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Jefferson Charger

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From the Principal

Dear Jefferson families and guardians,

We've had a great first month of school here at Jefferson Elementary. Staff and students are settling into routines, and there is so much learning going on every day! It's a pleasure to be out and about in classrooms, seeing students hard at work, thinking deeply, and treating each other respectfully. Our classrooms are becoming true learning communities.

We have many exciting events coming up this month, including Culture Night on Oct. 17, High School & Beyond on Oct. 18, and family conferences during the last week of the month. Be sure to check out the calendar in this newsletter!

Wondering what you can do to support your child's education and our school? VOLUNTEER! Whether you can give a half-hour or a whole day, with students or behind the scenes, we would love to have you! Fill out a district volunteer application at <http://www.everettsd.org/domain/1452> and then contact your child's teacher or the office. We're especially looking for fathers and father figures to sign up to be Watch D.O.G.S. Look for more info in the counselor's section of this newsletter.

Congratulations, Mr. Schmieder!

The Mariners and WSECU have recognized Jefferson second-grade teacher Greg Schmieder through the WSECU Teacher of the Week Program! Mr. Schmieder was nominated by a Jefferson parent, and was one of 24 teachers selected. He was honored with great tickets to a recent Mariners game, where he was presented with a \$500 classroom grant from WSECU. He was also featured on Everett Public Schools' Facebook page!



Baseball season may be over for the Mariners, but Jefferson Elementary School teacher, Greg Schmieder, will be Teacher of the Week all year long in our books. Greg says in addition to buying watercolors for his class, his students will help him decide how best to spend the \$500 for their classroom. Pictured: Rita Koontz (WSECU), Greg Schmieder, Rick Rizzs (Seattle Mariners Radio). #EPS_OurStaffRocks

Morning Arrival Safety Issue

We are seeing many students arriving on campus before 8:55 a.m. The only reason students should be here before then is if they are eating breakfast, which begins at 8:45. Early arrivals are a safety concern because adult supervision in the covered play area doesn't begin until 8:55. For those families who arrive early and stay with their own children in the covered play area, please do not take other children with you unless there is an arrangement with their family to do so. Phone calls will be made to families dropping students off too early. Please help us keep all students safe by following our morning schedule!



Items from Home

Please remember that per our student handbook, personal belongings such as toys, games, and trading collections (Pokemon cards, etc.) are to be left at home. After one warning, items will be taken away and a family member/guardian must pick up from the office.

Dress for the Weather

The weather is changing quickly here in the Great Northwest – and that means rain! Students should come to school dressed appropriately each day. Shoes suitable for the playground and waterproof jackets with hoods are essential, as students will be outside for recess unless there is thunder/lightning or very heavy rain.

Parking Lot Safety Reminders from the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office

We've been asked to pass along the following information:

- Washington's child restraint law requires children younger than 13 to ride in the back seat unless the front seat is the only available seat in a vehicle.
- It's illegal to drive while operating a cell phone unless you are using a hands-free device.
- It's illegal to park in a handicapped space without a valid placard or license plate.

Expect to see increased patrols around the school, and know that citations may be given for not following the laws mentioned above.

CALENDAR

No School	10/14
Culture and Family Night - Cafeteria 6:00 - 7:00 pm	10/17
High School and Beyond Night Cascade High School 5:30 - 8:00 pm	10/18
Parent Teacher Conference Early Release 1:00 pm	10/21 – 10/28
PTA Fall Family Festival Cafeteria 6:30 - 8:30 pm	10/28
Fundraiser Pick up day	11/04
Fundraiser Limo Ride	11/04

Parents I want to send out a personal invite to all of you for our **High School and Beyond Night**. Don't let the name fool you, this is not just for High Schoolers. Our elementary students are invited so that they can visit the High School, enjoy free pizza with friends and enjoy the college and career fair in the gym. It is never too early to get our children dreaming about the future. The event is Oct. 18th from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Cascade High School. See the flyer attached to the end of this newsletter.

Attention, all Dads, Grandfathers, Step-Dads, Uncles, Brothers etc., our students need you! **WATCH DOGS** is starting back up. What is Watch D.O.G.S.? It is a program that encourages the significant male figure in our student's lives to volunteer one day a year in our school. You will help with the arrival and departure of the students, lunch and recess and the rest of the time will be split between your child's classroom and another grade level. We want all students to see male role models. Your presence in our school makes a difference. Signups will take place starting October 17th, in the hallway outside the front desk. Please consider volunteering.



Did you miss a call from us?

If you missed a call from your school, please check your voice mail or your email for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all of the calls.

Parent communication system messages

Did you miss the last recorded call from us? If you would like to hear the most recent recorded calls made to your home phone, dial 1-877-737-5291 (1-877-REPLAY1) from the phone on which you receive your calls. You will hear a list of the most recent recorded messages sent to your home; select the message that you would like to hear.

Is your contact information up-to-date at school?

Verify your contact information so we can reach you quickly.

