

# Jefferson Charger News

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

Where did the time go?! It's hard to believe that we are just a few weeks away from ending the 2017-18 school year! As June 19 draws nearer, it's important to remember that every day will still be packed with learning and growth opportunities. Please help your child stay focused on school in this busy time. We have many fun special events coming up, from field trips to guest speakers, as well as the usual meaningful learning that goes on in classrooms. As the school year ends, we prepare to say goodbye to some staff members, and to welcome new ones:

- Assistant Principal **Katie Stone**, whom we share with James Monroe Elementary, is leaving us to become the principal at Cooper Elementary School in Spokane. Our new half-time assistant principal is **Annette Sternberg**, whom we will share with Lowell Elementary. Annette started her career as a school administrator as Lowell's half-time assistant principal this year.
- Fourth-grade teacher **Meredith White** will be heading to Eisenhower Middle School to teach English language arts, technology, and art after three years at Jefferson.
- **Jarucia Jaycox** will be joining us as the fourth-grade Lighthouse teacher as **Sarah Lucas** moves up to fifth-grade Lighthouse. Jarucia comes to us from the Lake Washington School District, where she has spent four years teaching academic intervention groups in ELA and math to students in grades K-5.
- Developmental kindergarten teacher **Melissa Wilkening-Joly** is returning to the Edmonds School District after two years in Everett. We will welcome **Amy Denham** as our new DK teacher.
- Class configurations can still change, but at this point, we are planning on adding an additional fifth-grade class, and decreasing by one third-grade class. So, **Ellen McClure** is moving to fourth grade from third, and we will hire a new fifth-grade teacher.

I hope that the summer will be a time of continued learning for your child! One great way to do this is to participate in Everett Public Schools' summer reading program. Brochures describing the program and showing your child's summer reading goal will be mailed home with progress reports right after school ends. Jefferson's library will be open to support summer reading – checking out books, taking Accelerated Reader quizzes, etc. – from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, June 27 to Aug. 22, with the exception of July 4. Students will also have access to AR quizzes from home over the summer, along with being able to use familiar websites such as IXL, i-Ready, and Keyboarding Without Tears.

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**Elizabeth Kelley**  
Principal

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**June 1**

Learning Improvement 2:15 dismissal

**June 4**

Kindergarten Orientation, 6:30 p.m.,  
library

**June 4-8**

PTA book fair

**June 8**

1:00 p.m. dismissal  
PTA Carnival, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**June 15**

PTA Father's Day Breakfast,  
8:00-8:45 a.m., cafeteria  
Field Day, 9:30-11:00 a.m.  
Learning Improvement 2:15 dismissal

**June 18**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration, 9:30 a.m., gym

**June 19**

Last day of school: 1:00 p.m. dismissal

**June 27**

Library open 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays  
through Aug. 22; closed July 4)

**June 29-Aug. 13**

Office closed for the summer  
Summer office hours: 8:00-4:30  
with lunch closure 12:00-1:00



*(From the Principal, continued)*

Usually, I list important back-to-school dates here. However, the calendar for next school year is part of the negotiations process with the teachers’ bargaining unit, which may continue into late August. In the past, we have traditionally started school the Wednesday after Labor Day, which would be Sept. 5 this year. The district will use the website, e-mail, phone, text messaging, and social media to announce the calendar when negotiations are complete, and I will send out information on Jefferson events such as Meet & Greet.

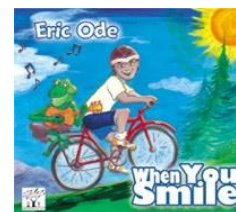
Here is one thing to know about for next year, regardless of dates: You will no longer receive an automated phone call or e-mail with your child’s teacher assignment the week before school starts. Instead, you will be able to log in to the district’s Home Access Center (HAC) to see your child’s teacher. Information on how to sign up for and access HAC is at the end of this newsletter, and on our website.

It has been an action-packed year at Jefferson. I hope that you and your students have had a great year here – whether it was your first, your last, or somewhere in between. I’d like to thank each and every one of our families for their support! Have a safe, fun summer!

**Mrs. Kelley**

**Jefferson Elementary Young Authors Day: Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>!**

Eric Ode (Oh-dee), award-winning singer, songwriter, author and poet, is coming to Jefferson Elementary on Tuesday, June 12, for our Young Authors Day. We will begin with two opening assemblies (for primary and intermediate) where Eric will energize our writers through fun songs, poetry, and movement. Throughout the day, Eric will lead grade-level workshops where he will share his writing process and engage our students in their own writing efforts. This is sure to be a fun, educational and inspiring experience for all!



**Greetings from the Reading Room!**

As we head into the last few weeks of school, things always seem to be extra busy. Please encourage your child to continue with his or her daily reading. It makes a difference!

Our summer school roster is filling up, but we do still have a few openings. If you are interested in having your child attend, please give me a call. It is a great opportunity to get free breakfast and lunch; science, math and literacy instruction; and recess. Plus, summer school can prevent the “summer slide” that happens to students who stop reading.

