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Jefferson Charger

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From the Principal

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year at Jefferson Elementary! I am thrilled to be joining such a strong learning community, one where staff members, students, and family members all come together to ensure that children have a high-quality and engaging experience at school each day. I am looking forward to getting to know students and families, so please reach out to me if you have questions or concerns, or if you'd just like to help me learn more about Jefferson!

A little more about me: I come to Everett Public Schools from the Lake Washington School District. I spent eight years as a teacher (grades three, five, and six), and one year as the school librarian while also fulfilling assistant principal duties. I also taught English to middle school students while serving as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Bulgaria for two years. Before that, I was a newspaper copy editor for five years. In my spare time, I love reading, walking, and kayaking.

My personal goal is to ensure that students, staff, families have a great experience each time they walk through Jefferson's doors. Our shared goal as a staff is expressed in our mission statement: "At Jefferson Elementary School, we achieve to high standards by providing a meaningful and relevant education, preparing each of our students to be healthy, well-rounded lifelong learners and responsible citizens in a changing society."

The focus at Jefferson is on the whole child – and on each child as a unique individual whose achievement and development will be supported by a reflective, responsive staff. Families play an essential role as partners in the education of their children, so please consider volunteering to help in your child's classroom and/or with other activities around the school. A strong home-school connection is a great way to support your child's learning. Thank you for your support of Jefferson Elementary School. It's going to be a great year!

Safety: Our No. 1 Priority

Student safety is always our No. 1 priority. The beginning of the school year is a good time to review our safety policies, so please take the time to read this section and discuss the key points with your child.

Student Supervision Times / Daily Schedule

For safety reasons, it is essential that students not be on campus unless there is adult supervision provided. Here are the times before and after school that staff supervise students, as well as our starting and ending times:

- 8:45: Breakfast begins in the cafeteria. Only students having breakfast at school should be on campus at this time.
- 8:55: Supervision begins in the covered play area. Students not eating breakfast should not arrive before this time.

- 9:10: First bell rings. Teachers generally begin walking students to class a few minutes before this, and continue for a few minutes after.
- 9:15: Tardy bell rings. At this point, students arriving on campus need to get a tardy slip from the office. Tardy students are to walk to class by themselves rather than being escorted by a parent, with the exception of kindergarten students early in the school year.
- 3:30: Dismissal bell rings.
- 3:50: Adult supervision ends, and students still waiting to be picked up are taken into the office to contact parents.

Parking Lot Reminders

The Jefferson parking lot is a very busy place! Please consider parking at Eastmont Park & Ride (0.2 of a mile away) and walking to school. Whenever you are in the parking lot, please follow these guidelines in order to keep everyone safe:

- The speed limit in the parking lot is 5 MPH.
- Be attentive to what is happening around you, and minimize distractions such as cell phones.
- Park only in marked spaces. Do not park in a handicapped space unless you have a placard.
- If dropping off a student in the “kiss and go” lane, the child must exit on the sidewalk side of the vehicle and the driver must remain in the vehicle at all times.
- If picking up a student, stay in your vehicle in the "kiss and go" lane, which begins near the main entrance, and continue to pull forward as the line moves. Your child needs to enter the vehicle from the sidewalk side. We will have visor nametags and directions for use printed and distributed as soon as possible to speed the afternoon pick-up process as much as we can.
- If you are walking, always use a crosswalk and follow Safety Patrol students' directions. If you are driving, never block a crosswalk.
- Never pick up, drop off, wait, or park in the back parking lot, or anywhere along the bus driveway. It is for staff, deliveries, and buses only.

Walking/Biking Reminders

- Stay on designated paths and sidewalks. Do not ride or walk on the grass.
- Always use crosswalks and follow Safety Patrol students' directions.
- If biking:
 - ◊ Wear a helmet.
 - ◊ Lock your bike each day.
 - ◊ Walk your bike on all school sidewalks and the blacktop area.
 - ◊ Only students in grades three, four, and five are allowed to bike to school.

School Visitor/Volunteer Reminders

We welcome visitors and volunteers at Jefferson, but ask that you follow these guidelines:

- To volunteer in a classroom, chaperone a field trip, etc., you must have district volunteer clearance. To apply, visit <http://www.everettsd.org/domain/1452>.
- Please arrange classroom volunteering and visits with the teacher in advance so that he or she is ready for your arrival.
- If visiting campus for any reason, sign in at the office and wear a visitor sticker at all times.
- If dropping off an item such as a lunch or homework, you will need to leave it at the front desk for your child to pick up later so that classroom instruction is not interrupted.

