

Jefferson Charger News

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Happy 2018! I hope that everyone had very happy New Year and holiday celebrations. We are looking forward to seeing students back at school Tuesday, Jan. 2, for lots more learning! We will begin our first few days of 2018 with **a review of schoolwide behavior expectations** (hallways, bathrooms, cafeteria, recess, guest teacher, and field trips). Ask your child to tell you about what he or she does to meet expectations. Also, please help your child meet one of the most important expectations for success: To be on time to school each day!

We are also kicking off the year with our second official **food drive** to stock our weekend food backpack program. Kid-friendly, easy-to-prepare meals and snacks are the best donations – think canned meats, mac and cheese, pasta/sauce, snacks, etc.

During January we will **welcome back counselor Daniel Wolf** and his service dog, Duke. Mr. Wolf and Duke will be covering Ms. Ortiz-Self's leave of absence through mid-March. Mr. Wolf was with us last winter/spring as well, and we are excited to have him and Duke back!

Speaking of dogs, do you know about our **Watch D.O.G.S.** (Dads of Great Students) program? This is a national program that seeks to involve more fathers and father figures in schools. Watch D.O.G.S. volunteer for a day, helping around the school and in classrooms. If you're interested but can't give us a full day, call the counselor's office at 425-385-7410 and we'll work something out. Adding onto a Lighthouse volunteer shift is also an option! D.O.G.S. must have district volunteer clearance, and can sign up for days using the calendar in the hallway or by calling the counselor.

Save the date: Jefferson's **annual Music Concert** for grades one through five is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Everett Civic Auditorium. Students are working hard in music class to prepare, and the concert is going to be amazing!

I'd like to close with an important safety reminder: **Please drive carefully** and slowly not only in the parking lot, but on neighborhood streets. We have had several near-misses around crosswalks, and ask that everyone be more watchful.

Thanks for reading, and have a great January!

Mrs. Kelley

Elizabeth Kelley
Principal

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Jan. 2

Welcome back to school!
Food Drive begins

Jan. 3

Popcorn for sale at lunches

Jan. 5

2:15 p.m. dismissal

Jan. 11

PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m., library

Jan. 12

Food drive ends; 2:15 p.m. dismissal

Jan. 15

No school: MLK Jr. Day

Jan. 17

Popcorn for sale at lunches

Jan. 19

2:15 p.m. dismissal

Jan. 24

Talent Show auditions, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Jan. 26

2:15 pm dismissal

Jan. 29

No school: Teacher work day

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



Friday Gym Rotation

(does not apply to 3rd grade)

- Jan. 5 Monday
- Jan. 12 Wednesday
- Jan. 19 Monday
- Jan. 26 Thursday
- Feb. 2 Monday
- Feb. 9 Tuesday
- Feb. 16 Wednesday

Reading Corner

Hello families! January is a great month for a visit to your public library! It's cold and dark outside, but it's great fun to read books inside where it's warm. There are great winter books at every reading level. Look for A Snowy Day, The Mitten, or The Jacket I Wear in the Snow for younger readers. Suggestions for intermediate students are Snow Treasure and The Legend of Balto. For a fun challenge, read both a non-fiction book and a story on the same topic. Talk about the ways the two books are the same and how they are different. Thank you for encouraging your child's love of reading!
Janet Erickson, literacy specialist
 425-385-7423

January is School Board Appreciation Month



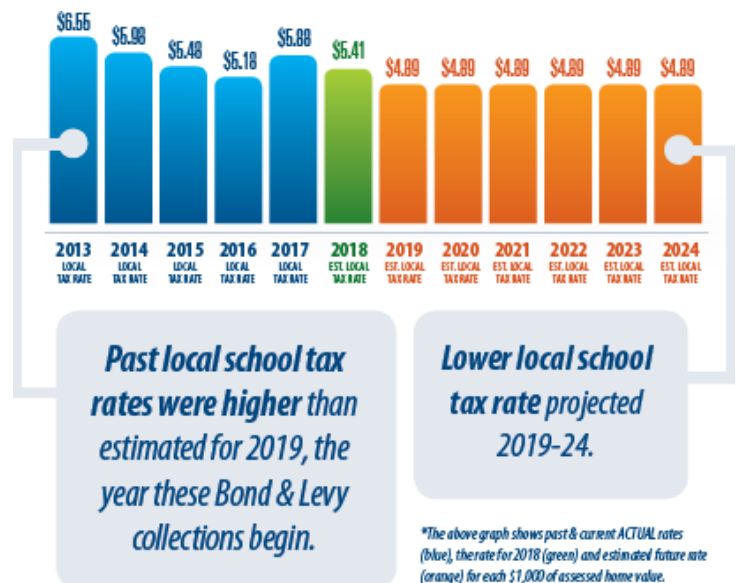
The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. This year, they were named a Board of Distinction. You can learn more about [board members online](#).

Smarter Balanced Assessments

Because Smarter Balanced Assessments are such an important topic for families, the link to everything you ever wanted to know about these tests is in the Quicklinks section on the district home page.

2018 Capital Bond and Replacement Levy

The school board voted to propose a Capital Bond to meet future readiness needs and a Replacement Levy to replace the expiring one. If voters approve both the Capital Bond and Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy on Feb. 13, 2018, tax collections to complete those projects begin in 2019. That year the local school tax rate is projected to be \$4.89 per each \$1,000 of property value. That rate is the lowest local school tax rate for property owners in the district since 2013. Find more information on the [district website](#).





Support for students in temporary or inadequate housing

If your family is in a temporary or inadequate living situation due to a loss of housing or a family crisis, your child may be eligible for certain educational rights and services. If you lost your housing and now live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, camping ground, temporary trailer, on the street, doubled up with family or friends, or in another type of temporary or inadequate housing, your child might be able to receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Act. The McKinney-Vento Act may be able to provide support through transportation so that your child can continue enrolled in school, or through access to programs and services so that your child can participate fully in school. Please contact your child’s counselor or Amy Perusse, McKinney-Vento Facilitator, aperusse@everettsd.org, 425-385-4032, for more information.

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.

Mobile app

Have you downloaded the mobile app yet? The latest news and information from schools in Everett Public Schools is now available on smartphones and mobile devices with a new mobile app. Everett Public Schools is expanding its communications outreach with a free mobile app that is now available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores.



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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