



# Charger Newsletter

## Jefferson Elementary School \* September 2017

### From the Principal

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year at Jefferson Elementary! On behalf of the entire staff, I'm pleased to welcome each and every family, whether you are new or returning.

At Jefferson, staff members, students, and family members all come together to ensure that children have a high-quality and engaging experience at school each day. Our shared goal as a staff is expressed in our mission statement: "At Jefferson Elementary School, we achieve to high standards by providing a meaningful and relevant education, preparing each of our students to be healthy, well-rounded lifelong learners and responsible citizens in a changing society."

Families play an essential role as partners in the education of their children, so please consider volunteering to help in your child's classroom and/or with other activities around the school. Plan to learn more about what your child will be experiencing this year by attending **Curriculum Night** on Monday, Sept. 18. K-2 presentations will happen from 6:30-7:00 p.m. Grade 3-5 presentations will happen from 7:15-7:45 p.m. Fifth-grade families should plan to stay later due to a camp meeting. Child care and popsicles will be provided in the cafeteria (or outside, weather permitting) the entire evening.

Please reach out to me if you ever have questions, concerns, or ideas on how to make our school even better. Thank you for your support of Jefferson Elementary School. It's going to be a great year!

### From the Assistant Principal

My name is Katie Stone, and I am thrilled to be part of the Jefferson community and Everett Public Schools. I have worked in the Lake Washington School District for eleven years teaching literacy K-5 as well as third and fourth grades. As the new assistant principal, I am excited to team with you and support your students to ensure they have a great year of learning, growth, and fun. Go Chargers!

### Important Upcoming Events

#### Thursday, Sept. 14

PTA General Meeting (budget approval only) and Fourth-grade Camp Fund-Raising Meeting  
6:30 p.m., library

#### Monday, Sept. 18

Curriculum night & Watch D.O.G.S. kick-off  
6:30-7:00 for K-2 & 7:15-7:45 for 3-5  
(See flier in newsletter for info)

#### Wednesday-Friday, Sept. 27-29

Fifth-grade at Camp Killoqua

### Daily PE Schedule

Wear proper attire on your day.

#### Monday

Roach  
Magley  
Weitkamp  
Schmieder  
Adams  
Dinneen  
Camp

#### Tuesday

White  
Clark  
Darby-Agustin  
Graham/Fetter  
Wright  
McClure

#### Wednesday

T. Nelson  
Lucas  
Nielson  
Hanson  
Lobdell  
Lundgren

#### Thursday

J. Nelson  
Vila-Henninger  
Wilkening-Joly  
Lemkau  
Bennett  
Branch  
Peterson

#### Friday rotation

September 15: Tuesday schedule  
September 22: Wednesday schedule  
September 29: Thursday schedule

### Contact Information

Attendance e-mail:  
JFEattendance@everettsd.org

Phone  
425-385-7400

Website:  
www.everettsd.org/jeffersones

## From the Literacy Specialist

Welcome back to school from the reading team! We are looking forward to a great year! I'd like to start by encouraging you to help your child read at home every day. Whether you read to him, or she reads to you, it is a huge benefit to reading progress. We are looking forward to a great year! If you have questions about your child's literacy development, please call or e-mail me at any time.

Janet Erickson, 425-385-7423

## From the Counselor

Welcome back, Jefferson families. Just wanted to highlight a few things that you might find helpful:

1. If your child is in need of school supplies, we have backpacks. Please contact me or the front office and we will make sure your child gets one.
2. We have a small food pantry. Please let us know if at any time you need to access it. Also, we could use donations. You can drop off donations in the front office.
3. Attention fathers, uncles, grandfathers, significant others: Our Watch D.O.G.S. program starts in October. We are looking for men who want to come spend a day in their child's school assisting with recess, lunch, and helping in their child's class and in one other classroom. Your presence on our school campus makes a difference. Please check out the counseling website. There is now a calendar for Watch D.O.G.S. If you do not see an entry on the date you are interested in, it is more than likely free. You can sign up on the master calendar by the front office, call me at the number below, or e-mail me at [Lortiz-self@everettsd.org](mailto:Lortiz-self@everettsd.org). You need to have district clearance to volunteer. Applications can be accessed on the EPS website.
4. Please periodically check out my counseling website using the link on the Jefferson school website for a list of important dates, tips, and resources.

