

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,

Parent Input for 2022-2023 Class Placement (Originally Ran Last Week)

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 23

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

May 24

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

May 25

Fitness Club 3-4pm
Girls on the Run 3-4pm
6th Grade Band & Strings
Concert 7pm

May 29

Memorial Day - No School

MAY 22ND, 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

- Koji M.
- Elsa C.
- Sloane W.
- Noah K.-D.
- Charlie K.
- Isabel B.
- Charlie S.
- Elliot E.
- Charlotte G.
- Juniper H.
- Margot S.
- Lucy C.
- Digory C.
- Jenna S.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH JEFFERSON AND SPS!

Jefferson, and all schools in the Spokane School District, utilize Blackboard Messenger to send recorded phone calls, text messages and emails to families. This is the main form of communication for notices and in the case of emergencies or school closures.



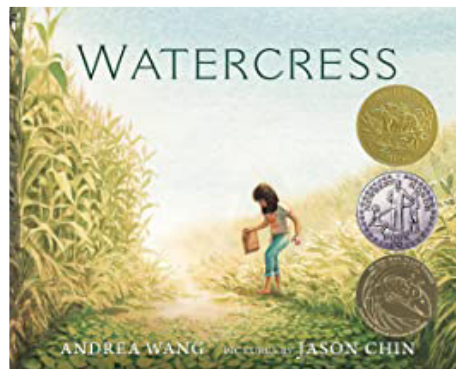
If you are not receiving:

- ⇒ Phone Calls– Call 855.502.7867.
- ⇒ Text Messages– Text the word “START” to phone number 60680.
- ⇒ Emails– Check to see if your inbox is routing emails from Spokane Public Schools (SPS) to your junk folder. If that does not do the trick, email Rachel Nicholson in the SPS tech. department at RacheIN@spokaneschools.org and request that she assist.



MAY IS NATIONAL ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month is in May each year. Celebrate the month with your young scholar by visiting the public library and looking for any of the titles recommended by The Book Wrangler (API Heritage Month – The Book Wrangler)



FROM YOUR

Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook

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

Vehicle Safety (p.23)

We all need to work together to ensure scholar and driver safety near the school. We ask that all adults act as positive models for our scholars.

Jefferson's safety expectations include:

- Scholars must cross the street at the nearest corner with a scholar or adult safety patrol member on duty.
- Vehicles may never double park. It is illegal and a safety hazard.
- All scholars, parents and visitors must cooperate with our safety patrol.
- Always drive in a responsible manner.



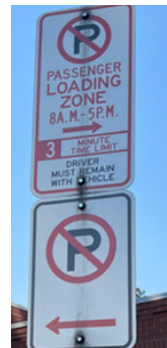
MOTHER DUCK RETURNS

Jefferson's resident mother duck returned this Spring and hatched 9 tiny ducklings. There is no way out of the courtyard for these babies so the whole family has been transported by Mrs. Sims and her husband to a nice pond near their home.



STAYING SAFE DURING PICK UP AND DROP OFF

With the pick-up/drop-off loop in the front of school back open, families are asked to abide by the posted signs to help before and after school run smoothly. Thank you in advance! This area is a passenger loading zone and the driver must remain with the vehicle.



BUS LOOP RESTRICTIONS

The bus loop is restricted to buses and vehicles with special permission before and after school. This allows for the efficient and safe pick up and drop off of scholars each school day. Other scholars can be dropped off on 37th street in front of the school or along Manito Boulevard in the back.

