

# 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,*

*I hope this copy of The Jefferson Journal finds you well and thriving as this most interesting of winters progresses! As we navigate the daily routines of drop-off and pick-up, I'd like to take a moment to remind everyone about a simple yet impactful way you can contribute to a healthier environment and community - by reducing unnecessary car idling. Jefferson is a no-idle zone, as posted on signs around the school.*



*Idling, or leaving your car engine running while parked, may seem like a minor inconvenience, but it can have significant consequences for our environment and the well-being of our children. Idling contributes to air pollution, releasing harmful pollutants like carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds. These pollutants can affect respiratory health and contribute to climate change.*

*Children are particularly vulnerable to the effects of air pollution. Their respiratory systems are still developing, and exposure to pollutants can lead to a variety of health issues, including asthma and other respiratory conditions. By reducing idling at school drop-off and pick-up, we can help create a healthier environment for our children to learn and play.*

*How can you help? It's a simple yet effective solution: turn off your engine when waiting for your child during drop-off or pick-up. Not only does this contribute to cleaner air, but it also saves fuel and reduces your carbon footprint. Plus, it sets a positive example for*

*February 26, 2024*

## CALENDAR

### **February 26**

Variety Show Practice  
7:30-9:00am, Gym

Board Game Club  
3-4pm

Screenagers Movie #2  
Lewis & Clark High  
School  
5:30-7pm

### **February 27**

Leadership Club 3-4pm

Sign Language 3-4pm

Choir Ensemble 3-4pm

Science Fair Work Day  
3-4pm

### **February 28**

Crisis Drill Today

Sacajawea 5th Grade  
Registration  
Presentation

Music & Movement  
3-4pm

### **February 29**

Choir Ensemble  
3-4pm

our students, teaching them about the importance of environmental stewardship.

By working together as a school community, we can make a positive impact on the environment and create a healthier, more sustainable future for our children. Let's embrace the opportunity to be mindful of our actions and lead by example.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to making Jefferson a greener and healthier place for everyone.

Make a great, and healthy day!

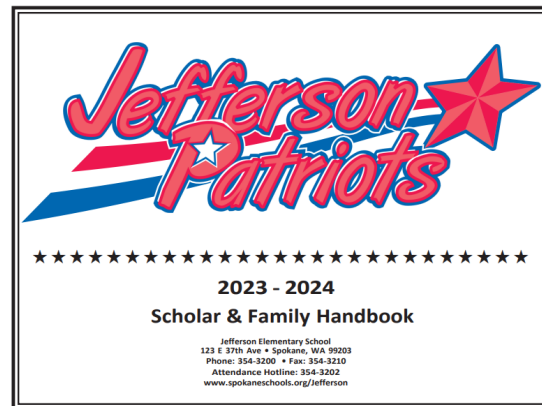
Brent

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

PTG Reading Night  
"Leap into Reading"  
6-7:30pm



- Sadie H.
- Roselynn J.
- Myra D.
- Margot S.
- Claire E.
- Juliette S.
- Sloane W.
- Zachary F.
- Gavi D.
- Maci W.
- John R.



**FROM YOUR**

**Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook**

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



### Meal Program-page 17

Breakfast and lunch are free for all students in Spokane Public Schools. Monthly breakfast and lunch menus can be found on the SPS website at [SPS Menus](#). Parents are welcome to join their students for lunch. Please check in to the office and pay for your meal with cash or check.



### Supers

Both breakfast and lunch at Jefferson are part of a federally subsidized program to feed children across the United States. There are strict nutrition and portion size guidelines that schools must follow as part of being reimbursed for costs associated with the

# LEWIS AND CLARK HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:



**SCREENAGERS NEXT CHAPTER:**  
THE SECOND INSTALLMENT OF THE SCREENAGERS TRILOGY ADDRESSES YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH IN THE DIGITAL AGE AND FOCUSES ON HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE THRIVE IN OUR SCREEN AND STRESS-FILLED WORLD

From Cubs to Tigers: An LC Feeder School Event



**MONDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2023**  
**5:30-7:00PM LC COMMONS**  
**JOIN US FOR PIZZA**  
AND PART 2 OF THE SCREENAGERS SERIES

