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# Jefferson Charger

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## From the Principal

### Spring is upon us!

I hope everyone had a fun and safe spring break! It's so nice to see the sun now and then – students are enjoying drier recesses, and Jefferson's beautiful campus is starting to green up and bloom.

**Parent education event:** Birds and bees come out in the spring, and "Birds & Bees & Kids" is the topic of a free parent education event co-sponsored by the Jefferson PTA and Lighthouse Co-op. Come to the cafeteria from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, April 17, to learn about how to have age-appropriate conversations with your children about "the facts of life." Free child care (for Jefferson students only) will be provided. For more information on guest speaker Amy Lang, check out <http://birdsandbeesandkids.com>.

**Thank you:** Speaking of PTA and Lighthouse, I'd like to thank both groups for their financial contributions that support our school and our students this year. PTA funds our IXL site license, and Lighthouse pays for our MobyMax site license. In addition to all sorts of other line items in their budgets that support student learning and family involvement, both organizations also run grant programs that staff can apply for. PTA grants awarded this year were:

- Ms. Peterson: \$63 for Art Goes to School in-class experience
- Mrs. Trautmann: \$153 for new soccer balls for PE
- Mr. Haney: \$250 for beginning reading books for the library
- Ms. McGuire & Ms. Pettis: \$300 for balls and equipment for the playground
- 2nd grade: \$300 for field trip to Pacific Science Center
- 4th grade: \$300 for Paws career visit field trip and art supplies
- Mr. French & Mr. Nelson: \$300 for field trip to see a play

Lighthouse awarded a \$1,000 grant to Mrs. Klujber to purchase two Dash and Dot robots, two iPad minis, and several Arduino circuit boards to support STEM education.

**State testing:** As explained in detail in [last month's newsletter](#), students in third, fourth, and fifth grades will take the state-mandated Smarter Balanced Assessment in April and May. Fifth-graders will also take the Measurement of Student Progress in science. The testing schedule is below; please mark your family calendars accordingly, and avoid scheduling medical appointments or other absences on testing days. Please ensure that your child comes to school on time each day, having had a good night's sleep and a full breakfast.

	THIRD GRADE	FOURTH GRADE	FIFTH GRADE	
Monday, April 17	Tuesday, April 18 ELA	Wednesday, April 19 ELA	Thursday, April 20 ELA	Friday, April 21
Monday, April 24	Tuesday, April 25 ELA	Wednesday, April 26 ELA	Thursday, April 27 ELA	Friday, April 28
Monday, May 1	Tuesday, May 2 Math	Wednesday, May 3 Math	Thursday, May 4 Math	Friday, May 5
Monday, May 8	Tuesday, May 9 Math	Wednesday, May 10 Math	Thursday, May 11 Math	Friday, May 12
Monday, May 15 Fifth-grade science				

Now that spring is upon us, it would be easy to think that the school year is almost over. However, we still have many days of important learning and growing ahead of us! Please encourage your child to "make their day great" each and every day by doing what's expected, and doing their very best!

Mrs. Kelley

## Attendance Courtesy Reminders

Courtesy notes are sent home when a student is absent and the school did not have contact from parent / guardian excusing the absence. At Jefferson these notes are sent each week for the previous week's attendance. If you receive one of these letters, please provide an excusable reason, sign and return to the office. If we receive the courtesy note back signed but without a reason, the absence is then unexcused. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) requires schools to have absences excused with an excusable reason.

The codes listed below are the only codes the state/district will recognize as an excusable reason for absence:

- A - Participation in a district or school approved activity
- B - Illness/health/medical appointment
- C - Family emergency
- D - Religious purposes
- E - Judicial proceeding/Jury duty
- F - Post-secondary program/visit
- G - State recognized search and rescue activities
- H - Directly related to student's homeless status

### CALENDAR

Early Release Fridays 2:15 p.m.	4/14 4/21 4/28
SBA Testing 3rd - 5th grades	4/17- 5/15
PTA Movie Night 6:30 - 8:30 pm Cafeteria	4/21
Teacher Appreciation week	5/01- 5/05



If you are planning to move over the summer, please contact our office to let us know your plans. We can have your student's records ready for the new school. If you need a copy of their immunization records, let our health room know and they can make you a copy.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD THAT WILL BE 5 YEARS OF AGE BY AUGUST 31ST?  
IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN.  
PICK UP A REGISTRATION PACKAGE IN OUR OFFICE.  
WE WILL NEED TO SEE YOUR CHILD'S ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE  
AND A UTILITY BILL OR MORTGAGE STATEMENT FOR PROOF OF ADDRESS.  
QUESTIONS: CALL 425-385-7400

## NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

Everett Public Schools and the Everett Public Schools Foundation are pleased to announce the 19th Annual Art Shows. Art shows are open for public viewing from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Everett Public Schools Community Resource Center at 3900 Broadway in Everett.