CALENDAR

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| Early Release Dates | 9/23 9/30 10/7 |
| Open House All Grades 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm | 9/19 |
| 5th Grade Camp Meeting 7:00 pm - 7:30pm | 9/19 |
| 5th Grade Camp | 9/28- 9/30 |
| Picture Day | 10/4 |

**75 min Early Release
Every Friday throughout
school year**

Grades 1-5 and
full-day kindergarten 9:15 - 2:15

Jefferson School is receiving support from the state funded Learning Assistance Program. The LAP program is designed to provide supplemental support to eligible students who are identified in need of additional assistance to meet state and local reading and math academic standards. Funds provide extended day classes and opportunities to include parents in the education of their children.

If you have questions about the LAP program, please contact Janet Erickson, Jefferson's Literacy Specialist, 425-385-7423 or Cynthia Jones, Director of Categorical Programs, 425-385-4030

Counselor Corner

Hello, everyone I just wanted to take this time to introduce myself. I am the new School Counselor here at Jefferson. Although I am new to Jefferson, I have been in the District for 15 years and have worked across all grade levels. I have really enjoyed meeting so many of our students and am looking forward to expanding that list. Next week I will be going into the fourth and fifth grade classes to kick off our social emotional learning curriculum, Second Step. The curriculum focuses on how to calm ourselves down; demonstrating empathy for each other and problem solving steps. This curriculum will eventually be delivered to all grade levels. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the curriculum or anything else I might be able to help you with. I am very excited about being at Jefferson and I look forward to working together so that your child can achieve at their highest level. My contact information is Lortiz-self@everettsd.org or 425-385-7410.

Lillian Ortiz-Self
Counselor/Jefferson

Required legal notices are also available on the district website and in the [Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook](#) that is sent home with each student.

Register to vote!

Voter registration information and materials are available in an area in your school's main office. You can also register to vote online at <http://bit.ly/VoteRegistration>.

Access to public records

Many records and documents in Everett Public Schools are available to the public. Parents and other citizens have the right to ask the school district to view or have copies made of records defined as "public" under state and federal laws including their own student's records and public records about discipline of school employees.

Everett Public Schools public records requests are handled by the district's finance and business services office. Records can be requested by writing that office at PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213, sending an email to publicrecords@everettsd.org or calling 425-385-4150.

Your student's records are confidential

Everett Public Schools takes very seriously its duty to protect student records and privacy. Student transcripts and other education-related records are protected by multiple security measures. Only those teachers, administrators and other staff members who work directly with the student and have an educational need to know about the student have access to individual student records. Staff members are expected to maintain confidentiality about information contained in a student's records.

Change to vaccination requirements

Students in kindergarten through 12th-grade now need 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or have a health care provider document that they have already had chickenpox. Review vaccination requirements for your child on this [one-page guide](#) from Washington State Department of Health.

Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone who may be experiencing bullying or harassment? Or perhaps heard a rumor about someone bringing a weapon or drugs to school? **Report it!** You can talk directly with your school's office or you can call, text or email your concern.

3 easy ways

Text or call



855-637-2095



1350@alert1.us



<http://1350.alert1.us>

If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, calling **9-1-1** immediately will get authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods.

Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.


School breakfast prices increased by a quarter this fall.

New prices will be:

Middle and high schools - \$1.50

Elementary schools - \$1.25

Student opportunities and activities eflyers

We email approved flyers from community organizations to guardians through a system called  [Peachjar](#). The flyers are also posted on each school's website. Look for the Peachjar button in the Quicklinks section of the school homepage to view flyers and register others who might also want to receive the flyers.

Kids in Transition program in Everett Public Schools

The Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under federal McKinney-Vento legislation. Students who lack a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success and extra-curricular participation. We ensure homeless students have school supplies and provide tutoring or facilitate student participation in extended day or summer school classes. We help students participate in activities such as sports or clubs by paying required fees. KIT provides transportation for eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is feasible.

Last year, Everett Public Schools served over 1,100 homeless students at some time during the school year. For more information, visit the [KIT website](#) or contact Amy Perusse at 425-385-4032 or aperusse@everettsd.org.

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.

3 ways to stay in touch

At the bottom of any district webpage, you can sign up for [InTouch](#) announcements right to your email box about twice a month. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).



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The district shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, veteran or military status, the presence of any physical, sensory or mental disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a student with a disability. Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are: **Affirmative Action Office** – Carol Stolz, cstolz@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106 **Title IX Officer** – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104 **504 Coordinator** – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063 **ADA Coordinator** – Becky Clifford, rclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250 Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201