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Jefferson Charger

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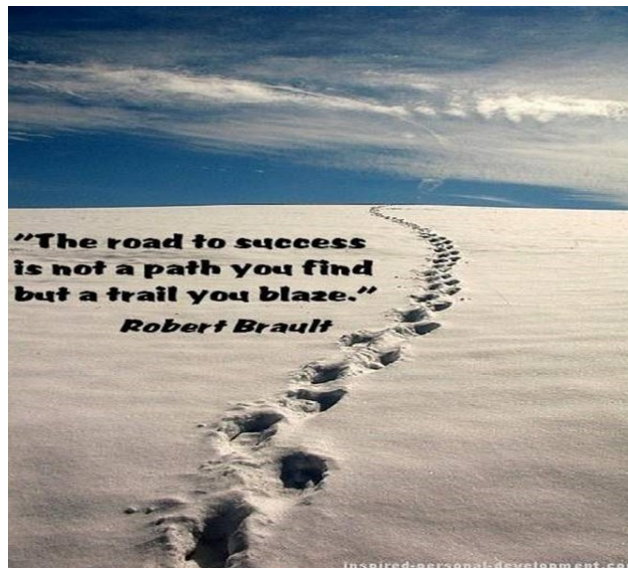
Dear Parents,

This message may be familiar as I sent a similar one last spring. It is just as timely and critical this year as we forge ahead through the remainder of the school year.

The Home Stretch

Many images are conjured up as we consider the term “home stretch”—the final segment of the race, the big push to the finish line, the excitement of watching how fast and how far one can go. It is the same with the end of the school year. We are now in what I consider the home stretch and just as in any race, we don’t want to saunter over the finish line; we want to run our hearts out, look forward, stretch ourselves right up to the finish, and then celebrate that we did our best. I encourage everyone—students, staff, and parents—to keep this analogy in mind as we navigate through these last six+ weeks of school. Rather than a time to wind down, it can be a time to gear up and keep learning alive for this year and right into next year. This is especially important for our fifth graders who are moving on to middle school. The end of fifth grade is a great time to practice those important study habits that will be critical to apply next year and beyond. Thank you for helping your child blaze an educational trail that will lead them to success: in school, at home, in their careers, and in their bright futures. See you at the finish line!

--Elizabeth Nunes, Principal



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CALENDAR

75 Mins Early Release 2:15 p.m.	5/06 5/13 5/20 5/27
Mothers Day Celebration 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Cafeteria	5/06
Jefferson School Spirit Week	5/23 - 5/27
All School Culture Night 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Cafeteria/Gym	5/26
NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	5/30
Patrol Party	6/03

HELP CLUB SCHEDULE

Help club is cancelled on the following dates:

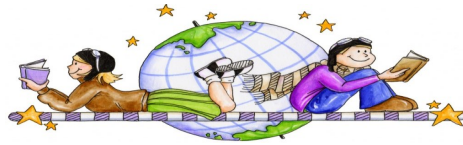
5/10, 5/12

Help club resumes on:

5/17, 5/19, 5/24, 5/26

Last day for Help Club is:

5/26



Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades are finishing up the math portion of the Smarter Balance state testing next week. They have done a wonderful job and we so proud of them!!

Our 3rd graders are testing on Tues, May 10th

Our 4th graders are testing on Wed, May 11th

Our 5th graders are testing on Thurs, May 12th

Make up testing, if needed, will be the week of May 16th

Parents, thank you for making sure your student is getting a good night sleep, a healthy breakfast, and for making sure they are on time for school each and every day.



Attention fifth-grade parents: Now is the time to plan ahead for the vaccinations that your child will need before he or she enrolls in the 6th grade next fall. One dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine and one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine are required before the first day of the 6th grade. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations this school year and report them to the school nurse or office staff at your child's school. The information will be entered into the school database, which means you will then avoid getting a reminder letter next September.

Moving?

Parents, please plan ahead and notify our school office if you will be moving over the summer. We will help direct you to your home school.



Kindergarten Parents

Save the Date

Thursday Evening June 9th

**Kindergarten Music
Program - Spring Sing**

**Watch for more
information coming home
from your student's teacher.**

Counselor's Corner

What Parents Should Know About Bullying

What is Bullying?

At Jefferson we use the Steps to Respect anti-bullying curriculum in grades 3-5. We also talk with students in K-2 in a less formal way about bullying. Children learn this definition: Bullying is unfair and one-sided. It happens when someone keeps hurting, frightening, threatening, or leaving someone out on purpose.

Bullying can take many forms, including pushing, kicking, and hitting, as well as name-calling, humiliation, and spreading rumors, and cyberbullying. It can have serious long-term effects for victims and bullies.

Parents can help by talking to your kids about bullying, even if you don't think they are victims. Ask how things are going at school. Ask what they think of the other kids in their classes. Ask if anyone gets picked on or bullied.

What If Your Child is a Victim of Bullying?

Give your child some ways to respond to bullying. We teach children to:

- **Recognize** – know what bullying is.
- **Refuse** - Say NO firmly, turn and walk away. Try not to show that she is angry or upset.
- **Report** to a teacher or other staff member.

As a parent, you can:

- Practice the above techniques with your child so he or she is prepared if an incident does occur.
- Let the school know. Talk with your child's teacher, counselor, and/or principal.
- Find a new activity for your child that will allow her to focus on things she likes or does well, and get her together with people who aren't connected with her bullying problems.

What about cyber bullying?

Cyber bullying can include threats, embarrassing or cruel rumors, harassment, and posting photos. You can take steps toward protecting your children from cyber bullying by teaching them that there are potential dangers on the internet and that they can be safer if they:

- Don't respond to or forward emails or messages that are mean or spread rumors
- Don't open emails or messages from someone they know bullies others
- Block messages from anyone who cyber bullies
- Save or print all bullying messages
- Show the messages to an adult they trust—like a parent or a teacher—and ask for help (if the first adult they tell doesn't help, they should keep telling until someone does)
- Never arrange to meet someone who is bullying them online

Andrea Floyd, Jefferson Counselor

Source: www.cfchildren.org

News from the District

Innovation Expo June 6, 5-8 p.m. at Xfinity Arena

This year, the Celebration of Innovation and STEM Fair are merging into one districtwide innovation extravaganza. Come see students show their innovation, learning and exploring with science, engineering technology, math, art, music and more. Find [details online](#).

Looking for a job?

We're hiring! We are especially looking for custodians, paraeducators, food and nutrition workers. Earn extra money as a substitute for one of those positions. Apply online at www.everettsd.org. Questions? Call 425-385-4380.

Student art shows

Everett Public Schools and the Everett Public Schools Foundation are pleased to announce the 18th 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 **Elementary School Art Show** will be open for public viewing from **May 24 to June 6, 2016**.

ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2016-17

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.