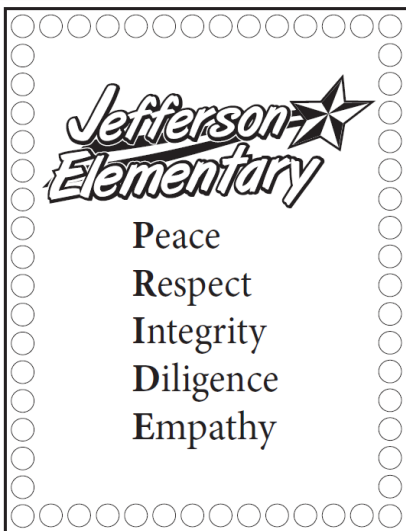
program. While all school meals are free again this year, the portion size may not be enough for all students. Families are permitted to add money to their child's lunch account for them to order extra milk or an additional entrée.

**Al-a-carte Prices** can be found on the district's website. It is easy to add money by visiting the **My School Bucks Website** and setting up an account. There must be money on the account before a super can be requested.

Scholars ordering "supers" are asked to be discreet about the practice, as there are families who do not wish for their scholar to have this option or who may have challenges funding this extra expenditure.



## PATRIOT PRIDE



Congratulations to **Mrs. Kenney's 2nd graders** and **Mrs. Thomas' 1st 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.**

### Pick Up and Drop Off in Front of School

Families are asked to use the crosswalk directly in front of the school when crossing the pick-up loop. This both ensures the safety of everyone but also teaches children the importance of crossing at designated crossings

at school and in the community. Student safety patrol members typically man this crossing, adding an additional level of safety.



Volunteer today  
and change a  
child's life!



Contact your school for more info!

READ.  
LISTEN.  
ENGAGE.



### 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.

## THE PTG SCOOP

### PTG Upcoming Events

**February 26**  
Variety Show Practice

7:30-9:00am, Jefferson Gym

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

Please look through your kids' book collections to donate to the book exchange. Extra books will be donated to kids in need.

**March 4**  
Roller Skating Night  
6-8pm  
Roller Valley

**March 7**  
Treats for Staff  
Let's Show our appreciation for Jefferson's amazing teachers and staff!

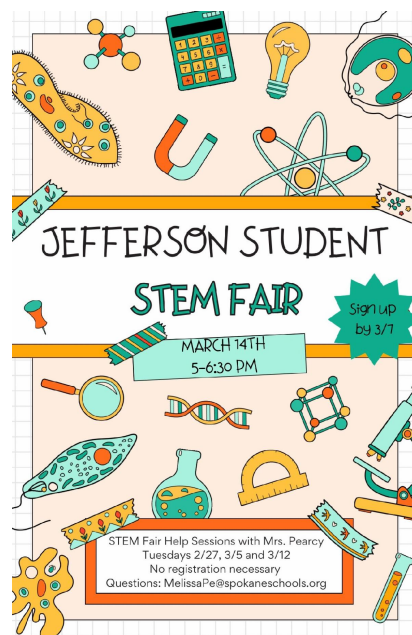
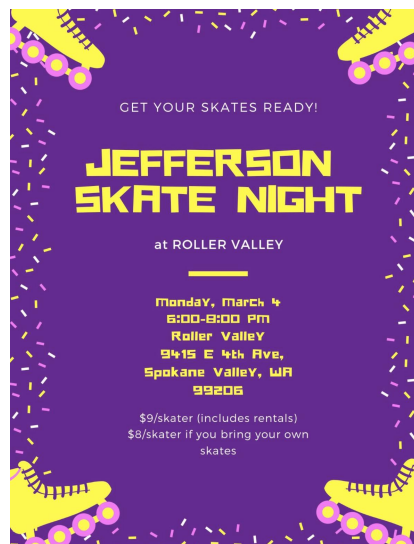
**Sign Up to Bring Treats for Staff**

**March 12**  
PTG Meeting  
In Library or on Zoom  
6:30-7:30pm

**March 14**  
Student STEM Fair  
5-6:30pm

**April 18 & 19**  
Variety Show  
Volunteers needed!

[jeffersonvarietyshow@gmail.com](mailto:jeffersonvarietyshow@gmail.com)





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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