Lillian Ortiz-Self, 425-385-7410

## Important Safety Reminders

**No dogs on campus:** Only service animals are allowed on campus from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and during school events.

**Student supervision:** It is essential that students not be on campus without adult supervision. In the morning, supervision begins at 8:55 unless students are eating breakfast at school. Breakfast begins at 8:45. After school, supervision ends at 3:50 p.m., and students still waiting to be picked up are taken into the office to contact parents.

**Parking lot reminders:** The Jefferson parking lot is a very busy place! Please consider parking at Eastmont Park & Ride and walking to school. Whenever you are in the parking lot, keep your speed to 5 MPH, follow the directional arrows, park only in marked spaces, use crosswalks, observe Safety Patrol and staff directions, and stay in your car unless parked in a marked spot. The back parking lot is for staff, buses, and district vehicles only.

**Walking reminders:** Stay on paths and sidewalks, use crosswalks, and follow Patrol and staff directions.

**Biking reminders:** Walk bikes on sidewalks, paths, and the blacktop area. Wear a helmet, and lock your bike. No scooters are allowed, and only those in grades 3-5 may bike to school unless with an adult.

**Visitor/volunteer reminders:** You must have district clearance to volunteer. To apply, visit <http://www.everettsd.org/domain/1452>. Arrange volunteering and visits with the teacher in advance. Sign in at the office and wear a visitor sticker at all times.

# Curriculum Night

Monday, Sept. 18

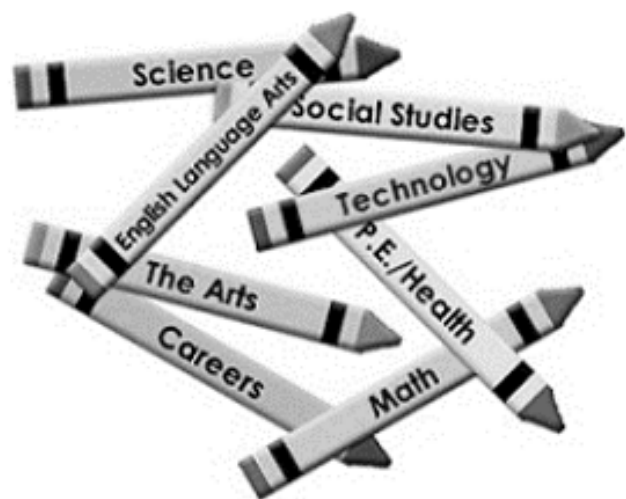
**6:30-7:00:** Presentations in K-2 classrooms

**7:00-7:15:** Transition time

**7:15-7:45:** Presentations in 3-5 classrooms,  
and for Extended Resource & Life Skills

*Fifth-grade families should plan to stay later for a camp meeting.*

Come hear about  
what your child  
will learn this  
year, and how  
you can support  
their learning!



**Free child care and popsicles for Jefferson students!**

La noche del plan de estudios es el lunes, 18 de septiembre. ¡Venga a escuchar sobre lo que su hijo aprenderá este año, y cómo puede apoyar su aprendizaje! Cuidado de niños y paletas heladas gratis para los estudiantes de Jefferson! Las presentaciones en las aulas K-2 tendrán lugar entre las 6:30 y las 7:00 p.m. Las presentaciones en las aulas de grado 3-5 pasarán de 7:15-7:45.

