

# 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 Families of Jefferson Scholars and the Larger Jefferson Community,*

*It was wonderful to see so many families at our recent conference week. What better way to continue building a partnership between school and home? We always aim for 100% attendance during conference week and understand that this is certainly a high bar, but also a worthy goal to shoot for because of how important one-on-one time with a young scholar's teacher is.*

*During our most recent conference week, Jefferson saw 95.5% of scholars have families attend to discuss their progress.*

*The breakdown by grade level was as follows:*

*Preschool: 97%*

*Kindergarten: 96%*

*First: 92%*

*Second: 98%*

*Third: 97%*

*Fourth: 93%*

*Fifth: 95%*

*During launch conferences in August, conference week in October, 96.5% of Jefferson scholars had family join in conferences.*

*Thank you again to all families who took the time out of their busy schedules to partner with their child's teacher. And for those who were unable to attend during the designated week, it is not too late to contact your child's teacher to set up a time to connect about your scholar's progress and set goals for the remainder of the year!*

*Conference Attendance*

*February 12, 2024*

## CALENDAR

**February 12**

100th Day of School!

PTG Hearts & Hands Continues.  
(Donated items to Thrive International can be brought to the Front Office.)

PTG Variety Show Cast List will be posted.

Volleyball 3-4pm

Board Game Club  
3-4pm

**February 13**

Choir Ensemble 3-4pm

Leadership Club 3-4pm

Sign Language 3-4pm

PTG Meeting 6-7:30pm,  
Jefferson Library

**February 14**

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

Last Day for PTG Hearts & Hands Donations

Volleyball 3-4pm

In continued partnership,

Brent

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

Principal [brentp@spokaneschools.org](mailto:brentp@spokaneschools.org)

Music & Movement  
3-4pm

**February 15**  
Choir Ensemble 3-4pm

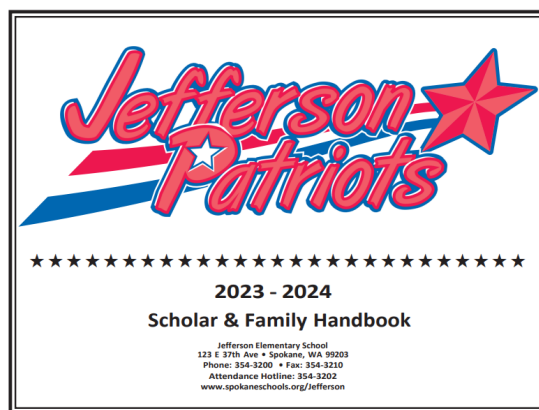
**February 16**  
Report Cards Sent Home  
with Students

**February 19**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
President's Day

**February 20**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
Professional  
Development Day  
for Teachers



- Finn L.
- Audrey R.
- Louise W.
- Joe R.
- Madison S.
- William H.
- Lars H.
- Sage R.
- Ruthie C.
- Olin P.
- Emma M.
- Jaylee S.
- Brayson F.
- Kylo O.
- Anders C.
- Sage T.



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

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

**Health Services**-page 12

A school nurse is available to assist in planning for your student's health care needs at school. This includes medication questions and consultation or referral regarding health-related issues. If your student experiences any changes to their health that affect their school day, it is vital that you fill out a new Health Record Form that is available in the school office. Care plans and medication forms must be renewed yearly. Students in grades K, 1, 2, 3 and 5 will be screened for vision and hearing during the school year.



## Election Ends Tomorrow!

Spokane Public Schools is running a bond and levy. The bond includes replacements for Madison and Adams elementary schools, modernizations for North Central High School and Garry Middle School, upgrades to Chase Middle School, design work for Balboa and Indian Trail elementary schools, upgrades to some of our option programs, safety and technology improvements and updates to buildings and facilities district-wide.

The levy supports programs and positions not fully funded by the state, including teachers for lower class size, AP classes and highly capable programs, special education services, nursing services, library services, schools support staff, all extracurricular activities including sports, clubs and the arts, and more. Learn more at [spokaneschools.org/bondlevy2024](https://spokaneschools.org/bondlevy2024) and remember to vote by Feb. 13.



## Bond/Levy

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*At End of Journal*



## PATRIOT PRIDE

*Jefferson* ★  
*Elementary*

Peace  
Respect  
Integrity  
Diligence  
Empathy

Congratulations to **Mrs. Sims' 3rd Graders, Ms. Mahoney's 5th graders and Ms. Tinney's 3rd 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,**





## STEM Expo



### **STEM Expo Brings out the Scientists, Technologists, Engineers and Mathematicians!**

On Thursday, February 1, Jefferson welcomed scientists from our local community, sharing their hobbies and professions with our young STEM enthusiasts! A few of the presenters included the National Audubon Society, WSU Master Gardeners, Gonzaga's biology neuroscience department, Ice Age Flood Institute, Lewis and Clark High School Science Club and Sacajawea Advanced Engineering students. More pictures from the event can be found on Jefferson's [Facebook](#) and Instagram [Instagram](#) pages.

**Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 14th when the tables will be turned, and young Jefferson scientists will be running their own STEM Expo for the adults!**



### 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

# THE PTG SCOOP

## PTG Upcoming Events

**February 13**  
PTG Meeting, 6:30pm

[PTG Meeting Zoom Link](#)

**February 14**  
Last Day to Donate to Thrive  
International for Hearts & Hands  
Service Project  
Please see the wishlist below.

**February 29**  
Reading Night  
"Leap Into Reading"  
6:00-7:30pm



# Thrive International Wishlist

## Cleaning Tools:

- Dish sponges
- Toilet brush
- Cleaning cloths
- Paper towels
- Cleaning gloves
- Scrub brush
- Duster
- Microfiber cloths

## Cleaning Products:

- Dish soap
- Toilet cleaner
- Tile and tub cleaner
- Anti-bacterial wipes
- Window/glass cleaner
- Vinegar



## Laundry Products:

- Laundry basket
- Laundry detergent
- Dryer sheets
- Stain remover

## Linens (White Preferred)

- King and Queen bedding
- Bath Towels

## Toiletries:

- Mouthwash
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Dental floss
- Soap/body wash
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Deodorant
- Hand Soap
- Toilet Paper

Donations on their website are also appreciated.

[www.thriveint.org](http://www.thriveint.org)



# 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](http://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

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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