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

In the next week or so, we will be implementing a new parking lot procedure to help expedite the time spent waiting to pick up your student(s) here at Jefferson.

We thank you for your continued patience while following the procedures as we work out the bugs.

Here is how it will work:

- 1) Your student(s) will come home with two "name tags." Kindergarten will be bright green. All but kindergarten will be white this year.
- 2) Please take the rubber band off the name tag and place the name tag flush to the visor flap on the passenger's side. Put rubber band around the name tag/visor. Other items can be used to secure name tag. A large binder clip works great.
- 3) As you enter the parking lot, flip your visor down so we can see your child's name and grade. Make sure name is not upside down. :)
- 4) We will have your child ready to go once you are within our pick-up zone.
- 5) You can make your own name tag as well for other drivers. Please use first name and grade. Kindergarten, please use green paper.
- 6) Questions? E-mail us at: sgil@everettsd.org.
- 7) Please do not leave your vehicle in the kiss and go lane. If you need to walk to pick up your student, please park in a designated spot or park at the park and ride and walk up.
- 8) We will not send your student across the parking lot, so please do not yell for them from the middle of the rows. Be safe and only park in a parking spot. Drivers MUST put up a placard to be in the handicapped spaces.
- 9) The parking area is a no drop-off/pick-up zone. Please stay in line when picking up students. If you are in a hurry, please park at the park and ride and walk up. It may be quicker on cold, rainy days.

Thank you for helping keep all of our students safe!

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Please Come! Culture and Family Night at Jefferson Elementary



Potluck and Fashion Show

Where: Jefferson's Cafeteria
When: October 17th, 2016
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 PM

We are excited to invite you to Jefferson's Culture and Family Night! This is a time to meet other families and build our Jefferson Community. Please come and share a favorite family dish and show off the clothing you wear to a celebration!

We will be sharing the richness of our students' heritage and identities. We are honoring all students and families.

Families with last names beginning with A - L please bring a main dish that you enjoy with your family!
Families with last names beginning with M - Z please bring a favorite dessert.
Please list food ingredients for allergy purposes.

Delayed start or closed schools

If we have to cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning after 5:45 a.m. with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media and post the message on our website. **If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule.**

More information and resources for school closures or delays is on the district website under the *Parents* tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- listen for media announcements;
- view the district's website at www.everettsd.org; or
- call our district information line 425-385-4636.

School Performance Report

Our school's performance report is available online on each school's website. More information is available on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) [website](#). Click on "State Report Card" and select Everett from the list of districts.

Website = tools for you

The website has tools to make your life easier. Sign in to:

- Customize a personal profile in *MyView*
- Add your student's school and teachers' calendars to your calendar view
- Filter calendar items by category
- Export calendar items to your personal calendar
- Access *Grades & More*, lunch menus and staff contact information from the home page
- Find directions and maps to event locations listed on the calendar

If you are a parent or guardian authorized to have Web access to your student's records, you can sign in to the website using the same login and password you use for online grades to customize *MyView*. Need a login or not sure if you have access? Contact LMS@everettsd.org for help.

Is your family prepared for an emergency?

Sign up for Smart911 to save time and possibly lives

Now you can provide 9-1-1 with the information they need to help any member of your family **before** an emergency happens.

Seconds count when ...

- A child is missing
- There's a fire
- You experience a medical emergency
- There's an accident at home, or on the job
- You are in a vehicle accident

Seconds save lives. [Sign up for Smart911 today.](#)

Back-to-school safety reminders

It's helpful to talk with your child from time to time about staying safe and alert, especially when traveling to and from school. Here are just a few quick reminders:

- Walk with a buddy
- Be aware of your surroundings (cell phone and ear buds put away)
- Wait with a friend or adult at bus stops
- For adults, stop for buses when they have the stop arm out
- Report anything suspicious to an adult right away

Mapping your future —

What you can do now to chart your course

Tuesday, October 18
5:30-8 p.m. —for
elementary school
families

- Enjoy free pizza
- Learn about cool careers and experience interactive displays
- Find out about how to make college affordable
- Hear from middle school and high school students about how to be successful in school!
- Take a ride on “Road Trip Nation” and experience interviews with ordinary people who have careers they love!
- Visit the college & career fair
- Interpreters available

Use **#EPS_HSandB** and share your pics on social media!



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Jefferson Emergency Evacuation/Lockdown Overview for Families & Guardians



Washington State (RCW 28A.320.125) requires Jefferson Elementary School to conduct one emergency drill each month during the school year (three lockdowns, three fire evacuations, one shelter-in-place drill, and one earthquake drill). This document will help you understand what to do if you are in the building during a lockdown or evacuation.