Our Summer Reading Challenge is back! We are hoping that all Jefferson students participate this year. Those going into kindergarten and first grade earn points for the minutes they read (or are read to). Students going into grades 2 – 5 earn points for each AR test they pass. Like last year, the AR

system will be available over the summer and can be accessed on any computer, tablet, or phone. Your child’s current teacher will help set a goal, and there are great prizes for completing parts or all of the challenge. Your child might even win a Kindle!

*Janet Erickson, literacy specialist, 425-385-7423*

**News from the Gym**

This year’s Field Day will be Friday, June 15, from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

<b>Friday Gym Rotation</b> (does <b>not</b> include 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade): <i>Please remind your student to bring their PE shoes on their days.</i>		
<b>June 1</b>	<b>June 8</b> <b>1:00 dismissal</b>	<b>June 15</b>
Roach	J. Nelson	T. Nelson
Magley	Vila-Henninger	Lucas
Weitkamp	Clark	Nielson
Schmieder	Agustin	Hanson
Adams	Graham	Lobdell
Dinneen		



## News from the Library

The school year is ending for the Jefferson Library. All books are due back the week of June 4. If your student has unpaid fines on their library account, please make sure they are paid by June 15. Thanks!

## Important Reminders from the Jefferson Office

**Are you planning to move before the 2018-19 school year?** Please notify the office as soon as possible so that we can manage records and plan for student placement.

**Kindergarten registration is open!** To register your incoming kindergartener, please pick up a packet from the front office or print the complete packet at <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/4952>. Please remember to bring an **original** birth certificate and utility bill with you when submitting kindergarten registration.

**Update your e-mail address with the office:** Providing us with an up-to-date e-mail will help us keep you current on school news, and relay information about your child.

**How to find out your child's 2018-19 teacher:** See the last two pages of the newsletter to find out how to sign up for the district's Home Access Center. This is where you will find out your child's teacher for the next school year in early September. You will not receive an automated phone call or e-mail with teacher assignments as you have in past years!

**Absence reporting:** E-mail [JFEattendance@everettsd.org](mailto:JFEattendance@everettsd.org) using the e-mail address we have on record.

**Early dismissals from school:** When checking your student out early, please remember to have photo ID.

## District News

**When does school end?** June 19 will be the last day of school. Students will be released 2.5 hours early.

**Summer Reading Program:** Everett Public Schools looks forward to another successful year of its summer reading program. We are partnering with Everett Public Library and Sno-Isle Libraries again this year. Watch your school's website for details about this summer's program. Students will receive incentives for reaching their reading goals, and schools that have at least 75 percent of their students reach their reading goals will be recognized by the district.



**Graduation dates:** Ceremonies for each of the four high schools are coming soon!

- Sequoia High School, June 14, 6 p.m. at Everett Civic Auditorium
- Cascade High School, June 16 at noon at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Everett High School, June 16 at 7 p.m. at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Jackson High School, June 16 at 3:30 p.m. at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena

**Stuff the Bus is coming!** A partnership coordinated by the Everett Public Schools Foundation with community organizations and businesses has become an annual effort to gather backpacks and school supplies to help our students in need start the year prepared. Last year, more than 1,900 students received backpacks filled with school supplies, and the Foundation has the same goal this year. Look for collection bins in businesses during the month of August and Durham



buses parked outside local businesses **Aug. 17-19**. Each item collected helps prepare a student with tools needed to learn.

**Vaccinations for next year:** Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations your child will need before he or she enrolls next fall. Students over the age of 11 entering 6th grade require one booster dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine before the first day of the 6th grade. Students entering high school require two varicella vaccines before the first day of high school. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations this school year and report them to the school nurse or office staff at your child's school. We'll track that information in the school database, which will help you avoid getting calls and overdue letters in the fall.



**SBA scores are coming soon:** Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) scores will be available for all families and students this summer in the online Home Access Center (HAC). Families will also receive a hard copy in September. Find tools for parents to understand those SBA scores on the [district assessment website](#). To access scores: [Instructions are online](#). If you don't have an account or have questions, contact [LMS@everettsd.org](mailto:LMS@everettsd.org).

**Innovation Expo June 6, 5-8 p.m.:** Students and families will enjoy seeing and interacting at booths from every school in the district at this year's [Innovation Expo](#) June 6, 5-8 p.m., at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena. Each school's booth is different and showcases something the students at that school are learning. The STEM competition is a favorite part of the event for many students and families. See the best student projects from around the district and hear what the students learned by doing them.



**School supply lists:** Looking to get a jump-start on next year's school supplies this summer? You can find the school supply list on your school's website under *Our School* around the last week of school.

**Summer meals:** Did you know that many students in the district qualify to receive free summer meals thanks to a federal grant? Summer meals are available July 5 through Aug. 23 at select locations and times. Please find more details and an application on the [Food and Nutrition Department website](#).



