

THE JEFFERSON JOURNAL

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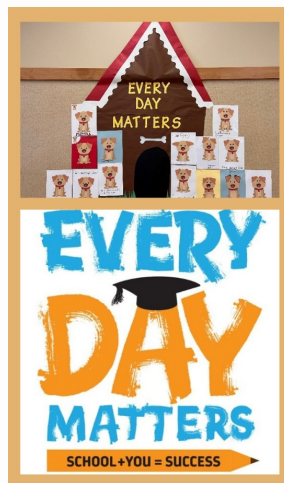
Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that we are on the unceded lands of the Spokane Tribe. The Spokane people shared this place with other tribes through their relations, resources, history, trade, and ceremony. We thank the caretakers of this land, who lived, and continue to live here Since Time Immemorial. This land holds the knowledge, culture, and spirit of "The People of the River."



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Good day to each of you,

Last week I shared some data about where Jefferson is on its journey toward returning to pre-pandemic school attendance levels. While we have improved numbers over last year, we are still a long way from the stellar attendance rates that we saw before the pandemic. Given experts see negative impacts on academics and social emotional growth beginning to accelerate after an average of just one missed school day per month, it is important for us to work together to have all scholars at school, each and every day that they are not too ill to attend.



Let's take a look at a couple incentive programs Jefferson has implemented this year to bring both attention to the importance of being at school each day and reinforce student and family efforts. The first semester saw our Every Day Matters campaign award classrooms that had 90%+ of scholars attend each day. Classrooms were able to add a piece to their "attendance puppy" each time they hit 90% until the entire puppy was built. They could then name their puppy, turn it in to the office for a shout out during morning announcements followed by seeing it proudly displayed in the front hallway. Classes with the highest percentage over the first semester had celebratory parties.

This semester, the puppy project goal increases to a 95% attendance rate to earn a piece of the class puppy. An individual award has also been added. Each classroom has assigned every scholar a number between 1 and 25. During morning announcements, five random numbers are chosen. If the scholar whose number is selected is at school, they earn a PRIDE ticket on the spot. And if they were on time for school, defined as being in

March 11, 2024

CALENDAR

March 11

Variety Show Practice
8:00-9:00am, Gym

Chess Club
3-4:30pm

Board Game Club
3-4pm

March 12

Leadership Club 3-4pm

Chess Club
3-4:30pm

Sign Language 3-4pm

Science Fair Work Day
3-4pm

PTG Meeting
6:30pm,
Jefferson Library &
Zoom

March 13

Music & Movement
3-4pm

Chess Club
3-4:30pm

March 14

the classroom ready to learn when the 8:30 (9:30 on Mondays) bell rings, they receive a second PRIDE ticket for being On Time, On Target!

It is our hope that by raising awareness of the importance of attendance, and incentivizing its practice, our rates of regular attendance will continue to improve. Families can help at home by encouraging regular attendance, including being punctual, and helping reinforce the learning message that Every Day Matters at Jefferson

In partnership,

Brent

Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

Principal brentp@spokaneschools.org

Student STEM Fair
5:00-6:30pm

March 15
NO SCHOOL
Weather Make-Up Day

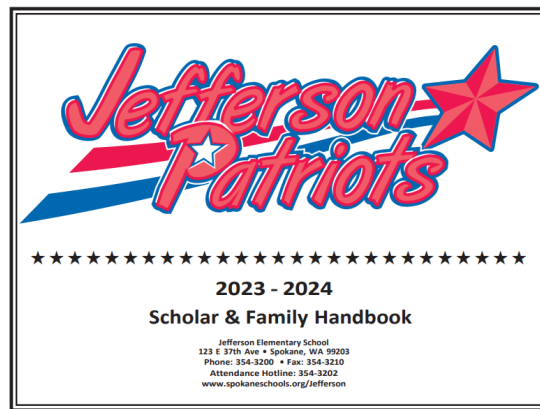
March 18
Variety Show Practice
8-9am, Gym

Chess Club
3-4:30pm

Board Game Club
3-4pm



- Kevin B.
- Zeke B.
- Kennedy S.
- Leslie D.
- Kavir T.
- Luna P.
- Kyson B.
- April W.
- Nyela G.
- Annabel B.
- Colin D.
- Kevin R.
- Brixston C.
- Angela M.
- Bryce D.



FROM YOUR
Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook

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

Personal Items - p. 20

Personal or valuable items should be left at home. This includes video game players, athletic equipment, trading cards, toys, etc. The school cannot take responsibility for loss or damage of personal or valuable items brought to school. Jefferson provides playground and athletic equipment for recesses. Please see the Phones section later in this handbook for Jefferson's wireless phone policy.



Bond And Levy Feedback Survey

Residents who live within Spokane Public Schools' attendance boundaries are encouraged to participate in a feedback survey from the recent bond and levy ballot measures. Please follow this link to take part: spokaneschools.org/feedback. The survey will be open through March 13.



COMMUNITY SURVEY

Please share your thoughts
regarding the 2024 bond vote at
spokaneschools.org/feedback



Spokane Public Schools

PTG Skate Night Gets Families Rollin'



Jefferson's PTG organized a skate night at Roller Valley last Monday. For many skaters, it was their first time on wheels while others had lots of previous practice. Whether a new or a veteran skater, all skated their hearts out! See more pictures from the event on Jefferson's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

LEAP INTO READING CAPTIALIZES ON LEAP DAY FUN

Jefferson's PTG sponsored Leap Day reading event saw families come to school for an evening of magical books. Kids enjoyed stories read by Jefferson teachers and principals. Even Jefferson's favorite patriot puppy, Millie, was in on the action! See more pictures from the event on Jefferson's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.



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.



Multicultural Fair

Explore and enjoy the cultures of LC through performances, displays and more.

Local Vendors. Global Flavors. Food available for purchase.

Vendors include:

Tacos Tumbras

Madfire Kitchen

Lebanon Resturant & Cafe

Feast World Kitchen

Date:

March 22 2024

When:

3:30-5:30PM

Location:

LC Commons

We hope all our feeder schools can attend!



THE PTG SCOOP

PTG Upcoming Events

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

[PTG Meeting Zoom Link](#)

March 14
Student STEM Fair
5-6:30pm
(Help Session on 3/12 from
3-4pm in Science Room)

April 18 & 19
Variety Show
Volunteers needed!

Rehearsals: March 4, 11, 18, 25
8-9am in the Gym

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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