

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 everyone,

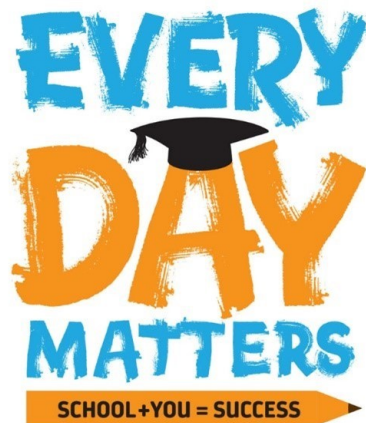
Today's issue lands right in the middle of April, two months from the end of the school year. I bring this up, because lots of learning can happen in two months and we need your help to maximize this final stretch. With the daylight growing and weather improving, children can sometimes get the sense that school is almost out for summer and their engagement at school can be harder to maintain. We will do our part by providing engaging content and experiences for your young scholars up until the last day.

You can help at home by maintaining consistent routines and bedtimes so that young bodies get the rest they need to get the most out of the school day. I have mentioned in recent Principal's Corners about the "attendance slump" that can happen in schools near the end of the year. Don't let this be your child. Reach out to your child's teacher, one of our school counselors or another trusted school adult if you need help ensuring your child attends every day. After all, "Every Day Matters at Jefferson!"

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Brent A. Perdue (he, his, him)

Principal brentp@spokaneschools.org



April 15, 2024

CALENDAR

April 15

Unicycle Club 3-4pm

April 16

Book Study,
"Demystifying Disability"
7:30am Library

Leadership Club 3-4pm

Sign Language 3-4pm

Girls On The Run
3-4:15pm

April 17

Unicycle Club, 3-4pm

April 18

Coding Club 3-4pm

Girls On The Run
3-4:15pm

Book Study,
"Demystifying Disability"
7:00pm TEAMS

April 19

Spokane Fire Department
Fire House for 3rd & 4th
Grade Students

Jefferson PTG
Variety Show
5:30pm



Emerie B. S.
 Emerson N.
 Emarie P.-C.
 Beatrice R.
 Margot S.
 Emme F.
 Landon W.
 Cora K.
 Giovanni B.
 Aaliyah K.
 Mazzy M.
 Elijah G.
 Grayson L.
 Julian P.
 Zachary G.
 Oak H.



FROM YOUR
Jefferson Scholar & Family Handbook

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

Medication at School - p. 18

According to state law and district policy, if it is necessary for a child to receive ORAL medication (prescription or non-prescription) during school hours, a medication request form must be filled out and signed by both the physician and parent. These forms are available in the school office. All medication must be in a current pharmacy container and will be kept in the school office. To ensure safety, an adult must deliver the medication to the school office. The medication must be administered to the student by a designated staff member (either a registered nurse or a staff member who has documented medication administration training by a registered nurse).



To self-carry ONE day's dose of medication, the scholar must be able to self-administer without any assistance or reminders AND the scholar must have a note from a parent in his/her possession. The note must contain the following information:

- * Date(s) the scholar will be carrying medication
- * Name of the medication
- * Parent signature and parent contact information
- * Licensed health provider name and contact information

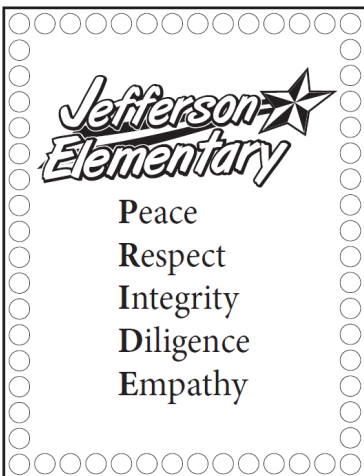
The note can be used to cover an entire week/month/year for medication use "as needed."

Sunscreen: State law regarding the administration of medication at school does not apply to topical sunscreen products regulated by the FDA for over-the-counter use. Any person, including students, parents and school personnel may possess topical sunscreen products to help prevent sunburn while on school property or at a school-related event or activity. The sunscreen must be supplied by a parent or guardian. Students are not allowed to share their sunscreen with others, nor is the school or staff able to supply sunscreen for scholar use.





PATRIOT PRIDE



Congratulations to **Mrs. Zellers's kindergarteners, Mrs. Robinson-Harding's 1st graders, 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: **P**eace, **R**espect, **I**ntegrity, **D**iligence and **E**mpathy.



C A R E E R F A I R

5th Graders Learn about Careers

It is never too early to learn about different career options and how schooling plays a role in reaching one's dreams. This was the message sent at the recent Spokane Public Schools' Career Fair which saw 5th graders from throughout the district attend. Check out the SPS created video about the event [here](#).



Ukulele Concert

5th Graders Share Musical Talents

On March 28th, the classrooms of Ms. Mahoney, Mrs. Deesten/Mrs. Mazzola and Mrs. Gallagher showcased their musical talents. The students embarked on their ukulele journey by mastering the "C" scale and gradually delving into chords. Choosing the repertoire proved to be a challenging yet rewarding task. Through this process, they learned the value of collaboration and respecting others' musical preferences, ultimately leading to success. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the parents and staff for their unwavering support in nurturing our musical endeavors. More pictures from the event can be found on Jefferson's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.