Lockdowns	
<i>What are the two types of lockdowns?</i>	
Full lockdown: Threat may be inside and/or outside of building.	Modified lockdown: Threat is outside the building and all we need to do is lock outside doors, close blinds, and keep students inside the building.
<p>The difference on modified lockdown is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carry on with instruction, read to students, have students read silently or draw. 2. Restrooms may or may not be available within building. 	
<i>Summarized Procedures</i>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Office will announce the lockdown over the intercom and will immediately call 911 when necessary. 2. Clarification will be made as to a full or modified lockdown 3. Full lockdown procedures: All staff will immediately: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move all children to a safe area out of view. • Lock doors and check the hallway for students. • Close and cover all windows. • Keep all rooms secured until we give an all clear. 4. Modified lockdown procedures: All staff will immediately: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect all students into a safe room. Do not allow students to go to bathroom unless it is made clear that it is OK. • Close blinds and instruct students of safety measures (stay in seat, partner voice, away from windows, etc.). 	

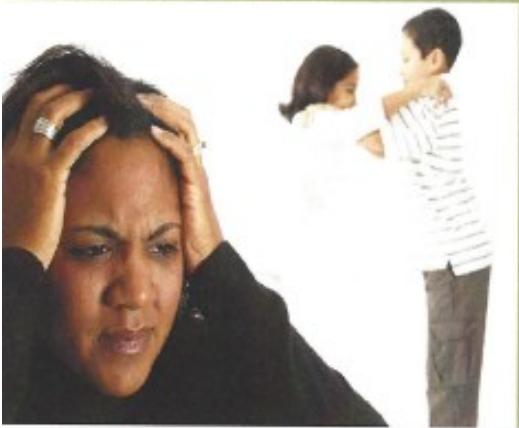
Evacuations (Fire/Earthquake)
In case of fire or after an earthquake, students and staff will evacuate the building using designate routes.
<i>Summarized Procedures</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers will take their clipboard and yellow backpack and <u>silently</u> exit the building with their students according to the evacuation map. • Classroom lights are to be off and doors are to be closed but left unlocked so emergency officials and staff can check for occupancy. • Specialists/Support staff will bring their blue backpacks outside with them. • Teachers take roll on the field. • Volunteers/visitors report to Heather Boyd in front of class lines on field to be checked off.

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Earthquake
In case of earthquake, students and staff take every precaution to take cover in the safest place possible.
<i>Safety Tips from FEMA</i>
<p>IF INDOORS: Identify safe places in each room:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under sturdy furniture such as a heavy desk or table. • Against an inside wall. • Away from where glass could shatter, or pictures, bookcases or other heavy objects could fall. • Protect your head and hold on! • The most dangerous thing to do is to try to leave the building while the shaking is going on because objects could be falling or moving. • Door jambs are not safe places to stand because doors can slam shut. <p>IF OUTDOORS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move into the open, away from buildings, streetlights, utility wires, etc. • Stay there until the shaking stops. • Drop and cover.

Tips for Parents/Guardians/Volunteers	
When in the building...	While off-campus...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your priority is the safety of students. • Follow all directions of staff. • Help create a calm environment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ Use cell phone only for communication when directed by staff. ◊ Students will follow whatever behaviors or emotions you model. ◊ Support students and staff with any needed assistance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow Blackboard Connect announcements and directions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ Information will be provided via phone, text, and e-mail about details of emergency or reunification updates. ◊ Communication will occur as soon as we are safely able to do so.



nami Basics

National Alliance on Mental Illness



Are you the parent/caregiver of a youth or adolescent who may be living with Emotional/Behavioral Problem or Mental Illness?

Come join our **FREE** monthly **NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) BASICS Parent Support Group!** If your youth has rages, isolating depression, non-stop ADHD behaviors, is defiant, is self-harming, making suicide threats, has bipolar "melt downs", is destroying your home/possessions, and becomes physically violent toward you or others---**YOU ARE NOT ALONE!!** Families share acceptance and seemingly "hidden" mental health care and resources. This group is a safe place to "vent" and support each other as you walk the 24/7 challenge of rearing and loving a youth with an illness you cannot "fix".

When: 1st Tuesday of each month
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Place: First Presbyterian Church
2936 Rockefeller Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

Located across from Courthouse. **BASICS** sign at Rockefeller stairway entrance and bear right as you enter the church doors to Calvin Lounge

For information about the **SUPPORT GROUP** or our **free 6 week Parent Class NAMI BASICS**, please contact Carolyn Hetherwick Goza, M.Ed at 425-347-5365 or namicontact@gmail.com

Parents/caregivers of youth/adolescents with ADD/ADHD, depression, bipolar disorder, conduct disorder, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder, schizophrenia, substance abuse or other disorders find acceptance here. Getting the school to provide for **POSITIVE** learning is another huge hurdle. The **STIGMA** in society so isolates families trying to care for their youth in the throes of these disorders. Our youth are feared and we and they become isolated. Only **20%** are even identified and fewer still receive treatment--thus our recent rash of killings and suicides. **TREATMENT WORKS!!** Please come and help us help our loved ones and our community. Parents/caregivers have to remember the mantra:

You didn't CAUSE it
You can't (easily) CONTROL it
You can't CURE it
You must learn to COPE with it.

~ David Karp M.D.



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EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, SELF-CARE,
and the opportunity to learn
UNDERSTANDING and ACCEPTANCE
of your life challenges!

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