Ночь учебной программы - понедельник, 18 сентября. Приходите послушать о том, что ваш ребенок узнает в этом году, и как вы можете поддержать их обучение! Бесплатный уход за детьми и сладости для студентов Джефферсона! Презентации в классах K-2 будут проходить с 6:30 до 7:00. Презентации в классах 3-5 классов будут проходить с 7:15-7:45.

## **Everett Public Schools News**

### **Nondiscrimination statement**

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](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, [rclifford@everettsd.org](mailto:rclifford@everettsd.org), 425-385-5250

Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201

Required legal notices are also available on the district website and in the [\*Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook\*](#).

### **Access to public records**

Many records and documents in Everett Public Schools are available to the public. Parents and other citizens have the right to ask the school district to view or have copies made of records defined as “public” under state and federal laws including their own student’s records and public records about discipline of school employees.

Everett Public Schools public records requests are handled by the district’s finance and business services office. Records can be requested by writing that office at PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213, sending an email to [publicrecords@everettsd.org](mailto:publicrecords@everettsd.org) or calling 425-385-4150.

### **Your student’s records are confidential**

Everett Public Schools takes very seriously its duty to protect student records and privacy. Student transcripts and other education-related records are protected by multiple security measures. Only those teachers, administrators and other staff members who work directly with the student and have an educational need to know about the student have access to individual student records. Staff members are expected to maintain confidentiality about information contained in a student’s records.

### **Vaccination requirements**


Students in kindergarten through 12th-grade need 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or have a health care provider document that they have already had chickenpox. Review vaccination requirements for your child on the [Washington State Department of Health website](#).

### **Safety tip line**

Do you or your student have a concern about someone who may be experiencing bullying or harassment? Or perhaps heard a rumor about someone bringing a weapon or drugs to school? **Report it!** You can talk directly with your school’s office or you can call, text or email your concern.

### **3 easy ways**

Text or call

 855-637-2095

 1350@alert1.us

 <http://1350.alert1.us>

If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, calling **9-1-1** immediately will get authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods.

Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.

### Student opportunities and activities eflyers

We email approved flyers from community organizations to guardians through a system called [Peachjar](#). The flyers are also posted on each school's website. Look for the Peachjar button in the *Quicklinks* section of the school home page to view flyers or register to receive e-flyers.



### 4 ways to stay in touch

At the bottom of any district webpage, you can sign up for [InTouch](#) announcements right to your email box about twice a month. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).



### Attendance procedures

We look forward to seeing your child at school each and every day. Regular school attendance is important, and we will work with you to ensure your child is present and benefiting from a world-class education. If your child is absent, please email the school at [XXXattendance@everettsd.org](mailto:XXXattendance@everettsd.org). **(FILL IN WITH SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS)**

If email is not possible, and even if you leave a message with the school attendance line, please submit an excuse note to the school office within 30 days of your student returning to school.

### ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2017-18

Everett Public Schools' Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program for three- and four-year-old children from families with limited income. ECEAP prepares children for kindergarten and provides family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the Washington State Department of Early Learning. The five ECEAP sites within our school district are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628.

### Capital projects updates

The district is hard at work on many projects approved by voters in April 2016. Learn more about the projects the 2016 bond and capital levy are funding and see regular updates at [www.everettsd.org/capitalprojects](http://www.everettsd.org/capitalprojects).

### Register to vote!

Voter registration information and materials are available in an area in your school's main office. You can also register to vote online at <http://bit.ly/VoteRegistration>.

### Kids in Transition program in Everett Public Schools

The Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under federal McKinney-Vento legislation. Students who lack a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success and extra-curricular participation. We ensure homeless students have school supplies and provide tutoring or facilitate student participation in extended day or summer school classes. We help students participate in activities such as sports or clubs by paying required fees. KIT provides transportation for eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is feasible.

Last year, Everett Public Schools served over 1,100 homeless students at some time during the school year. For more information, visit the [KIT website](#) or contact Amy Perusse at 425-385-4032 or [aperusse@everettsd.org](mailto:aperusse@everettsd.org).