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From the Principal

Happy 2017! I hope that everyone had very happy new year and holiday celebrations, and that you stayed warm through the recent deep freeze. It was great to see students' smiling faces back at school last week! We began our first few days of 2017 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 these expectations. Students and teachers then quickly settled back into their routines of learning and growing!

Every year, each school staff writes a School Improvement Plan (SIP) that guides their work for the year. Mr. Natividad and I will be sharing Jefferson's during upcoming PTA and Lighthouse meetings. We've included a "SIP at a Glance" page later in this newsletter for you to read, and the full plan is available on the school website if you'd like to go deeper. A big part of the SIP has to do with creating a welcoming environment and partnering with families, so please let me know what we else we can do as a staff to make Jefferson a great place for families!

Mrs. Kelley

Important information and reminders

- **Welcome counselor Daniel Wolf:** Mr. Wolf will be covering Ms. Ortiz-Self's leave of absence through the end of April. He has been at Jefferson since mid-December getting to know students and staff, and has been teaching classroom and small-group lessons on how to manage anxious feelings and disappointment, how to calm down in stressful situations, and how to use positive self-talk. Mr. Wolf has worked with children in various capacities over the last 20 years, including outdoor school and summer camps. He recently graduated from Liberty University with a master of education in school counseling.
- **Jan. 12 Kids Matter event:** Our PTA is sponsoring a special family event called Kids Matter from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Thursday. Representatives from the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office will be demonstrating the proper way to handle several different safety-related situations. There will be a police car and ice cream sandwiches. We hope to see everyone there!
- **Building access after school:** Because our office is not staffed after 4:00 p.m., we lock all doors to the main building at that time. On Mondays and Wednesdays when there is soccer, the cafeteria will be open until soccer ends at 4:30 so that students can access bathrooms.
- **Soccer and siblings:** Only students who are enrolled in our soccer program should be present on their designated day (Mondays for third grade and Wednesdays for fourth/fifth grades). Siblings cannot stay with them, since supervision is provided only for soccer players.

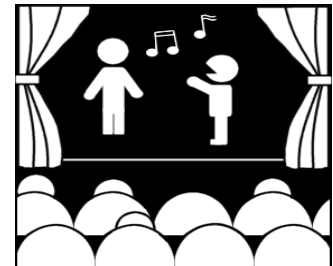
- **Food drive:** Our annual January drive to stock our food bank continues through the end of the week, and donations are always welcome! Please make sure items are not expired, or about to expire. They have to be thrown away, and this takes our volunteers extra time. Items always in demand are kid-friendly, easy-to-make foods: Mac and cheese, canned pasta, PB & J, canned tuna/chicken, soups with pull-top lids, microwave meals, cereal, etc. If you would like to access the food bank, contact the school office.
- **Health room access:** Any family member who needs to access the health room or our nursing staff needs to follow school sign-in procedures, put on a visitor sticker, notify the front desk, and then stay in the waiting area until a school staff member comes to get them. Conversations about any student's health or care are to happen in a private setting rather than in the health room if there are students present in order to protect the privacy of all.
- **Birthday treats:** This is a reminder that per our student handbook, sugary treats are not allowed. Please contact your child's teacher in advance to arrange a time to supply birthday treats. This allows us to plan ahead, as we have many students with allergy or other health issues.

CALENDAR

Early Release 2:15 p.m.	1/13 1/20 1/27 2/03
PTA - Kids Matter 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Gym	1/12
NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day	1/16
Pancake Breakfast Fifth Grade Camp fundraiser - Applebee's Everett Mall Way 8:00 - 10:00 AM	1/21
Kindergarten Registration Begins	1/23
Talent Show Try-outs 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Cafeteria	1/25
NO SCHOOL	1/30

Dear Families and Students:

Jefferson's annual Music Concert (Grades 1-5) is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Everett Civic Auditorium (2416 Colby Ave.) Please save the date!