Solar Eclipse
April 8, 2024



Eclipse Provides Teachable Moment

While not in the path of totality for the recent solar eclipse, Jefferson scholars still enjoyed the exciting phenomenon. Beyond learning about eclipses, many joined in at the viewing station on the playground at lunch recess to get a fun and safe look.

Jefferson Coat Cart

FEATURED IN SPOKESMAN REVIEW



Jefferson Elementary fifth-graders Bennet Robertson, left, and Frida Sanchez stand near the Jefferson Coat Cart, an idea they came up with over the last year and is shown today in the school's main hallway Thursday, Mar. 21, 2024 in Spokane, Washington. After watching lost and found items given away to charity, the girls came up with the idea of a coat rack carrying outdoor clothing and shoes that any kid can borrow if they're ever not appropriately dressed for outdoor weather. The girls came up with the idea, made flyers to get donation and assembled the racks in the hallway. After they're worn, the clothes are placed in the "used" basket to be laundered before they're used again. (Jesse Tinsley/THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW)

Link to full article below:

[In their element: Jefferson students create Coat Cart to keep kids warm during recess | The Spokesman-Review](#)

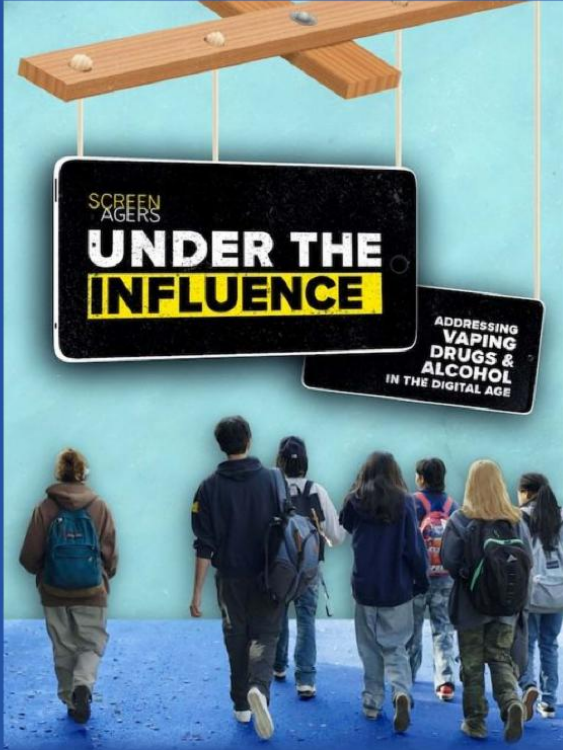
Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Program



Families who meet income eligibility requirements or have been directly certified for free and reduced-priced school meals are eligible to receive federal assistance through a program called [Summer EBT](#). This program provides \$40 per month, per child, to assist with grocery purchases when schools are not in session.

Qualifying families can go to [Spokaneschools.org/cep](https://spokaneschools.org/cep) to fill out the Family Income Survey, check their status, and print the free and reduced-priced lunch letter. For federal assistance, surveys must be submitted before June 14. Families can visit the [United States Department of Agriculture](#) for more information.

FERRIS AND LEWIS & CLARK HIGH SCHOOLS JOINT FEEDER PATTERN EVENT



**SCREENAGERS
UNDER THE INFLUENCE**
ADDRESSING VAPING, DRUGS, AND ALCOHOL IN THE DIGITAL AGE

THE THIRD INSTALLMENT OF SCREENAGERS, DELVES INTO HOW THE **TECH REVOLUTION** HAS RESHAPED ADOLESCENCE AND ITS **EFFECTS ON SUBSTANCE USE**. THE FILM DEBUNKS MYTHS AND DEPICTS **STRATEGIES** PARENTS AND SCHOOLS CAN USE TO ENCOURAGE **HEALTHY DECISION-MAKING**, SUPPORT TEEN MENTAL HEALTH, SET LIMITS, AND CREATE HEALTHY HOME ENVIRONMENTS.

MONDAY APRIL 22, 2024
SACAJAWEA MIDDLE SCHOOL
5:30-7:00PM
JOIN US FOR THIS **FREE** EVENT

**CATERED DINNER
SPONSERED BY**



THE PTG SCOOP

PTG Upcoming Events

Variety Show Performance
April 19, 5:30pm

•Wed. 4/17-Cast and crew are welcome to stay after school to help set up for the

performance.

•Thurs. 4/18- All school assembly. Please bring all costumes and props to school.

•Fri. 4/19- Cast and crew stay after school. Please bring a snack.

Open Board Position

Jefferson PTG is looking for a new Volunteer Coordinator to join our board next year! Connect with other parents and help make Jefferson the best school for our students. Please email jeffersonpatriotspg@gmail.com if interested or with any questions.

5th Grade Memory Books

Please send your 5th grader's baby picture and group photos of 5th graders to jeffersonpatriotmemories@gmail.com

Stay Connected

For event reminders and updates please follow us on social media!

- [Instagram](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Band App](#)



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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