in writing by **Wednesday, May 24th.**

The placement process is often tricky, as our classroom configurations are dependent on the number of students who arrive in the fall. Some students will move into the area, while others will move out. Because of this, it is important to remember that although you will be informed of your child's class placement in middle to late August via postcard from Jefferson, placements are not considered final until the 10th day of school in the fall.

Have a wonderful week!

Brent

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

Principal brentp@spokaneschools.org

CALENDAR

May 15

Unicycle Club 3-4pm

May 16

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

May 17


Unicycle Club 3-4pm

May 20

Spokane Armed Forces
Torchlight Parade 7:45pm

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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MAY 15TH, 2023

THE PTG SCOOP...

- The next (and last) PTG meeting of the 22-23 school year will be Tuesday June 5th at 7pm in the library or on Zoom. See you there!
- A scholarship of \$500 will be awarded to a local high school senior who plans to continue his or her education after graduation. Only students who attended Jefferson Elementary for at least one year (any grade) are eligible for this award. Please visit www.jeffersonpatriotsptg.net for the application and more information. Applications are due **June 5, 2023**.
- 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 for our mailing list.



STAR AWARD

- Madeline P.
- Rhyllie G.
- Benny L.
- Ryan S.
- Ben B.
- Arden H.
- Zia L.
- Maggie H.
- Tove H.
- Rhoeman B.
- Evelyn W.
- Sayer L.
- Alex F.
- Luke N.
- Braydon F.
- Josie M.
- William H.
- Desity H.
- Delaney D.
- Samantha R.



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JEFFERSON ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY

If you attended Jefferson Elementary for at least 1 year (any grade) in elementary school and are now a graduating senior planning on continuing your education after graduation, you are eligible to apply.

APPLICATION

- Download the application at www.jeffersonpatriotsptg.net
- Complete your application and return your essay to jeffersonpatriotsptg@gmail.com
- Further details available in the application.

APPLICATIONS DUE
JUNE 5, 2023

\$500 SCHOLARSHIP

CONTACT INFORMATION
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FROM YOUR

Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook

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

School Attire (p. 20)

At Jefferson, we expect students to maintain an appearance that is not disruptive to the orderly educational process of the school. The school is the students' workplace. Just as others dress for their workplace, we expect students to do the same.



Here are some reminders of appropriate school attire:

- Shorts or skirts should be no shorter than mid-thigh.
- T-shirts and tops need to be full length, not cropped or showing waistlines.
- Tank top straps need to be wide. Spaghetti strap tops should not be worn to school unless covered with a sweater or jacket.
- Sandals need to be safe for play activities and going up and down steps. Flip-flops, other slip-ons and shoes with high heels are not safe for school. Students should be able to walk safely on the various surfaces indoors and on our grounds and to run at recess and in PE in their shoes.

Congratulations to **Mrs. Sim's 3rd Graders, Mrs. Robinson Harding's 1st Graders, Mrs. Culver's 5th Graders and Mrs. Zeller's Kindergarteners** for recently filling up the 61 spaces on their classroom PRIDE posters!



HELP JEFFERSON IMPROVE ITS SCHOLAR AND FAMILY EXPERIENCE

Care takers are invited to take a [family survey](#) to help Jefferson improve. Each school in Spokane Public Schools is sending out this survey to help with improvement efforts. Thank you in advance for taking some time to give important feedback.



WILL YOU BE AT JEFFERSON IN THE FALL?

If your family will be moving and/or attending a different school in the fall, please make the Jefferson office aware at 509.354.3200. This helps us plan for classrooms and ensures your child's cum folder is prepared for transfer to the new school. If your scholar(s) will be returning to Jefferson in the fall, you do not need to do anything to have them registered for school. They will be automatically enrolled and moved up to the next grade level.



SECOND GRADE SPRING "FAIRY GARDENS"

Before the rain arrived last week, some of our 2nd graders spent a sunny lunch recess constructing a magical "Fairy Garden" using nearby building supplies!

