

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

Good day to you all,

Tonight, Jefferson will be taking part in the second LC Zone Community Event of the school year. The first event, which took place at Sacajawea MS in the fall, was a resounding success!

These events help bring us closer as a community, while also providing opportunities for our young scholars to get a taste of life after Jefferson. Easing anxiety is a big part of making transitions between levels easier, while also building spirit and excitement for the next stage in their lives. Please join us tonight for an event at LC that is built around the girls and boys basketball games.

The girls' game tips off at 5:30pm, with a special recognition for Jefferson students at halftime where they get to come down onto the basketball court. There will also be a tour of LC and the extensive art collection displayed throughout the building starting at 6 pm after halftime. The boys' game begins at 7:00pm. There are not special activities planned during the boys' game. For students wearing Jefferson gear, entry is free. Can't find your gear, make some! Entrance fee will be just \$5 per family if your students are wearing their gear.

Come make some memories, connect with other Jefferson families and have a great time!

Brent

January 15, 2024

CALENDAR

January 15
NO SCHOOL
in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 16
Choir Ensemble
3-4pm

Leadership Club
3-4pm

LC Feeder Event
Basketball Games
Beginning at 5:30pm
Lewis & Clark
Gymnasium

January 17
Volleyball
3-4pm

January 18
No Choir Ensemble

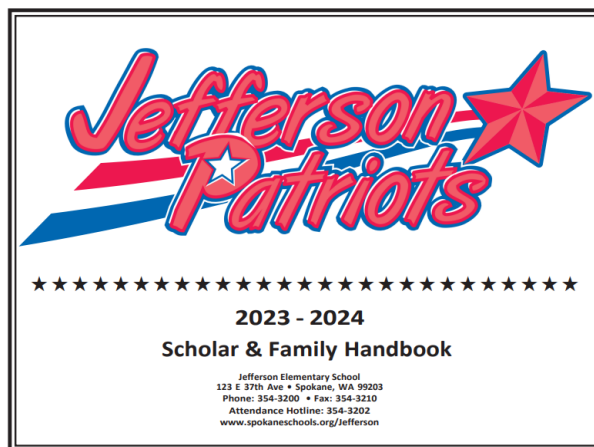
January 19
PTG Family
Glow Dance
6-7:30pm

January 22-26
Scholastic Book Fair

January 25 & 26
Elementary



- Olivia C.
- Ruby G.
- Henry V.-V.
- Kalya G.
- Carter B.
- Tino M.
- Benjamin S.
- Olivia M.
- Brody M.
- Thea M.
- Adrian Z.
- Caius W.
- Charlie S.



FROM YOUR
Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook

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



**Childcare -
Express
Program**-page 6



NOTE: The program currently has openings!

Spokane Public Schools' Neighbor Schools Express childcare is increasingly the choice of working parents who want their child's time away from home before and after school to be full and productive.

Jefferson's Express Program provides, inexpensively, a valuable enrichment program for elementary school students before and after school hours, expands the community's use of school facilities, and establishes a new partnership between parents and the school district. Neighbor Schools Express subscribes to the principles which have guided the evolution of the educational process; namely, to provide a safe and secure environment in which the child can grow, learn and explore his or her potential.

Express programs are designed to provide children with an active, enjoyable agenda of arts and crafts, sports, games, special events and educational endeavors. These activities foster social interaction, development of motor skills, creativity and curiosity while promoting sound behavioral development.

Parents: Every program has a parent group which regularly monitors the program and provides input for program enhancement and resource identification.

Program: Each site has a different program based on the input from the parent group and the needs of that particular group of



OPEN GYM

Who: All SPS 5th-12 Graders who register.
What: Open gym basketball and other sports-related activities.
Where: Shadle, LC, Ferris, Peperzak and Garry.
When: 12-2pm on Sundays. Starting January 14th until March 24. (some sites have some exceptions, see registration).

REGISTER: 

SCAN ME

[Register Here for Open Gym](#)

Bond/Levy

↓ READ MORE ↓

At End of Journal

VOTE
by
February 13
2024



children. General structure would revolve around a schedule of energy release right after school (structured and unstructured active play), a nutritious snack and creative time consisting of a wide variety of games, learning opportunities, tutorial time and creative outlets.

Staff: A site coordinator does the planning for the Express site and supervises activities. Program aides help provide adult supervision. Staff-to-student ratio is always less than one adult for every 10 children present at the site. Volunteers are used extensively to augment staff and provide unique opportunities for children.

Times: 6:30 - 8:20 am & 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Rates: Please call 354-7312 for current rates.

