

# 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 Jefferson community,*

*You will soon be receiving ballots for the next election cycle here in Spokane. On the ballot are two measures being run by Spokane Public Schools, a bond and a renewal levy. Over the next few weeks, I will provide some information about both, along with links to resources to help you best understand what is on the ballot, how the measures impact the community and the requisite costs to you as a taxpayer.*

*First off, it is important to distinguish between bonds and levies. The easiest way I find to distinguish the two is to think about bonds being for buildings and levies being for learning. Let's go a little deeper.*

*Bonds pay for major construction projects, like remodels and new schools. This is what funded the remodel and expansion of Lewis and Clark High school in 2001, the construction of the new Sacajawea Middle School that opened this fall and our very own Jefferson Elementary, which was constructed in 2013.*

*Bonds also fund other improvements at all schools. Jefferson has been able to fence in its playground, upgrade safety and security needs, add storage space and move to one-to-one computing so that each young scholar has access to a device for 21st century learning to name a few.*

VOTE  
by  
February 13  
2024

SCAN HERE  
TO LEARN MORE  
spokane.k12.wa.us/bondlevy2024

**Bond/Levy**

↓ READ MORE ↓

*At End of Journal*

January 29, 2024

## CALENDAR

**January 29**

Volleyball 3-4pm

Board Game Club  
3-4pm

**January 30**

Crisis Drill Today

Choir Ensemble 3-4pm

Leadership Club 3-4pm

**January 31**

Volleyball 3-4pm

Music & Movement  
3-4pm

**February 1**

PTG Hearts & Hands  
Projects Begin

PTG Variety Show  
Packets Due  
(Extra Packets in the Office)

Choir Ensemble 3-4pm

Science Expo -  
Community Presentations  
5-6:30pm

**February 2**

Semester Break Day  
NO SCHOOL

**February 8**

The levy that is on the ballot is a 3-year replacement levy. The levy, and state levy assistance, funds approximately 14% of Spokane Public Schools' operating budget each year. Levies are necessary to maintain programs and staffing positions that are not fully funded by the state. This includes lower class size, Advanced Placement (AP) courses and special education among other items. It also funds school counselors, nurses and librarians in addition to custodial, office and supervisory support staff. Extra-Curricular offerings including sports, clubs and music programs are also funded by the levy.

To learn more, visit <https://www.spokaneschools.org/bondlevy2024>.

And don't forget to exercise your right to vote come February 13,

Brent



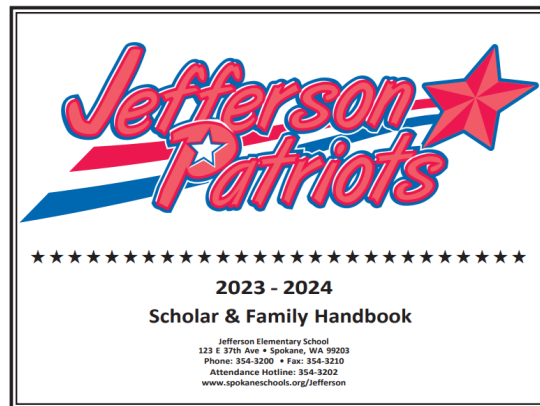
Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)  
Principal [brentp@spokaneschools.org](mailto:brentp@spokaneschools.org)

PTG Variety Show  
Auditions Grades KG-2  
3:15-5pm

February 9  
PTG Variety Show  
Auditions Grades 3-5  
3:15-5pm



- Summer T.
- Finn S.
- Greyson R.
- Leslie D.
- Opal M.
- Gus U.
- Rhoeman B.
- Jacob L.
- Desi F.
- Ava W.
- Delaney D.
- Molly S.
- Jaymeson M.
- Sebastian P.
- Layn K.
- Milo S.
- Gavin W.
- Emma S.



