

Jefferson Charger News

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From the Principal

Dear Jefferson Families,

And just like that, we are at the halfway point of the school year! Your students have been hard at work. Over the last two weeks, students completed their second i-Ready diagnostic tests (K-5 math and 3-5 reading). We are excited that all grade levels experienced significant growth since the fall diagnostic. According to the data, 95 percent of students tested in reading have already made a year's growth. For math, it's 65 percent. The diagnostic resets students' online personalized learning pathways to ensure that they are receiving on-level instruction and practice. Kids can access their accounts by logging in from the student section of the Jefferson website. If you have questions about your child's progress, please connect with his or her teacher. i-Ready is just one indicator of student growth. Look for more details in progress reports coming home on Friday, Feb. 9.

In addition to the events listed in the calendar to the right, please note these events:

- Thursday, Feb. 8, is our concert for grades one through five at the Civic Auditorium in downtown Everett. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m., but doors will open at 6:00. Students are expected to sit by class – they will be supervised by their teachers – and to stay for the entire performance, which should last under an hour. The theme is “We Are The World,” and songs can be found [here](#).
- Don't forget to vote on Election Day, Feb. 13!
- Lighthouse Cooperative info night for those interested in joining the program next year is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15. Join us in the cafeteria if you'd like to know more about the program, and please invite anyone who may be interested.
- We will have a special parent education opportunity at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, in the library. Fourth-grade teacher Meredith White will present about kids, teens, and social media. Social media is an important part of life. How do you know which apps are safe? What are the things that your kids and teens should avoid? If you are one of the many parents trying to navigate the digital world with your child, this night is for you. Mrs. White will discuss the most popular apps for kids and teens, and will give you information to help you make the best decisions around social media for your child.

One last word about something that's happening a bit farther out: Many of you may have heard that we will be transitioning away from the Make Your Day citizenship and behavior management program in the coming year and a half. All schools in the district are moving from their current systems to PBIS, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. PBIS is more of a philosophy or a framework than an out-of-the-box program like MYD, so it will take us some time to customize it to meet our needs here at Jefferson. We will keep you posted on changes along the way, as well as how you can provide input!

Have a wonderful February,
Mrs. Kelley

Elizabeth Kelley
Principal

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Feb. 2

2:15 p.m. dismissal

Feb. 5-9

Val-Grams for sale at lunch

Feb. 7

Popcorn for sale at lunch

Feb. 8

Concert for Grades 1-5
Everett Civic Auditorium
6:30 PM

Feb. 9

2:15 p.m. dismissal

Feb. 16

2:15 p.m. dismissal

Feb. 19-20

Mid-winter break (no school)

Feb. 21

Popcorn for sale at lunch

Feb. 23

2:15 p.m. dismissal

Talent Show, 6:30 PM

When checking your student out early, please remember to have your photo ID ready. To report an absence, e-mail JFEattendance@everettsd.org.



Friday P.E. Rotation (does not include 3rd grade)

Please remind your student to bring their PE shoes on their scheduled gym day.

February 2

Roach
Magley
Weitkamp
Schmieder
Adams
Dinneen

February 16

T. Nelson
Lucas
Nielson
Hanson
Lobdell

February 9

White
Clark
Agustin
Graham
Wright

February 23

Roach
Magley
Weitkamp
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Reading Corner

Happy February from the Reading Room! We are so proud of the progress our students have been making in literacy! Thank you for continuing to support your child in reading at home every day.

February is a great month to read about people, places, and things we love. If your child has a favorite animal or hobby, choosing a book on that theme can be very motivating. If you have been to, or are going to, a special place (beach, zoo, park), find a book to read beforehand. Does your child have a hero? Read about him/her this month. Reading and talking about non-fiction books helps to develop critical-thinking skills. And it is always fun to learn new things!

Happy Reading!

2019 Elementary Boundary Adjustments

Do you live in one of the following attendance areas?

Cedar Wood	Mill Creek	Silver Firs
Forest View	Monroe	Silver Lake
Jefferson	Penny Creek	Woodside

If so, the elementary school your child will attend may change for fall 2019 when Everett Public Schools opens a new elementary school on 180th Street, at the south end of the district. A committee of parents and principals representing each of these schools is now studying current boundaries and will recommend changes to the superintendent in May 2018. The superintendent will make recommendations to the Board of Directors, who are planning to finalize boundaries in the fall of 2018 – about a year prior to the school’s opening. Part of the committee process includes public forums for representatives of the committee to share this work in

progress. A final proposal will not be presented at this forum. Two forums are scheduled:

Monday, Feb. 26

6:30-8 p.m.