As the concert approaches, students are being asked to participate in many ways to create a sense of community for the concert theme of "Togetherness." They can draw pictures of the lyrical themes in the pieces they are performing, or submit an artistic rendition of "Togetherness" for the outside cover of the program. The goal is to display as many kids' work as possible. I'm asking for these projects to be turned in by Jan. 17 to give enough time for scanning and displaying electronically the night of the concert in a slide presentation with the song titles and themes. This gives kids who aren't singing solos, acting, speaking and/or dancing other opportunities to shine. Students are to work on this art at home unless their teacher directs them differently. Students should use 8.5-by-11-inch paper and sign their first name and first letter of last name on the front of the work. Work is to be turned in to Ms. Hansen by Jan. 17.

Ms. Hansen, music teacher

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

Kindergarten registration begins this month

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

If “yes,” these three dates are really important:

- Jan. 16, 2017 – Get kindergarten registration materials online, or,
- Jan. 18, 2017 – Get paper copies of kindergarten registration materials at elementary school offices
- Jan. 23, 2017 – registration begins 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.

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. You can learn more about the new [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.

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.

Prepare for bad weather

How to find emergency school schedule information (usually by 5:45 a.m.)

See [Safety and Emergencies](#) page under *Parents* tab on district website for full details and other resources.

FlashAlert.net: You can subscribe to receive notices at the same time those notices are sent to media outlets, or you can bookmark this site to check for a listing of regional school emergency schedule information.

Media news reports (Media gets information from FlashAlert)

District website: www.everettsd.org

District information line at 425-385-4636

*Blackboard Connect** calls, emails and text messages made to families beginning as early as 5:45 a.m.

***Please be sure your contact information is current at your school.**

Program [impact chart](#) outlines how various school programs and activities are impacted when school is cancelled or starts late.

No announcement means schools are on a regular schedule.

Snow routes are online!

School drop off and pick up locations may change in an emergency situation. If your child rides a bus to school, please become familiar with the [snow route information](#) on the district transportation department’s webpage.

2016-17 Jefferson Elementary School Improvement Plan at a Glance

All academic areas:

- Planning instruction based on standards and common assessments
- Analyzing student assessment data and using results to plan instruction

Reading	Writing	Math	Science
Balanced approach (shared/guided/independent)	Balanced approach (shared/guided/independent)	Problem-solving and communicating reasoning	Inquiry writing process and related vocabulary
Using text evidence	Revision and editing	Number talks	Accountable talk
Accountable talk	30 minutes a day	SBA-style practice (intermediate)	MSP-style practice (fifth-graders)
Accelerated Reader	Graphic organizers	Proficiency-scaled assessments/scoring guides	
		MobyMax & IXL	

Nonacademic areas

- **Family partnerships**

- ◊ Communication of events and resources (academic and Make Your Day) in multiple languages/formats
- ◊ Expanding WatchD.O.G.S./volunteering

- **Welcoming/safe/equitable and accessible culture**

- ◊ Office
- ◊ Culture Nights
- ◊ Administrator visibility
- ◊ Common area behavior expectations/Make Your Day consistency
- ◊ Trauma-informed practices
- ◊ Rise Above Harassment student group
- ◊ Student Intervention Team process

- **Attendance**

- ◊ Frequent monitoring and family communication

- **Technology**

- ◊ Keyboarding Without Tears
- ◊ Chromebook access for second-graders and English learners
- ◊ STEM activities

News From The Reading Room

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We are off to a great start with our LLI Reading and English Language groups. For all our Jefferson students, January is a great month to get back into the daily reading routine. Students who read 20 minutes a day five times a week read 400 minutes each month! Reading aloud to your child is also very valuable in developing vocabulary and an understanding of the structure of stories and informational text. Thank you for supporting your child's literacy development at home.

LAP and EL NEWS

Mark your calendar! All families who have children in the **LAP Reading Program** or our **English Learning Program** are invited to a special event on January 23 at 6:30 p.m. here at school. We look forward to sharing some of the great work kids have been doing, as well as giving families a chance to meet our team of reading and English teachers. We'll also enjoy some treats and share strategies for supporting your children with their reading development at home. More information will be coming home with your child this week. See you there!

Janet Erickson
Reading Specialist