**FROM YOUR**  
**Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook**

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

**Vehicle Safety**-page 23

We all need to work together to ensure scholar and driver safety near the school. We ask that all adults act as positive models for our scholars. Jefferson's safety expectations include:

- Scholars must cross the street at the nearest corner with a scholar or adult safety patrol member on duty.
- Vehicles may never double park. It is illegal and a safety hazard.
- All scholars, parents and visitors must cooperate with our





- safety patrol.
- Always drive in a responsible manner.

## Staying Safe During Pick-Up and Drop-Off

With the pick-up/drop-off loop in the front of school back open, families are asked to abide by the posted signs to help before and after school run smoothly. This area is a passenger loading zone and the driver must remain with the vehicle. Beginning today, January 29, friendly reminder notes will be added to cars that do not follow the posted expectations. Cars that are found to repeatedly violate posted expectations will be referred to building administration for follow-up.



## WE ARE HIRING Crossing Guards and Noon Supervision

Jefferson is accepting applications to serve as morning and afternoon crossing patrol guards, as well as for playground supervision from 11am-12:45pm. Even if you only have 1, 2 or 3 days per week of availability, consider applying. If you know a neighbor or friend who might be interested, please encourage them to apply as well. The wage for these positions is \$16.78 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 might attend. For more information,

please stop by the office or call 354-3200 between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:30 pm.

## Crisis Drills

Schools are required to have monthly crisis drills throughout the school year. The types of drills practiced include: Evacuation (fire), off-site evacuation, lock down and shelter in place. Families will be made aware of the weeks in which Jefferson is planning to have a drill. To help staff be best prepared for an emergency situation, the type of drill is not communicated ahead of time.

Spokane Public Schools uses the **Raptor Technologies** system during emergencies. Raptor allows for the quick launching of emergency procedures and the accounting for all scholars, staff and visitors in a building. Information communicated within Raptor is directly relayed to district leaders and first responders.



SECURE  
& TEACH



SHELTER  
IN PLACE



EVACUATE



LOCKDOWN





## GLOW DANCE

### PTG Glow Dance Gets Families Movin'!

Friday, January 19 saw kids, young and old, moving and shaking to current and classic hits during the PTG's second annual Family Glow Dance. What fun! Find videos from the event on Jefferson's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages. And while there, go ahead and like and subscribe!



## PATRIOT PRIDE

Congratulations to **Mrs. Gallagher's 4th/5th graders** and **Mr. LaBarre's 4th graders** for recently filling up the 60 spaces on their classroom PRIDE posters!

Classrooms at Jefferson can earn stickers for their PRIDE posters when they collectively meet PRIDE expectations across the building. When their poster is filled with stars, classes receive a Smart Snack compliant treat and extra recess with Mr. Perdue or Mrs. Gage and Millie, Jefferson's emotional support dog. The five PRIDE

expectations include: **Peace, Respect, Integrity, Diligence and Empathy.**

# Jefferson Elementary

Peace  
Respect  
Integrity  
Diligence  
Empathy



## 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



## Lunch Club Fun

Two students per 2nd-5th grade classroom may attend Lunch Club each recess where they can play games and puzzles, make crafts and socialize in a quiet environment. Lunch club is an alternative to the usual outdoor recess experience where students can make connections with one another and teachers. It's a great way to take a break and is equally popular in all seasons. Ask your scholar if they have attended lunch club!

Volunteer today  
and change a  
child's life!



*Contact your school for more info!*

**READ.  
LISTEN.  
ENGAGE.**

## THE PTG SCOOP

### PTG Upcoming Events

#### **February 1**

Variety Show Audition Packets Due  
(Extra Packets are in the Office)

STEM Night  
Community Presentations  
5-6:30pm

#### **February 6**

Bite Night Panda Express  
5-7pm

#### **February 8**

Treats for Staff  
**Treats for Staff Sign Up Genius**

#### **February 8 & 9**

Variety Show Auditions  
3-5pm

#### **February 13**

PTG Meeting, 6:30pm

#### **February 29**

Reading Night



"Leap Into Reading"  
6-7:30pm



# 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  
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**Commitment to Maintaining a Predictable Tax Bill**



- ### 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



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