

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

Jefferson Families,

As we bid farewell to October, we also celebrate the end of Disability Awareness Month at Jefferson. This past month has been an incredible journey of education, understanding and, most importantly, embracing diversity and a sense of belonging.

Throughout October, our students, teachers and staff have come together to learn, share and celebrate the unique abilities and talents of all who call Jefferson home.

*This work has been part of a larger focus this school year on deepening a true sense of belonging for all children who walk through our doors. According to the **TIES Center**, an advocacy and educational center out of the University of Minnesota, there are **10 Dimensions of Belonging**. Jefferson staff have begun a study of these dimensions as part of our ongoing effort to include all disabled peers as meaningful members of general education classrooms. As a result, we are learning that these dimensions of belonging are just as important for every child in our learning community.*

Disability Awareness Month may have ended, but its impact will continue to resonate within our school community. We believe that true understanding and a sense of belonging are not confined to a specific month but are values to be upheld throughout the year.



10 DIMENSIONS OF BELONGING



October 30, 2023

CALENDAR

October 30

Chess Club 3-4:30pm

October 31

Music & Movement Class 3-4pm

November 1

Chess Club 3-4:30pm

Music & Movement Class 3-4pm

November 2

Individual Picture Retakes

Music & Movement Class 3-4pm

Veteran's Day Choir Concert 4:00pm

November 7

Remember to VOTE

PTG Meeting 6:30pm
Jefferson Library

November 10

NO SCHOOL in Observance of Veteran's Day

Together, we can create a more inclusive and compassionate world for everyone.

Let us continue to celebrate and embrace the unique abilities of every individual, not just during Disability Awareness Month, but every minute of every day.

Brent

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

PTG Gift Wrap
Fundraiser End

November 11
PTG Spokane Chiefs
School Night 6:05pm



- Harper C.
- Delany D.
- Wyatt K.
- Arlo N.
- Penelope E.
- Nyela G.
- Jhené N.
- Mila M.
- Elise P.
- Max V.
- Gatlynn D.
- Stella D.
- Frankie S.
- Conway J.
- Avery P.



FROM YOUR

Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook

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

Lost and Found-page 14

Parents are requested to mark all backpacks, lunch pails and articles of clothing with the child's first and last name. We always have quite an accumulation of unclaimed articles which could have been returned if properly marked.

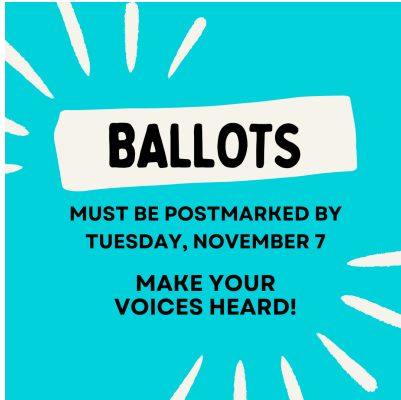


During the school year, please notify the office regarding missing items. After staying in the Lost and Found for a month, unclaimed items are donated to a community agency.



DREAMBOX AT HOME

VOTE!



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- 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 log on to your school computer:
- Username: last name + last 4 digits of SPS student Identification # + @sps81.org
- Password: 8 digit birthday (MMDDYYYY)

Join the Jefferson Team!

As of October 20, Jefferson had 15 paraeducator substitute positions fail to fill. If you, or someone you know, is able to help out, we would love to have you join the team. You can work as few or as many days as you like. Below are the details and a link to the job posting.



Guest Paraeducators (substitutes): Paraeducators assist teachers in classrooms for students with identified special needs. Last school year, Jefferson had 255 paraeducator absences that were not filled by a substitute. Anyone with a high school diploma and 72 quarter credits or 48 semester credits from an accredited college, an associate's degree (community college), bachelor's degree OR who can pass an academic assessment is eligible. The pay for these positions is \$16.37 per hour for general education support and \$19.48 for select positions determined by the district. For more information and to apply, go here: [SUBSTITUTE, PARAEDUCATOR | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(schooljobs.com\)](#).

THE PTG SCOOP

Gift Wrap Sale

Gift Wrap Sale packets were sent home last week. The sale runs until 11/10. This is our big fall fundraiser. Our goal is to raise \$12,000 for student enrichment activities, community events, staff support and more! We are asking ALL parents to

pre-register their student(s) here: <https://www.shopfund.com/parentregister?SkinSrc=%5BG%5DSkins/ShopFundTheme/LogIn>

Please get at least one person to support our fundraiser before our official kick-off day. How cool would it be if we took a chunk out of our goal BEFORE the fundraiser even starts? Any student who is registered and gets 10 shares clicked will be entered into a drawing for over \$100,000 worth of prizes. Jefferson PTG, students and staff thank you for your continued support!

November Treats for Staff

Our monthly Treats for Staff will be on Thursday, November 2nd. Please sign up below. Thank you!
Jefferson Elementary: November - Treats for Staff (signupgenius.com)

PTG Meeting

Our monthly PTG meeting is Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30pm in the Jefferson Library or on Zoom.
PTG Meeting Zoom Link

Jefferson Night at the Spokane Chiefs

Saturday, 11/11 at 6:05pm. Tickets are only \$10 and can be purchased at the link below. Jefferson Families will be able to sit together.
Jefferson Night at the Spokane Chiefs Tickets

PTG MOBILE APP
ALL THE INFO YOU WANT IN ONE SPOT!

Event Notifications and Reminders

Jefferson Patriots

Volunteer Signup

DOWNLOAD NOW!

Stay Connected with other Jefferson Parents!

PTG has chosen to use BAND, a free app that provides a safe and easy way to share information and keep you up to date on PTG events!

Don't forget to turn on your notifications!

BAND

BAND PTG Mobile App Link

SPOKANE CHIEFS SCHOOL NIGHT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 | 6:05 PM PUCK DROP

PRESENTED BY **Shriners Children's Spokane**

COCA-COLA FAMILY FEAST & RALLY TOWEL GIVEAWAY

\$10 TICKETS

OFFER VALID FOR STUDENTS, FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND FACULTY

CLICK HERE | TEXT/CALL 509-451-8817

TICKET DEADLINE NOVEMBER 7. TICKETS WILL BE DELIVERED DIGITALLY.

GAME DETAILS, SEATING MAPS, PROMOTIONS, & MORE AT SPOKANECHIEFS.COM | CALL/TEXT 509-535-PUCK

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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

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