Bond/Levy Information



Scholastic Book Fair Coming Soon

The Book Fair will be held from January 22nd through January 26th.

Book Fair Hours

Monday - 9-9:25am & 3-3:30pm

Tuesday - 8-8:25am & 3-3:30pm

Wednesday - 8-8:25am & 3:30pm

Thursday - 8am - 5:30pm (Conference Day)

Friday - 8am - 2pm (Conference Day)

Payment Information

Our Book Fair Home Page has easy instructions on how families can create an *ewallet* account, this way, students don't have to bring money to school. Family members and friends can add to these *ewallets* from any computer. Money left in the *ewallet* will remain there for future book orders and/or book fairs.

[Jefferson Book Fair Home Page](#)

Volunteers

For the Book Fair to be successful many volunteers will be needed to help set up, run and take down the Book Fair. Please follow the link for volunteering through our Book Fair

ACTION TEAM REPORT

Activating youth to lead with compassion.



YOUR COMMUNITY IMPACT



17

STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE ACTION TEAM



255

COMM. SERVICE HOURS BY ACTION TEAM STUDENTS



6,500

MEALS PROVIDED BY JEFFERSON STUDENTS



THROUGH THIS ACTION TEAM, YOUTH LEARNED:

- THE NEEDS THAT EXIST RIGHT IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITY.
- WHAT COMPASSION MEANS AND HOW TO COMMUNICATE IT.
- THAT THEY DO HAVE A VOICE AND CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
- LEADERSHIP THROUGH INVITING THEIR PEERS TO PARTICIPATE IN SERVING WITH THEM.
- TEAMWORK THROUGH WORKING TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH A SHARED GOAL.
- HOW TO FUNDRAISE FOR A CAUSE THAT THEY CARE ABOUT.
- OTHER WAYS THEY CAN GET INVOLVD IN SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY.



Home Page. The first Friday (1/19) is a set up position and the final time on Friday 1/26 is a pack up position.

Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up

All volunteers must ensure they have completed the SPS Volunteer Application.

SPS Volunteer Information Page



HOW HAS BEING ON THE ACTION TEAM IMPACTED YOUR LIFE?

HOW DID IT FEEL TO MAKE SUCH A BIG IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY TODAY BY PACKING MEALS?



BLYTHE, 5TH GRADE

"BEING IN THE ACTION TEAM SHOWED ME THAT EVEN KIDS AT MY SCHOOL DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FOOD AND ARE FOOD INSECURE. IT MAKES ME WANT TO HELP. EVEN IF THE PROBLEM SEEMS TOO BIG SOMETIMES, DOING SOMETHING IS IMPORTANT!"



VAN, 5TH GRADE

"KNOWING PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WILL HAVE A MEAL IN THE COMMUNITY MAKES ME FEEL REALLY GOOD. I'M PROUD OF MY SCHOOL AND FRIENDS TODAY FOR DOING SOMETHING BIG."



Jefferson Coat Cart

- Mission: to keep kids warm during the winter
- What: we are creating a cart that holds winter clothes for kids to borrow during recess to keep them warm throughout recess. It would be like a coat library.
- Why: It is scientifically proven that being outside helps child development. Some kids do not have warm clothes, and others might forget theirs at times.
- Help: We are asking for donations for the coat cart: coats, mittens, gloves, snowpants, boots etc. Anything helps. Please note that all donations need to be tagged with parent permission. Thanks again,

- The Jefferson Student Coat Cart Team



Lewis & Clark HS invites
 Jefferson, Hutton, & Mullan Road Elementary Schools
 to an LC Basketball game!



WHEN:

Tuesday January 16th- LC vs. Mt. Spokane HS

Time: 5:30 PM Girls Basketball Game

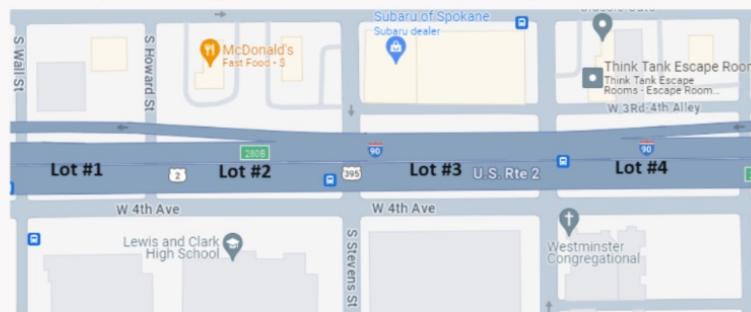
7:00 PM Boys Basketball Game



- Families get in for \$5 if students are representing their school by wearing their school shirts, so be ready to show that feeder school pride!
- Students can join us on the court during halftime of the first game (5:30PM game) with introductions for each school!
- 6:00 PM after halftime, please join us for a building tour of LC Campus to get a layout of the school and view the LC Art that has been a part of our school and hallways for many years and reflects many historical aspects. We have a unique and rare collection of art donated from past LC classes. We also invite you to view our theatre as it is rich in history.

