

# Jefferson Charger News

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

A new month is upon us, and it's a big one! On Jan. 19, we welcomed our Life Skills students back in person. Now we are preparing to bring some of our students in kindergarten, first grade, and our Extended Resource Room program (ExRR) **back in person in a hybrid model** on Feb. 8 or 11 (depending on A/B groups). We are also excited to welcome a new program, Transitional Kindergarten (TK)! For students in Grades 2-5, learning continues 100% remote at this time. Whether you are staying remote or coming in person, our goal is that every child continues to experience a caring learning community and strong instruction that meets their needs.

For our families with students in TK/K/1/ExRR, our teachers are hard at work collaborating to **ensure the strongest possible transition** for every child, whether they are changing classes, modes, or both. The rest of our staff is making sure all of our systems – arrival/dismissal, lunch/recess, transitions, etc. – will run smoothly and safely. We will be following all district procedures around COVID-19 prevention.

**For those families transitioning to hybrid**, please be sure to check our [website](#), where you can find information on what the day will look like, how things like busing and meals will work, and links to additional Everett Public Schools resources such as the Family Safety Handbook. Very, very important for hybrid families is the **quarterly health screening attestation form**, which you'll find at the end of this newsletter. With this form, you pledge to screen your child daily for COVID-19 symptoms or exposure before sending them to school. Getting this form back to us **BEFORE** Feb. 8 or 11 will allow your child to start the first day with their class, rather than needing to be screened at school or dig the form out of their backpack before entry time. Please either drop off a completed hard copy (which we have in the office if needed), or sign and scan yours to [lstrzelec@everettsd.org](mailto:lstrzelec@everettsd.org).

Be sure to check out the PTA Corner on Page 4 – we hope to see you on Feb. 11 at their drive-thru event. I also want to draw your attention to a page later in the newsletter about job openings for paraeducator substitutes – our schools need you!

**Elizabeth Kelley, principal**

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Principal

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### **Feb. 8**

First day of in-person hybrid learning for TK/K/1/Extended Resource room Group A students; Group B is asynchronous each Monday-Wednesday

### **Feb. 11**

First day of in-person hybrid learning for TK/K/1/Extended Resource room Group B students; Group A is asynchronous each Wednesday-Friday

PTA Show Your Love Drive-Thru (see Page 4 for times and details)

### **Feb. 15-16**

No school: Presidents Day & Midwinter Break



## News from the Virtual Art Room

February is a fun month in art! We are kicking off a new unit that will take students through a journey of art over the past 30,000 years! We will learn about the Ancient World, Classical Art, the Middle Ages, and the Renaissance and Romance periods. We will continue this into March, when we look at more recent art like Impressionism, Cubism, Abstract, and Pop Art, and finally Contemporary Art. Students are doing a wonderful job in art class; I am infinitely impressed with the focus and determination the kids have shown while we are learning remotely. See you on Zoom!

**Ms. Gardner, [AGardner@everettsd.org](mailto:AGardner@everettsd.org)**

## News from the Virtual Music Room

It's hard to believe that second semester is already upon us. February will bring many changes and challenges to our current environment. As we continue through this unprecedented year, I want to thank those students and families who have been attending our music Zoom classes. Remember that if you cannot be at our Zoom, everything we do each week is also included in our Canvas Virtual Music Room for your convenience. Looking ahead, I'd like to start including some local musicians in our music lessons. If you or someone in your family plays and instrument and would like to be featured, please me an e-mail.

**Debrah Rockwell,**  
**[DRockwell@everettsd.org](mailto:DRockwell@everettsd.org)**

## News from the Reading Team

We love literacy! February is a great month to celebrate reading and writing! We are also so happy to soon welcome some of our students back in the building. Here are some ways to enjoy books this month:

- Choose a chapter book and read it together as a family, discussing as you go. Fiction books always include characters (who are the people in the book?), a setting (where and when does the story takes place?) and events that happen (what was first/next last?). It's fun to predict how the book will end, too.
- Keep an eye out for some fun Valentine's Day poems, songs, and chants to share.
- Write a Valentine's day note to someone in your family.

We look forward to seeing more students return to school. Thanks for supporting your child's literacy progress at home!

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## IDEAS FOR FAMILY FUN



## [87 fun things to do at home— avoid that coronavirus cabin fever](#)

Being stuck in self-isolation isn't ideal. Here are fun things to do at home to make dealing with COVID-19 just a little more bearable for the whole family.

[www.todayparent.com](http://www.todayparent.com)



## News from the Virtual Gym

Hello, Jefferson students and families! It's February, and we have crossed the line from darker, shorter days to some longer days with more daylight. Both kids and adults are excited about that! Daylight means time for walks (with or without dogs), more fresh air, bike rides, outdoor play, and many other activities outside. Encourage your student to get their heart pumping in the fresh air with some physical activity that they enjoy!

