

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

Dear Jefferson Families and the Larger Jefferson Community,

The school year began again in Spokane Public Schools with scholars and families meeting with teachers for Launch Conferences before students began attending in person. It was wonderful to see so many families take the time to attend their child(ren)'s Launch Conference to help the partnership between home and school get off to a great start!

We always aim for 100% attendance during parent-teacher conferences and understand that this is certainly a high bar but also a worthy goal given how important one-on-one time with a scholar's teacher is.

Launch conferences saw 96.5% of scholars and families attending to discuss their progress. This is even better than last year's 96.2%!

The breakdown by grade level was as follows:

Kindergarten: 100%

First: 93%

Second: 93%

Third: 97%

Fourth: 98%

Fifth: 98%

It is clear that our families and community support education and value the partnership between home and school.

With many thank yous,

Brent

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

Principal brentp@spokaneschools.org

CALENDAR

September 18th

Late Start for Staff Collaboration,
School begins at 9:30am
Unicycle Club 3-4pm

September 19th

Cross Country Practice - 7:30am

September 20th

Cross Country Practice - 7:30am
Unicycle Club 3-4pm

September 22nd

Cross Country Practice - 7:30am

September 28th

Choir Ensemble 3-4pm
Hearing & Vision Screening

September 29th

Individual Picture Day

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.

SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2023

TOOTHSAVERS SCHOOL
ORAL HEALTH
PROGRAM AT JEFFERSON
ON OCT. 2ND



Parents, please be on the lookout for a blue sheet of paper detailing Toothsaunders mobile oral health program. This incredible opportunity is happening at Jefferson on Monday, Oct 2nd. A form will be sent home on September 18th. If interested, please fill out the blue form and send back with your student. If not interested, no action needs to be taken. Questions? Please contact Mykette McFarlane (Nurse Ketty) at 509-354-3163.

THE PTG SCOOP...

- Treats for staff is Thursday, October 5th. Let's show appreciation to our wonderful teachers and staff! Please sign up here.

[Click Here](#)



**Jefferson
Elementary**



**Tuesday
October 10, 2023
4:30pm to 6:30pm
4647 S. Regal
McDonald's**

INPUT ON 2024 BOND PROJECTS REQUESTED OCT. 2ND

The Spokane Public Schools Board of Directors is considering two options for a February 2024 school bond put before voters to ensure our schools remain safe, modern and ready for growth.

Spokane Public Schools has developed a [ThoughtExchange survey](#) for staff, parents and residents of the school district to provide input and help determine which projects should be prioritized for the 2024 bond. The [ThoughtExchange survey](#) is open until Sept. 22.

Both options are for a \$200 million bond, significantly less than the \$500 million bond [passed by voters in 2018](#). Given increased assessed property values, SPS is developing a bond that will minimize the impact on property taxes for schools.

Both options continue the district's approach to modernizing or replacing a few old schools while making smaller improvements to keep all schools well maintained and updated with the latest security and technology.

Please participate in the [ThoughtExchange survey](#) by Sept. 22. Your input is extremely valuable as the SPS Board of Directors determines how to build a safe, modern and healthy future for Spokane Public Schools and our entire community.

Spokane Public Schools complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate in the admission, treatment, employment, or access to its programs or activities on the basis of age, sex, marital status, race, color, creed, national origin, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, to the use of a trained guide or service animal by a person with a disability, sexual orientation including gender expression or gender identity, or honorably discharged veteran or military status. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Title IX/Staff Civil Rights Officer, ADA Officer, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)/Student Civil Rights Officer and/or 504 Compliance Officer. The following Civil Rights Compliance Coordinators have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:
•Civil Rights Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator: Jodi Harmon, 509-354-7344
•Section 504 Coordinator: Melanie Smith, 509-354-7284

FROM YOUR

Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook

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

Attendance (Page 4)

State Board of Education Regulation WAC 180-4C-100 states: "Pupils shall be punctual and regular in attendance and shall obey all rules and regulations of the school district as determined by the administration and Board of Directors." Generally, the only excuse for absence is illness. Regular attendance is of the greatest importance for your child's success and is a most necessary habit for a productive adult life. When a child is ill, they should be kept home and a written excuse should be sent to the teacher on the first day of your child's return. Parents are asked to call the attendance hotline (354-3202) if their child is going to be absent. This is most helpful to us and assures the school of the child's safety. Should we not hear from you, you will be called to verify the child's absence. It is necessary to know the reason for the absence as the school must report certain communicable diseases.



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 Avenue in front of the school or along Manito Boulevard in the back.

Uniting the LC Tiger Community
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Why:

Our goal is to unite the community of students, staff, and families in our zone from elementary to Lewis and Clark High School. We aim to create a festive fun-filled event where everyone feels connected, a part of the Tiger family, and sees themselves in the journey from cubs to tigers. Together we celebrate the pride and connection that makes us one.

What:

Get ready for an exciting evening! The Lewis and Clark community is uniting for a pre-homecoming kick-off event that promises fun games, food, and a strong sense of community pride while admiring the beautiful backdrop of the new Sacajawea Middle School – it's an event you won't want to miss! After our pre-homecoming festivities, we'll meet at our new SPS stadium to join in cheering on the LC Tigers for their homecoming football game while also recognizing and celebrating each school that feeds into Lewis and Clark.

When & Where:

- October 6th
- **Pre-Homecoming Event:** Sacajawea @ 5:30-6:30 pm
- **Homecoming Game:** One Spokane Stadium @ 7:30 pm



CROSSING GUARDS AND NOON SUPERVISORS NEEDED!



Jefferson is in need of crossing guards and in building aides to serve as morning and afternoon crossing patrol guards as well as for the lunchroom and playground during the noon hour. Even if you only have 2 or 3 days per week of availability, consider applying.

The wage for these positions is \$16.24 per hour. It is a great way to get outdoors, interact with students and become more involved in the school that your child or children attend. For more information, please call the Jefferson office at 354-3200 between the hours of 8 and 4 pm.