Free parking under the freeway in Lots 1-4

**ENTRANCE TO THE
 GAME IS AT 417 W
 4TH AVE
 (LC FIELDHOUSE)**



We look forward to seeing you!

THE PTC SCOOP

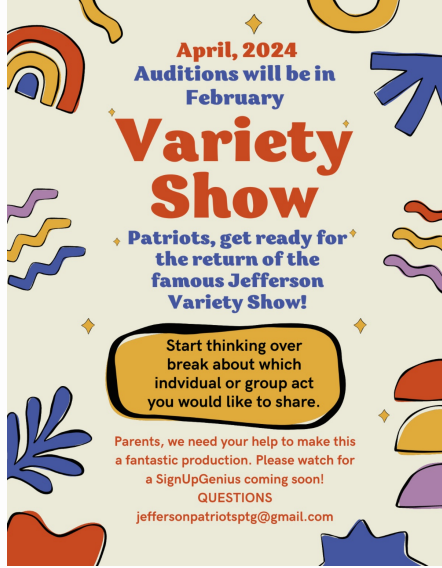
PTG Upcoming Events

January 19

Family Glow Dance

February 1

Variety Show Applications Due



February 8 & 9
Variety Show Auditions

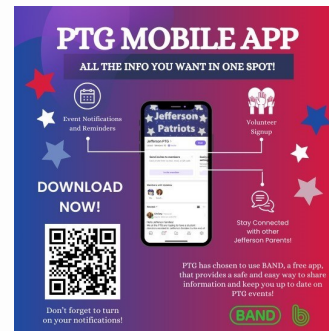
February 13
PTG Meeting, 6:30pm

February 29
Reading Night

Family Glow Dance

The Family Glow Dance will be January 19th from 6-7:30pm in the Jefferson Gym. Last year's Glow Dance was a huge success, and we need your help to make it happen again. Please sign up below to volunteer!

Family Glow Dance Volunteer Sign-Up



BAND PTG Mobile App Link



Spokane Public Schools

School Facility Bond & Replacement Levy Election

February 13, 2024

What is a school levy?

Levies support essential programs, staff, and services that provide students with a quality education.

The 2024 Educational Programs and Operation Levy replaces the expiring 2021 levy.

The levy helps to provide an educational experience that our community has grown to expect to meet student needs by funding extracurricular activities, special education programs, critical health and wellness services, and other student programs and supports.

Levies support programs and services benefiting all schools

- Athletics
- Arts, Music, and Drama
- Nurses
- Counselors
- Advanced Placement Courses
- Special Education
- Behavior Specialists
- Technology Support
- Smaller Class Sizes
- Highly Capable Programs
- Librarians
- Custodians
- Intervention Programs

What is a school bond?

Bonds support buildings – they pay for facility and security improvements. They cannot be used to operate schools and fund programs.

Bonds require 60% approval, and 40% of voters from the prior general election for validation.

What does the 2024 bond do?

- Modernizes and replaces a few older schools and make smaller improvements across the district while keeping the tax bill predictable.
- Continues Spokane Public Schools' proven history of constructing and maintaining durable, well-designed school buildings.
- Protects and maintains the community's investment in school buildings, keeping the district's long-range replacement and modernization plan on course.



VOTE
by
February 13
2024



**Commitment to
Maintaining a
Predictable Tax Bill**



VOTE
by
February 13
2024

**SCAN HERE
TO LEARN MORE**
spokaneschools.org/bondlevy2024

- ### 2024 Major Bond Projects
- Adams Elementary Replacement
 - Madison Elementary Replacement
 - North Central High School Modernization of Old Section
 - Garry Middle School Modernization and Addition
 - Chase Middle School Improvements
 - Spokane Public Montessori and Libby Center Upgrades
 - The Community School Improvements
 - Balboa and Indian Trail Elementary Full Redesign

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

Spokane Public Schools | 200 N. Bernard, Spokane, WA 99201

[Unsubscribe kevind@spokaneschools.org](mailto:kevind@spokaneschools.org)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by natalief@spokaneschools.org powered by



Try email marketing for free today!