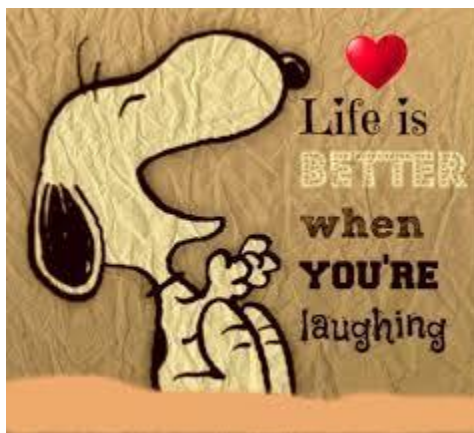
Students have been continuing social emotional health and learning (SEL) throughout January, and this will continue into the beginning of February. Students have been using a "Mood Meter" to identify and communicate how they are feeling. They are learning about strategies they can use to improve their mood, what happens in our brains when we feel an unpleasant feeling like angry or sad, as well as learning to "pause" or stop and think before reacting when feeling upset emotions. Following SEL learning, we will start learning about muscles and the heart!

If your student happens to miss a live PE Zoom, they can get caught up by checking out their PE Canvas page and clicking on the orange "PE Weekly Activity" button. Feel free to send me a message in the Canvas Inbox or e-mail me with any questions!

**Ms. Rowe, [SRowe@everettsd.org](mailto:SRowe@everettsd.org)**



## News from the Counselor



Hello! This is Jennifer Byrne, and I am happy to be back working with the Jefferson Families. Please e-mail me at [jbyrne@everettsd.org](mailto:jbyrne@everettsd.org) or call 425-385-7410 if you would like to connect.

I would like to share that Operation School Bell is still receiving request forms for clothes if your child is in need. Please contact me directly for the forms. If you have already received clothes here, you can also access used clothing through Clothes for Kids, and I can assist you in this process.

And do you remember the saying "laughter is the best medicine"? It was said because it releases stress. Laughing and sharing wonderful moments with your children and family can help foster

deeper bonds and resiliency, while taking care of yourself.

We are here for you.

**Mrs. Byrne, [JByrne@everettsd.org](mailto:JByrne@everettsd.org)**

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## Jefferson PTA Corner

School is happening remotely – and PTA is still going strong! Here are upcoming PTA events:

- **Show Your Love Drive Thru:** Wave to your teacher and collect a goodie bag from our PTA on Thursday, Feb. 11. PTA will also be collecting donations for their food bank backpack program. You'll find times below; those with more than one child may pick the most convenient time.
  - K/1: 5:00-5:30
  - 2/3: 5:30-6:00
  - 4/5: 6:00-6:30
  - Last call: 6:30-6:45
- The **APEX student leadership program/fund-raiser** is coming back to us virtually in March!
- **PTA Nomination Committee:** We have all board positions open for next school year and need to build a nomination committee to help identify/recommend potential board members for next year. Positions open are: president, VP of volunteers, VP of membership, VP of communications, and treasurer. Please email [Board@jeffersonpta.org](mailto:Board@jeffersonpta.org) if you have any questions or are interested in being on the nominating committee.
- **Yearbook candid photo collections:** We are finding new ways to fill our yearbook this year, with Mrs. Kelley and teachers organizing Zoom class photos. We also need candids! Please submit photos of your students learning at <https://forms.gle/S2UKbU5fuEu4WE8F8>. Photos must be high-resolution JPEGs to be considered for yearbook placement.



Visit our Website [www.Jeffersonpta.org](http://www.Jeffersonpta.org) to stay up to date on what we're doing at Jefferson Elementary!

## DISTRICT NEWS

### Parent safety tip



Six ways your student can protect their online identity:

1. Share carefully – don't give out any personal information to unknown sites or strangers
2. Go private – keep privacy settings high and limit location services when possible
3. Log out – especially after using shared computers
4. Mix up passwords – use different passwords for different apps and websites
5. Avoid clickbait – avoid quizzes and random questionnaires
6. Choose wisely – pick an appropriate username

Learn more about online safety, digital wellness, cell phones and learning with technology with age-specific tips and tools on [www.commonssensemedia.org](http://www.commonssensemedia.org).

### Kindergarten registration begins in March

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2021? Registration begins on March 1, 2021. During school building closure, you can complete enrollment forms for kindergarten [online](#)! A [step-by-step parent walkthrough video](#) is also available as a resource.





## Did you know?

Every year OSPI publishes a report card for each district and each school within the district. You can [access the 2019-20 data](#) on the OSPI website. To review the data for the school district or a school, start typing in the name and a drop-down box will appear with choices. Click on your choice to view the report card. Or, you can click on “See all schools and districts” and navigate to the district or school you want.

