

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

Greetings Jefferson Community,

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month in the United States. This is arriving late in the month, but I hope you will agree that it is never too! The AAPI community is both diverse and growing, with over 100 languages, and approximately 50 different ethnicities. According to the 2020 Census, there are 24 million citizens in the United States that make up the AAPI community making it 7% of the total US population.

The beginnings of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month started in the 1970's, but it took over a decade to officially establish it. A celebratory week known as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week was first signed into law in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter. Later, in 1992, President George H.W. Bush signed Asian Pacific American Heritage Month as the law of the land.

Want to engage more with your young scholar about the AAPI community this month, or year round? Here are some helpful links to get you started:

- [How to Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with Kids](#) (article)
- [10 Fantastic Kids' Books With AAPI Characters](#) (article)
- [Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month](#) (video)
- [Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month 2022](#) (video)

Make it a great week,

Brent

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

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CALENDAR

May 29

Memorial Day – No School

May 30

Girls on the Run 3-4:15 pm

May 31

Fitness Club 3-4 pm

June 1

5th & 6th Grade

Sacajawea Visit

Girls on the Run 3-4:15 pm

Fitness Club 3-4 pm

June 8

Jefferson PTG Fun Run (More Information to Come)

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Free preschool is returning to Jefferson this Fall! Contact Juliana Greiner before 6/10 to see if your child is eligible. Contact her at julianag@spokaneschools.org or 354-3176.

MAY 29TH, 2023

THE PTG SCOOP...

- The next (and last) PTG meeting of the 22-23 school year will be **Tuesday June 6th at 7pm** in the library or on Zoom. Please note previous editions of the PTG Scoop listed Tuesday as the 5th in error. We apologize for any confusion.
- 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**.
- Field Day will be Wednesday June 14th and it will take a lot of volunteers to make it happen. If you think you can help, check out the [SignUp Genius!](#)
- The 30th annual Jefferson Fun Run is Thursday, June 8th, during school hours. Keep an eye out for volunteer needs and packets being sent home. We have some quick turn around times.
- 6th Grade Graduation is Thursday, June 15th. 5th Grade Graduation is Friday, June 16th. There will be a few volunteer opportunities to serve refreshments (ideally filled by parents of K-4th students) at these events. Watch for a SignUp genius coming soon.
- Please keep an eye on our social media for updates, and email jeffersonpatriotsptg@gmail.com for our mailing list.

DREAMBOX AT HOME

Strong math skills are the key to your child's confidence and success. DreamBox transforms the way students learn math at school and at home by delivering a completely individualized learning experience designed to help every student excel.

With DreamBox your child will:

- become a more confident, engaged math student
- receive a completely individualized learning experience
- develop a strong math foundation so he/she can master more advanced concepts



To Log on:

Go to Clever from the district webpage or go to: <https://clever.com/in/spokaneschools>

Use the same login information you use to logon to your school computer:

Username: last name + last 4 digits of SPS student Identification # + @sps81.org

STAR AWARD

Trent E.
Rylie G.
June B.
Cyrus H.
Grayson L.
Arya H.
Sansa H.
Eliana S.
Beatrice R.
Isabella W.-M.
Mariah A.
Emma N.
Anna L.
Oliva M.
Lousie W.
Jack O.
Xavier W.
Ryder W.
Sam D.
A'Dantee B.



FROM YOUR

Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook

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

Parent Visitations (P.16)

As a parent, if you have questions or concerns regarding your child's situation at school, please contact your child's teacher.

A timely conference with the teacher may help both parent and teacher better understand the child.

When visiting the school, please remember to check in at the office. Should your child need to leave school during the school day, it will be necessary to sign your child out in the office.

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.



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.

Register in advance at: www.spokaneschools.org/Page/440

For more information Email Mollie Weber molliew@spokaneschools.org



BOOKSHARE PROVIDES ACCESS TO READING MATERIALS

Bookshare is a free eBook resource for students with reading, physical, or visual disabilities that make reading standard text challenging. The Bookshare WebReader makes reading accessible by reading text aloud, and their library includes popular children's titles as well as curriculum. Contact your special education case manager for more information on Bookshare access.



PLAYGROUND CLOSED FOR ONE HOUR AFTER SCHOOL EACH DAY

The Jefferson playground is closed for 60 minutes after school lets out each day. The playground is reserved for after-school activities and for Jefferson's Express Childcare program. Families are asked to remind their scholars that they are to go straight home after school. Families picking up students are also asked to help by having their children stay off the equipment until after 4pm.

