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Jefferson Charger

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Dear Jefferson Families,

Where did the time go?! It's hard to believe that we are just a week or so away from ending the 2016-17 school year! I have had a wonderful year at Jefferson, and I hope that your family has, too – whether it was your first year, your last year, or somewhere in between. Highlights of my first year here include getting to know children and their families; seeing students excited about learning; and working with our fantastic staff to improve the experience for everyone here. I'd like to thank each and every one of our families for their support of students, staff, and learning at Jefferson each day!

As the year draws to a close, we prepare to say goodbye to some staff members, and to welcome new ones:

- **Assistant Principal Daniel Natividad**, whom we share with Lowell Elementary, is leaving us to become Cedar Wood Elementary's full-time assistant principal. Our new half-time assistant principal is **Katie Stone**, who comes to us from the Lake Washington School District, where she has taught third and fourth grades as well as K-6 academic intervention.
- **First-grade teacher Maegan Moses** will be heading to Silver Firs Elementary to teach math half-time, allowing her to spend more time with her new baby. We will welcome **Mary Elizabeth Branch** from Woodside Elementary as our new first-grade teacher. Mary Elizabeth has been teaching for 16 years in both public and private schools.
- **Fifth-grade teacher Lucas French** will be heading to Garfield Elementary to teach fifth grade closer to home. We will welcome **Tamra Nelson** from Forest View Elementary as our new fifth-grade teacher. Tamra is a product of Everett Public Schools, and has taught in the district since 2002. She is excited to return to Jefferson, where she student-taught.
- **Resource Room teacher Wendy McDermott** is heading to Central Kitsap School District, where she will be the special education supervisor. Our Special Services department is in the process of hiring a new Resource Room teacher.
- **Speech language pathologist Barb Lark** is retiring after 37 years in the district and more than 5 years at Jefferson. Barb is looking forward to spending time with her two new grandchildren in her retirement. The district's Special Services department is in the process of hiring a new SLP for Jefferson.
- **Office manager Debbie Stratton** is retiring after 30 years at Jefferson's front desk. Debbie is looking forward to sleeping in and gardening in her retirement. Current Jefferson office assistant **Terry Tolpingrud** will follow in Debbie's footsteps as office manager, and we are in the process of hiring a new office assistant.

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, July 5 through Aug. 23. Students will also have access to AR quizzes from home over the summer, along with being able to use familiar websites such as IXL, MobyMax, and Keyboarding Without Tears.

Here are important back-to-school dates to be aware of:

- You'll find out your child's teacher for next year through an automated phone call the evening of Friday, Sept. 1.
- Orientation for kindergarten families is scheduled for 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5.
- Meet & Greet is from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5.
- The first day of school for grades 1-5 is Wednesday, Sept. 6.
- Kindergarten students begin school Monday, Sept. 11.

Have a safe, fun summer!

Elizabeth Kelley

CALENDAR

1:00 pm Early Release All Students	6/09
5th Grade Celebration 1:45 pm - Cafeteria	6/15
Father's Day Celebration 8:00 am - 8:45 am Cafeteria	6/16
Last Day of School 1:00 pm dismissal	6/22

ATTENDANCE TIPS

- Attendance email address:
JFEAttendance@everettsd.org
- All absences must be excused by email or written note.
- Calling the attendance line or office does not excuse the absence.
- A preplanned absence (5 days or more) must be arranged prior to the absence and approved by the principal.
- Questions? Refer to the Jefferson website under quicklinks / attendance / policy and letter.

A NOTE FROM OUR READING SPECIALIST

Summer is great time for reading! Below are several great opportunities for enjoying books this summer.

Summer Reading Challenge: All students will be mailed a brochure that explains the summer reading program and identifies each child's reading level and reading goal for summer. Our goal is for 100% of our students to participate in the reading challenge. It's easy! Read books and take AR tests. You will even earn prizes for reading!

Open Library: Our Jefferson library will be open Wednesdays from 10:00 to noon July 5 to Aug. 23. Check out some books, and take AR tests, too.

Summer School: We still have a very few spots open for summer school. Please let me know if you are interested in having your child participate.

Writing: Encourage your child to keep a journal of summer activities. Just drawing a picture, or gluing one into a notebook, is a great way to start. Then write a few sentences about the picture. It's a great way to keep writing skills sharp.

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Erickson
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Moving or have an address change?

Progress reports will be mailed home on the last day of school.

Please contact our office with any changes.

When does school end this year?

June 22 will be the last day of school. June 21 will be a regular full day. Students will be released from school 2.5 hours early on June 22.

When will school start in the fall?

The first day of school will be Wednesday, September 6. You can find the year-at-a-glance calendars on the [district website](#).

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](#).

How do I get the test scores?

[Instructions are online](#). If you don't have an account or have questions, contact LMS@everettsd.org.

New attendance procedures

Please provide written notice of your student's absence by using the newly added attendance email address on the school home page. If you leave a voicemail with your child's school, please also provide a written note or email within 30 days of your student's first day back to school.

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 reading 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.

**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 1,800 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. 11-13**. Each item collected helps prepare a student with the tools needed to learn.

