

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,

In your hands is the last edition of *The Jefferson Journal* for the 2022-2023 school year. I wish to thank you for partnering with us in support of our shared young scholars. We have so many children of promise who deserve everything the world can offer.

Summer is a time for children to relax and enjoy their break from school, but it's also crucial to maintain their academic growth. Parents can play a vital role in supporting their elementary child's educational development during the summer months. Studies have shown that students who take the summer off lose up to 3 months of the learning that they gained the previous school year. Those who continue to be engaged in learning grow an additional month during the summer. This is a gap of 4 months between those who continue to grow their brains and those who do not.

To keep your young scholar growing, encourage reading by creating a cozy reading nook at home and visiting the local library regularly. Engage in educational activities such as puzzles, board games, or science experiments that promote critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Scholars will continue to have access to Lexia (for literacy) and Dreambox (for math) throughout the summer through the Clever portal on our website. Both of these programs adapt to the learning needs of your child. They are a great way to help fill in learning gaps that your scholar may have.

You can explore the outdoors together and turn nature walks into learning adventures by discussing plants, animals, and the environment. Consider enrolling your child in summer camps or programs that focus on educational enrichment.

Finally, foster a love for learning by providing opportunities for your child to pursue their interests and hobbies.

By nurturing their curiosity and creating a stimulating learning environment, you can help your child(ren) continue to grow academically throughout the summer.

Thank you again for being such a wonderful partner this year.

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)
Principal brentp@spokaneschools.org

JUNE 12TH, 2023

CALENDAR

June 13-16

Preschool Conferences

June 14

Field Day

K,1,2,5 Grades (9-10:30am)

3,4,6 Grades (1-2:30pm)

5th Grade Field Trip
to Comstock 12-2pm

4th Grade Wax Museum
5:15-6pm

June 15

1st Grade Field Trip to Manito
Park 10:30am-12:30pm

6th Grade Promotion 1:30-3pm

Multicultural Club 3-4pm

June 16

5th Grade Promotion 9:30-11am

4th Grade Field Trip to
Comstock, 10am-12:30pm

6th Grade Field Trip to
Comstock, 9:30am – 2:30pm

June 19

Juneteenth - No School

June 20

Last Day of School

11:30am Dismissal

THE PTG SCOOP...

- 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!](#)
- 6th Grade Promotion is Thursday, June 15th in the afternoon. 5th Grade Promotion is Friday, June 16th in the morning. There will be a few volunteer opportunities to serve refreshments (ideally filled by parents of K-4th students!) at these events. Watch for a sign up genius coming soon!
- Please keep an eye on our social media for updates, and email jeffersonpatriotsptg@gmail.com for our mailing list.

FIRST GRADE GOES TO CAMP

On June 5th all three first grade classes ventured up to Camp Reed for a day of living the summer camp life! There was a scavenger hunt, sack lunches in the mess hall, and a nature hike filled with butterflies and bird sightings. It was a wonderful day to spend as one big first grade family.



STAR AWARD

Paisleigh F.
Josephine B.
Althalus F.
Delilah W.
Owen V.
Charlie S.
Giovanni B.
Xavier M.
Jack C.
Jessa R.



LEWIS & CLARK GIRLS BASKETBALL
SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

Location: Lewis & Clark High School
Date: June 26th – June 28th
Grades & Times:
1st – 5th Grade 8am – 10am
6th – 9th Grade 10am – 12pm
Cost: \$60 PER CAMPER (Shirt and Ball Included)
1) Register online <https://www.spokaneschools.org/Page/6005> or Scan the QR Code.

Register QR Code

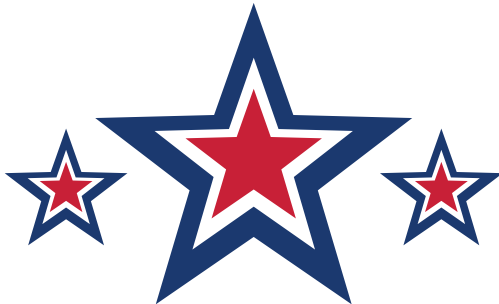
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Parents/Guardians of Athletic Camp students: All athletic students need to be covered by a medical/accident insurance policy. I understand that my child may not participate in summer athletic camps unless he/she is covered by a medical/accident coverage plan. I do accept full responsibility for the cost of treatment for any injury sustained not covered by our family medical insurance while taking part in the athletic camp.

Head Coach: Gabe Medrano gabrielm@spokaneschools.org
Lewis & Clark High School 521 W. 4th Ave. Spokane, WA 99204

OUR CLASSROOMS HAVE PRIDE!

Congratulations to **Mrs. Stefanoff's 2nd Graders** for recently filling up the 61 spaces on their classroom PRIDE posters!



FROM YOUR

Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook

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

Playground (Before and After School) (p.18)

Jefferson's playground is closed before 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.



**SPOKANE POLICE
DEPARTMENT
CONNECTS WITH
JEFFERSON STUDENTS**

Jefferson has been lucky to partner with the Spokane Police's Community Outreach Department this school year which has sent officers to visit with a couple of students who are law enforcement fans. This month, Ofc. Jen Kerns brought Sgt. Greg Rogan and Ofc. Micah Prim to eat lunch with sixth graders Alex Kern and Logan Dean. The boys got a tour of a patrol car, a swag bag and a career tutorial on how to be a police officer. The officers got a hotdog lunch with our three sixth grade classes and our eternal gratitude!



**MELISSA PEARCY NAMED GEEKWIRE STEM
EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR**

GeekWire Awards celebrates the top scientists and educators in the Pacific Northwest and Jefferson's science specialist, Mrs. Percy, was just recognized with this honor. Jefferson is lucky to have such an amazing science specialist! Read the story [here](#).



**WHAT CAN FAMILIES DO TO HELP THEIR CHILD
BECOME COLLEGE AND CAREER READY?**

Help your child become a reader by reading to your child every day or having him/her read to you. When your child is old enough to read independently, expect twenty to thirty minutes of daily reading. Support your child's reading habit by talking about books, visiting the library, and letting your child see you read, too.



Help your child get to school on time every day. Frequent absence or tardiness has a negative impact on learning and achievement.

Monitor your child's progress in school and keep in contact with his/her teachers. Reinforce learning by reviewing math facts and vocabulary words with your child.

Talk to your child about different careers and the education or training required for various types of jobs. For example, during a visit to the pediatrician, point out different career opportunities: doctor, nurse, medical secretary, or lab technician. If possible, take your child to visit your place of employment.

Cultivate your child's natural curiosity by exploring museums, zoos, airports, planetariums, and battlefields. The classroom isn't the only place where learning happens.