## Free meals continue through June!

Breakfast and lunch will be available at no charge for students learning on-site. Five-day meal kits will continue to be available for pick-up each Wednesday for all kids, both remote learners and on-site learners. Meals include fruit, veggies, whole grains, lean protein and milk. This program is available for all kids age 1-18, no qualification necessary. Follow @eps\_cafe on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) for the most up to date information.

## Free internet access

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has announced a K-12 Internet Access Program and we invite our families who qualify for this support to apply. Reliable connectivity in remote learning is key, and in partnership with OSPI, Everett Public Schools can connect qualifying families to local internet providers including Comcast/Xfinity, Presidio and Ziplly. Please visit the [family tech page](#) on the district’s website for eligibility and application instructions or <https://www.everettsd.org/freeinternet>.

## Frequently Asked Questions

This is a reminder the [COVID 2020-21 Frequently Asked Questions](#) page is updated regularly. If you have a question that is not answered on the page, please fill out the form on the page. We value your input, as many of our families will benefit as we navigate this remote learning scenario together.

## Do you have a student in special education?

Did you know there is a Special Education PTSA in the district? The Special Education PTSA serves students, families, and educators involved in special education. They encourage students, families, educators and community members to work collaboratively to provide programs and activities recognizing each student's potential and enhancing the educational opportunities of children receiving and/or seeking special services in our district. Connect with the SEPTSA on [their Facebook page](#).



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- sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual
- orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or
- service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth
- groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints
- of alleged discrimination:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer:</b></li> <li>• Mary O'Brien</li> <li>• 425-385-4106</li> <li>• MO'brien@everettsd.org</li> <li>• PO Box 2098</li> <li>• Everett, WA 98213</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Section 504 Coordinator:</b></li> <li>• Dave Peters</li> <li>• 425-385-4063</li> <li>• DPeters@everettsd.org</li> <li>• PO Box 2098</li> <li>• Everett, WA 98213</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ADA Coordinator:</b></li> <li>• Randi Seaberg</li> <li>• 425-385-4104</li> <li>• RSeaberg@everettsd.org</li> <li>• PO Box 2098</li> <li>• Everett, WA 98213</li> </ul>
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NOW HIRING

# SUBSTITUTE PARAEDUCATORS

Our exciting, progressive schools, caring and professional staff and supportive community make this district a great place to work. We care deeply about each of our students and work to ensure that each learns to high standards in schools that are safe places to learn, to grow, and to work. COVID safety protocols are in place in all facilities.

**Human Resources**  
**425-385-4100**  
**3900 Broadway**  
**Everett, WA 98201**

Substitute Services  
Phone: 425-385-4111  
[subservices@everettsd.org](mailto:subservices@everettsd.org)

APPLY ONLINE:  
**[EVERETTSD.ORG/jobs](http://www.everettsd.org/jobs)**

***Do you enjoy supporting children learn and grow?  
Are you a volunteer or have a student in our schools?  
Do you look forward to spending time with others?  
Are you seeking extra income?***

If you answered yes to any of these questions please apply to become a substitute for Everett Public Schools.

We offer a competitive wage, flexible schedule, training and much more.

For more information, please call the Substitute Services Office at 425-385-4111.

To apply, please visit our Web site at <http://www.everettsd.org/jobs> and click "employment"

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:

Title IX Officer – Mary O'Brien, [mobrien@everettsd.org](mailto:mobrien@everettsd.org), 425-385-4106  
504 Coordinator – Dave Peters, [dpeters@everettsd.org](mailto:dpeters@everettsd.org), 425-385-4063  
ADA Coordinator – Kelley Clevenger, [Kclevenger@everettsd.org](mailto:Kclevenger@everettsd.org), 425-385-5250  
Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201





## COVID-19 Health Screening Attestation January – March 2021

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** All students, staff members, or visitors who enter our schools or facilities must attest that they have no symptoms of COVID-19 and/or that they have not been in close contact with someone who has been confirmed or suspected positive with COVID-19.

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS:

- Temperature greater than 100.4° F
- Persistent cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Unusual fatigue
- Muscle and body aches
- New onset of severe headache
- Sore throat
- Sudden loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea/vomiting or diarrhea

CLOSE CONTACT / POTENTIAL EXPOSURE:

- Within the past 10 days, has your child had a positive COVID-19 test for active virus?
- Within the past 14 days, has a public health or medical professional told you to monitor, isolate, or quarantine your child because of concerns about COVID-19 infection?
- Within the past 14 days, has your child been in close physical contact with anyone with confirmed COVID-19?

***By signing this form, I am affirming that I will check my child daily for all symptoms of COVID-19. I also agree not to send my child to school if they have any symptoms, if they have had close contact with someone with COVID-19, if they have tested positive for COVID-19, or if they have been told to self-monitor, isolate, or quarantine.***

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Id # \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature