



**JEFFERSON
SCHOOL**





jeffersonredwing How we yearn for the pre-social distancing days! 1936 Jefferson classroom. Thanks Riegelman's for sharing! Grandpa Vern is in this photo and the story lives on today in his grandson who attends Jefferson this year. 1936 → 2021.



RED WING -- Jefferson School opened for the first time in 1919, one year into the Spanish influenza pandemic.

Jefferson reopened Sept. 8, 2020, put back into use during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students wearing masks and carrying backpacks tramped into school under the watchful eyes of parents and staff, plus a few neighbors simply there to delight in having a neighborhood school again. The smiles clearly were there below the face coverings.

“Awesome,” one man called out walking by.

“This is great to see,” another said with a wave. Still more stopped to chat with parents and staff.

REPUBLICAN
EAGLE





At 1:45 om we had a practice tornado drill at school. At 6:45 pm, another practice drill goes off in town and I get a student email asking if it's real because he is home alone!



Things we put into practice this year at Jefferson Elementary School

- Lean in. Even more when it's uncomfortable or "not right".
- So what! What are we going to do going forward....the Now What.
- No Blaming, No Shaming. Solutions and ideas only.
- Love Hard. Choose Joy.
- Hold one another accountable.
- Speak truth.

What We Learned

- Entire SEL focused staff--Teachers, paras, secretary, nurses, custodians
- Caring for the child first while still performing all duties of the job
- Teachers playing with kids during recess
- Behavior turnarounds

TRUE BELONGING

“True belonging is a practice that requires us to be vulnerable, get uncomfortable, and learn how to be present with people without sacrificing who we are. It takes tremendous courage to knowingly walk into hard moments.” --Brene Brown