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**Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:**

- Affirmative Action Office – Carol Stolz, [cstolz@everettsd.org](mailto:cstolz@everettsd.org), 425-385-4106
- Title IX Officer – Randi Seaberg, [rseaberg@everettsd.org](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org), 425-385-4104
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, [rballbach@everettsd.org](mailto:rballbach@everettsd.org), 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, [bclifford@everettsd.org](mailto:bclifford@everettsd.org), 425-385-5250

# HOME ACCESS CENTER



2500 Cadet Way– Everett WA 98208  
425-385-7400

Sign up online for access!

[LMS / Overview](#)

Do you know you can view the following:

- Attendance
- Registration – contact information, teacher name
  - update your phone number and email in Home Access Center
- Grades
- Bus Route Information – Transportation 425-385-4144
- **FALL HOMEROOM TEACHER ASSIGNMENT (SEPTEMBER)**  
Connect – ED phone call will not be made with classroom assignment

Parent/Guardian, do you need a login/password?

1. Request a login/password from [lms@everettsd.org](mailto:lms@everettsd.org)  
Include:
  - a. student's name, school ID and/or date of birth
  - b. parent/guardian name
  - c. relationship to student (mother, father, guardian, etc.)
2. LMS will email or mail you Login ID and TEMPORARY password  
(only to the address on file with Jefferson Elementary)
3. AFTER you change the temporary password, you will have access to student info

Do you have more than one child? Do you want to use one login for all of them?  
Ask Jefferson Elementary to link all of your students to one account



## HOME ACCESS CENTER “INFO” SITE

Home Access Center (HAC) allows all K-12 students and parents to see a month view of their attendance, report cards, discipline, IEP plan, and update their own phone or email information.

1. To sign into HAC, go to Everett Public Schools’ website: [www.everettsd.org](http://www.everettsd.org) and click on Grades & More icon.
2. Click on the “Info” icon to access HAC to see transcript, test scores, attendance and more.

**Welcome to Learning Management Services**

Click the icon/picture for the system that best matches your purpose.



**Info**

**All Levels K-12  
Home Access Center**

- District/State Test scores  
[\(Directions for viewing SBA results\)](#)
- Quick view attendance
- Update parent email and phone numbers
- Special Education (IEP)
- View discipline



**Middle/High School  
Gradebook**

[New View - 6-27-17](#)

- Assignments
- Attendance Reports (customizable)
- Email Subscriptions (by class and assignments)

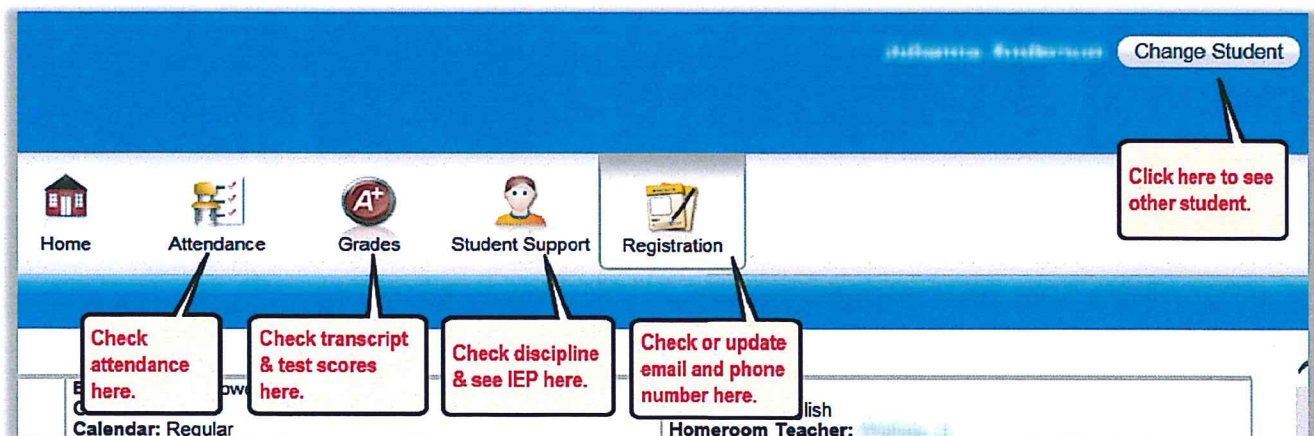
Home tab will show useful school links.

Attendance tab will show the attendance records.

Grades tab will show high school transcripts, test scores and more.

Student Support tab will show discipline and IEP information.

Registration tab will show basic student demographics and contact information. You can update your phone number and email address in this section.



The screenshot shows the LMS interface with a blue header and a navigation bar. A 'Change Student' button is in the top right. The navigation bar includes icons for Home, Attendance, Grades, Student Support, and Registration. Below the navigation bar, callout boxes provide instructions for each tab: Home (Check attendance here), Attendance (Check transcript & test scores here), Grades (Check discipline & see IEP here), Student Support (Check or update email and phone number here), and Registration (Click here to see other student). The bottom of the page shows 'Calendar: Regular' and 'Homeroom Teacher:'.