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Jefferson Charger

Elizabeth Kelley, Principal

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From the Principal

This is an exciting time of year for us at school! Students have settled in following the winter break, and we are all reflecting on how much progress they have made as teachers prepare progress reports, which will go home Feb. 10. We are right about at the halfway point of the school year, which means there is still so much time ahead for learning and fun at school!

Thank you for all you do to support our staff and all of our students! If your schedule allows it, please volunteer. Whether you can give us some time just once or on an ongoing basis, we love having families be part of the Jefferson experience! We can use volunteers in classes, behind the scenes, in the cafeteria, at recess, and in the parking lot. There's a job for everyone! Contact the office if you are interested.

Students have been working so hard in music classes with Ms. Hansen to prepare for our school music concert for all children in grades one through five. Plan to arrive by 6:10 for the concert, which starts at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Everett Civic Auditorium. Please offer your child the opportunity to use the restroom on the way in. Students are expected to sit with their classes, and will be supervised by their teachers – look for signs with teachers' names in the lower half of the auditorium. We are asking that families stay for the entire concert so that students can see each other and practice the skills they have been taught about being good audience members. We hope to see everyone there!

Mrs. Kelley

Important information and reminders

- **Parking lot safety:** Please set a good example for children by staying on sidewalks and using crosswalks rather than walking across our parking lot. Also, please remember that the back lot is not a safe spot for student drop-off because of bus traffic and the lack of sidewalks in some areas.
- **Disabled parking spaces:** We have several Jefferson students who use wheelchairs, and their families are finding it difficult to get one of our four disabled parking spaces during afternoon pick-up. Unless you have a significant need to use a disabled space, please arrive in time to use another space if you are parking and walking to meet a student. If you are picking up by car, please use the pick-up lane.

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, bclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250. Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201

Congratulations to our Reflections art contest participants!

This year, four Jefferson Elementary students were among 203 students from around the district who participated in the Everett PTSA Council’s Reflections art contest. This year’s theme was, “What Is Your Story?” All four Jefferson students received awards. The students are (pictured, from left) Alana Dewing, Jonathan Heilman, Lillian Heilman, and Sofia Hatfield. Sofia and Lillian’s first-place entries – in dance and photography, respectively – will move on to the Washington State PTA Reflections competition. Big thanks to Leanne Heilman for coordinating this for Jefferson. We hope to see this program expand next year!



Kindergarten registration

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2017?

[Registration for 2017-18](#) is open.

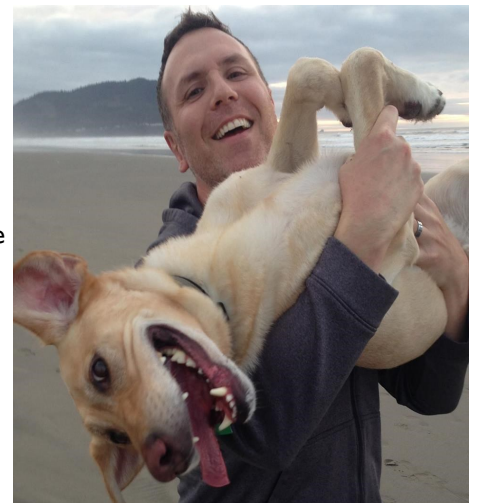
FREE full-day kindergarten is available at all district elementary schools.

CALENDAR

Early Release 2:15 pm	2/03 2/10 2/17 2/24
PTA Val-Grams during lunches \$.25—\$1.00	2/07- 2/10
Music Concert 1st - 5th grades 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Everett Civic Auditorium	2/09
NO SCHOOL Presidents Day / Midwinter break	2/20- 2/21
PTA Talent Show Cafeteria 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	2/24

A Message from our Counselor

Hello Jefferson Elementary families! My name is Mr. Wolf and I am SO excited to be here as your school counselor over the next few months (filling in for Ms. Ortiz until the end of April). As many of you have seen, I have my service dog, Duke, with me. He is an awesome 6-year-old yellow Lab, and he helps me get through the day. He is also here for the staff and your students! When you see us out together, please feel free to ask to pet Duke. Most days I will say yes, but sometimes he has gotten SO much attention already that I might say, “No, but maybe later.” Also, if you see 3-4 kids already petting him, please give him space until I let you know it’s OK to pet him. Thank you for your help in this. Duke and I are so glad to be here working with you all during this time! See you around! (P.S. The picture here is one of my favorites! We were at the Oregon Coast and Duke had just jumped into my arms. He's so goofy at times!)





You're Invited!

To: The Lighthouse Cooperative Open House

Who is invited? Anyone within the Everett School District, grades K-5

When: February 23, 2017 5:00-6:00 pm

Where: Jefferson Elementary Cafeteria

We would love for you to join us for an open house to learn more about Lighthouse Cooperative. Did you know that within Jefferson Elementary there is an amazing hands-on, unique educational experience waiting for you and your family? We would love to tell you more. Please join us!

- *Hear from a former student
- *Question and answer time
- *See how our program actually works
- *Talk with current families
- *Light refreshments provided
- *Quiet activities for children

Check us out at lighthousecoop.org



Attendance Tips and Reminder

- 1 Call the attendance line at 425-385-7405 every day your student is absent.
- 2 Be sure to provide an excusable reason for your student's absence. (See below for excusable attendance codes).
- 3 If planning a family trip, please pick up a pre-planned absence request form from our office staff. We would prefer to have at least a week's notice.
- 4 While it's helpful to let your student's teacher know if your student is absent or going to be absent, unless the office is alerted, the absence will be marked as "no contact" and will be unexcused.

Excusable Attendance Codes

- A Participation in a district- or school-approved activity
- B Illness/health/medical appointment
- C Family emergency
- D Religious purposes
- E Judicial proceeding/jury duty
- F Post-secondary program/visit
- G State-recognized search and rescue activities
- H Directly related to student's homeless status

Is your family vaccinated against mumps?

The number of mumps cases in Washington state is on the rise. Learn more about mumps and how you can best protect your family from this infectious disease on the [Washington State Department of Health website](#).

If your child isn't current on their MMR immunizations, they may be excluded from school if there is a case of mumps at their school.

To get the vaccine, contact your healthcare provider. Or, call the Family Health Hotline at 1-800-322-2588 to find other vaccination locations.

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 \$64,000 in 2016. Call 2-1-1 or visit the [United Way website](#) for more information.

Access a teacher's website from a smartphone

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

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.

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 or pick up a paper registration form in your school office.

Smarter Balanced Assessments

Because Smarter Balanced Assessments are 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.

MESSAGE TO OUR SCHOOL FAMILIES



Everett Public Schools
urgently needs
SUBSTITUTES

- **PARAEDUCATORS**
 - Classroom assistance
 - Noon-duty supervision
 - Health room assistance
 - Special Services
- **OFFICE PERSONNEL**
- **FOOD & NUTRITION**
- **CUSTODIANS**
- **VAN DRIVERS**

Competitive wage, flexible schedule, training, and much more.

**If you are available to work or would like more information, please call
Substitute Services 425-385-4111.**

To apply, please visit our Web site at www.everetsd.org and click "employment"

Parenting in a **DIGITAL WORLD**



Feb. 16, 2017

6:30-8 p.m.

Community Resource Center

3900 Broadway, Everett 98201

Learn the benefits and opportunities available to students through social media and digital tools with international speaker Jeff Utecht and his *Eduro* team. Help your student make good choices, develop self control and handle distractions in the digital world.

For more information, call 425-385-4201.