The **High School Art Show** will be open for public viewing from **April 11-27**. The awards reception will be held on Wednesday, April 26, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Resource Center. In addition to student awards, two special awards will be announced at the High School Art Show awards reception:

- The Superintendent’s Choice Award – selected by Superintendent Gary Cohn for permanent display at the district office. This award is sponsored by the Everett Public Schools Foundation.
- The Everett Public Schools Foundation Scholarship Award – awarded to a high school senior for excellence in the visual arts.

The **Middle School Art Show** will be open for public viewing **May 3-18**, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The awards reception will be Monday, May 15, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Resource Center.

The **Elementary School Art Show** will be open for public viewing from **May 23 to June 6**.

### SAVE THE DATE – Innovation Expo June 8, 5-8 p.m. at Xfinity Arena

Students and families will enjoy seeing and interacting at booths from every school in the district at this year’s **Innovation Expo**. Each school’s booth is different and showcases something the students at that school are learning. School booths will highlight projects or demonstrations related to 21st century skills, this year’s Expo theme.

The STEM competition is a favorite part of the event for many students and families. See the best student projects from around the district and hear what the students learned by doing them.

### Capital bond and levy project updates are now online

Watch the progress of projects authorized by voters in the 2016 election and in prior years. Project descriptions, photos and updates are on the district website at [www.everettsd.org/bondandlevy](http://www.everettsd.org/bondandlevy).

### There’s still time to join the conversation!



There’s still time to share your thoughts about enrollment growth in Everett Public Schools through the ThoughtExchange process. Phase 2 of the process lets you see what others are saying and “star” the thoughts you agree with most.

**Didn’t get an email?** You can self-register at [http://bit.ly/EPS\\_Texchange](http://bit.ly/EPS_Texchange). Join the conversation at any time!

### ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2017-18

Everett Public Schools' Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program for three- and four-year-old children from families with limited income.

ECEAP prepares children for kindergarten and provides family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the Washington State Department of Early Learning.

The five ECEAP sites within our school district are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools.

Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628 or visit the [district ECEAP website](#).

### Want to participate? (include in elementary and middle school newsletters only)

Do you have a student in grades 4 through 8 who loves science and science experiments, is interested in creating tools to solve problems, or strives to research answers to interesting science or math questions? If so, the Innovation Expo STEM Competition is a perfect opportunity for your child.

Students in grades 4 through 8 can submit a project entry to their science teacher in one of three categories:

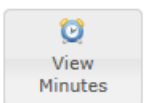
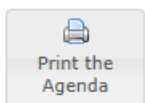
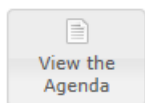
- Experiment
- Research
- Engineering Design

Selected projects from each class will be invited to enter the districtwide Innovation Expo STEM Competition at XFINITY Arena on June 8. For more information, refer to the 2017 Innovation Expo STEM Competition Handbook and connect with your student's science teacher.

- [Elementary School STEM Competition Handbook](#)
- [Middle School STEM Competition Handbook](#)

**Did you know school board meeting videos are [online](#)?** To see board meeting videos by agenda item, follow these easy five steps:

1. Go to [BoardDocs](#)
2. Click "Enter public site"
3. Select "meetings"
4. Choose the date of the meeting you want to view
5. Click on "Watch video" icon



**Learn about Smarter Balanced assessments – take a practice test!**

The [Washington Comprehensive Assessment Program](#)\* (WCAP) portal now has a portal just for you.

The *Student and Families* portal has resources and information about the new Smarter Balanced assessments. Try out the practice and training tests online or download the secure browser to experience all of the possible test features such as text-to-speech and ASL. The practice and training tests require a current web browser like Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Microsoft Internet Explorer 10 or Apple Safari.

\*Note to editor: If you send a hard copy newsletter, use this link after Washington Comprehensive Assessment Program above: <http://wa.portal.airast.org/>



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Students and Families



Test Administrators



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