Heatherwood Middle School cafeteria

Wednesday, Feb. 28

6:30-8 p.m.

Gateway Middle School cafeteria

Both sessions will include a short presentation and an opportunity for families to provide feedback for the committee’s consideration. Information about the boundary adjustment process is available online, www.everettsd.org, under the community tab, or by contacting Dr. Gerard Holzman at 425 385 4192. Please contact Dr. Holzman for accommodations—ADA or language.



Do you have a student in special education?

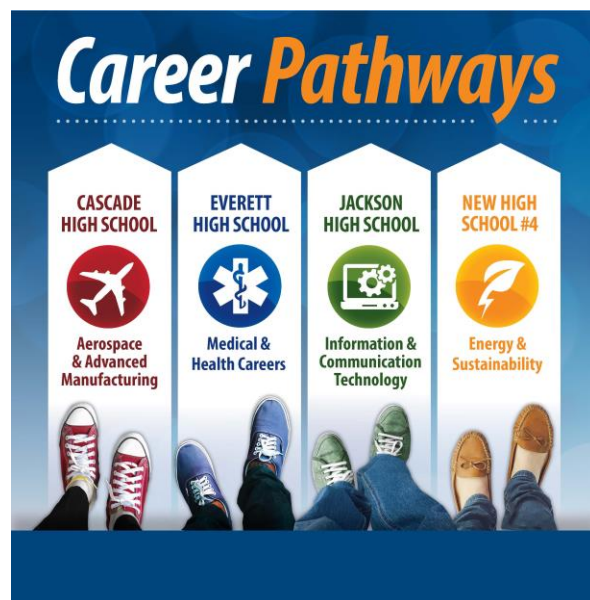
Did you know there is a Special Education PTSA in the district? The Special Education PTSA serves students, families, and educators involved in Special Education. They encourage students, families, educators and community members to work collaboratively to provide programs and activities recognizing each student's potential and enhancing the educational opportunities of children receiving and/or seeking special services in our district. Connect with the SEPTSA on [their Facebook page](#).

Career readiness

Did you know our state will add 740,000 jobs in the next five years? But, according to a University of Washington research study, there is now a mismatch between the jobs opening and local residents seeking those positions. As a result, many local openings are filled by people from outside our region. Washington Roundtable members believe in the concept of "Washington jobs for Washington kids." For that concept to be a reality, Washington high school graduates must go on to earn a postsecondary credential. Today, fewer than 1 in 3 do so.

The 2018 Capital Bond funds will pay to transform portions of each existing three high schools into high tech vocational learning and training centers. In these centers students will gain a head start on credentials that could enable them to live and work right here in our communities. The fourth high school (funding of which will be provided in the 2018 Capital Bond) will include a high tech vocational learning center in its design.

Hear what [local leaders are saying](#) about the career pathways plan and creating opportunities for students.



Access a teacher's website from a smartphone

Use this nifty [help sheet](#) for accessing teacher websites with a smartphone.

Are you registered to vote?

Students studied Dr. King's legacy in January. Among the advice he shared with the world is the responsibility and privilege we all have to vote. Registering to vote is easy. Click the link under [QuickLinks](#) on the district website.



Free tax preparation

United Way certified volunteers offer FREE tax preparation at several locations in Everett and throughout Snohomish County for families who made less than \$66,000 in 2017. Call 2-1-1 or visit the [United Way website](#) for more information.

Did you know?

Lots of valuable information about how our school is helping students achieve is available online. Our *School Performance Report* is linked directly from our school's home page. (Look under *QuickLinks* for a link to [OSPI Washington State School Report Card](#).) At that site you can browse through historical performance data for more than a decade – for any school in the district or the state. By following the prompts on that OSPI website, you can also find current and historical data aggregated at the district level.

Kindergarten registration begins in March

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2018? Registration begins on March 5, 2018, at all 17 district elementary schools. Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, click on *School and Route Finder* under the *Parents* tab, or call the transportation office at 425-385-4144.

Lunch payments just got easier



Want to see your student's lunch balance and pay a balance from your phone? If you're logged into the mobile app, you can find and pay your student's lunch balance under your student's info. A new icon inside the app gives a shortcut to deposit funds for your student's lunch account. To make a payment, look for the green chef's hat icon.

The latest news and information from schools in Everett Public Schools is available on smartphones and mobile devices with a mobile app. The free mobile app that is now available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores. Once you've downloaded the app, log in to "student info" with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children.



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Everett Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

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