

Jefferson Charger News

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Each February marks an important milestone – the halfway point of the school year! Students and staff have worked so hard, and you'll get a chance to formally evaluate your child's growth and performance when his or her progress report comes home on Feb. 8. Be sure to reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns – you don't have to wait until conference time in late March!

Another thing you don't have to wait to do: Volunteer! Many parents think it's too late to start volunteering, but that's never the case. Whether you can make a steady commitment or just be on-call, teachers can use all sorts of assistance. Check with your child's teacher for more information!

This month, all students in grades 1-5 will take the i-Ready diagnostic exam again in math, with grade 3-5 students also taking it in reading. This gives us a chance to see how students are progressing toward meeting grade-level year-end goals. The diagnostic also sets students' individualized lesson pathways, which they can access at home.

Additionally, students who receive services as English learners will take the ELPA21, which is the state's way of formally measuring EL students' progress. There is nothing that families need to do to prepare students for these assessments, other than sending them to school on time each day, well-rested and ready to learn.

A few important safety reminders:

- Have your child dress for the weather– we play outside daily!
- Please help us be good neighbors by not blocking driveways as you wait for students before and after school.
- No student pick-up/drop-off or parent parking in the back lot.

Thank you for your ongoing support this year! Have a great month!

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February 1

Learning Improvement 2:15 dismissal

February 4-12

PTA Val-Grams for sale at lunch

February 6

Popcorn for sale at lunch
Talent show practice, 3:30-6, cafeteria

February 8

Learning Improvement 2:15 dismissal

February 15

Learning Improvement 2:15 dismissal

February 18-19

No school for Midwinter Break

February 20

Popcorn for sale at lunch
Talent show practice, 3:30-6, cafeteria

February 22

Learning Improvement 2:15 dismissal
Talent Show, 6:30 p.m., cafeteria

March 1

Learning Improvement 2:15 dismissal
PTA/Apex Fun Run Day



From the Assistant Principal

Thank you, families, for your support with our No Tardy Taters initiative. We have seen an impressive improvement thus far. For example, instead of 25-30 tardies per day, we are seeing under 10 per day, and our best so far was two tardies! The commitment of showing up on time is a vital lifelong skill, and your support with this is greatly appreciated now (your child will thank you later)!

We never want a child to feel bad for being tardy. Staff members are taking the opportunity to teach empathy and understanding to all children if someone is tardy. This is meant to be a growth opportunity for all. You can also help us by scheduling appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.

Annette Sternberg, 425-385-7400 or asternberg@everettsd.org

Important Reminders from the Jefferson Office

Checking a student out early: When checking your student out early, please remember to have photo ID.

- **Please note:** Release of students to emergency contacts in non-emergency situations **requires** the express consent of a guardian. Please send a note to school with your student or call the office prior to their dismissal.
- Persons listed as emergency contacts are authorized to pick up students in the case of emergencies only. It is a parent/guardian's responsibility to notify emergency contacts that the school may contact them in the case of an emergency.

Vacation-related absences: If you are planning a vacation and your students will be missing school, please visit the office to fill out an absence request form. **Please note:** Per district policy, we may only excuse up to five (5) days for vacation or travel-related absences per year.

Visitors and volunteers: Please remember to sign in and out of the office. A volunteer badge or visitor sticker must be worn and visible at all times.

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.

Absence reporting: E-mail JFEattendance@everettsd.org using the e-mail address we have on record.

Have you signed up for HAC? This is where you can find your student's attendance and update your contact information. Please see the office for more details!



News from Around the School

News from Ms. Rowe in the Gym

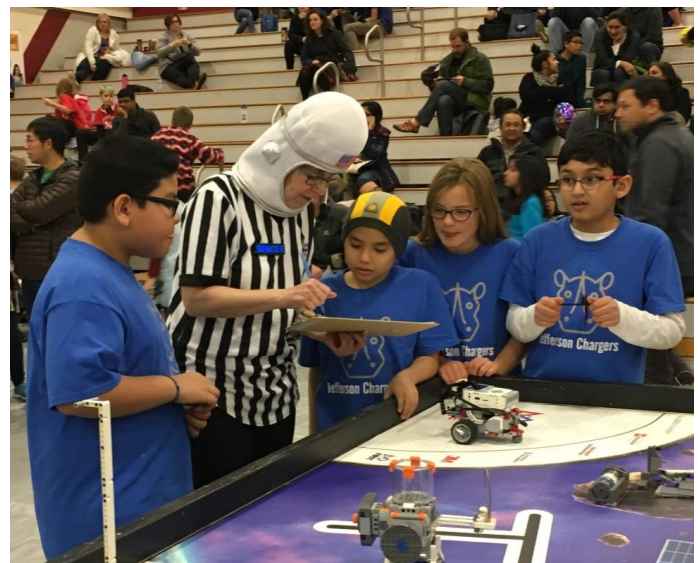
Friday PE/Gym Rotation <i>Please remind your student to bring their PE shoes on their scheduled days.</i>			
February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22
Weitkamp	Clark		Weitkamp
Adams	Graham	Hanson	Adams
Dinneen	Wright	Lobdell	Dinneen
Schmieder	Agustin	Nielson	Schmieder

News from Mr. Schmeckpeper in the Library

Do you like picture books? Well here at the Jefferson Library, we love picture books like *Everyone Loves Bacon*. That, by the way, is the title of the winning picture book for 2018 voted on by students kinder through 3rd grade across Washington State. This year we are reading another 20 fabulous picture books. If you want to know more about these books, stop by before or after school Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday. You can also check out this website: <https://www.wla.org/wccpba-award>.

News from Ms. Klujber in the Technology Lab

Did you know the Jefferson Thunderbots robotics team competed in the FLL North Sound Everett Qualifier at Cascade High School? This year’s theme, *Into Orbit*, focuses on innovative solutions to real-world challenges of space travel. Our students had a chance to design, build and code LEGO Mindstorms robots to perform missions on an outer space-themed playing field. Our team placed 15 out of 36 teams of elementary and middle school students. Although we did not qualify to advance to the next level of competition, we are so pleased with the commitment and enthusiasm of our team members. Go Thunderbots!



Coach Klujber & Coach Mackie



News from Math Specialist Ms. Roach

Free weekend fun: MathFest is a free celebration of math for early learners (focused on ages 3-5 but available to all kids) and their families! The event is hosted by Zeno, a Seattle-based nonprofit, in partnership with Everett Public Schools. At this one-of-a-kind event, children and their families will play math games, win prizes and have fun. While playing, children and adults alike build their confidence in and enthusiasm for math. See the kids in your life experience math in a whole new way – in a hands-on atmosphere of adventure, learning and discovery!

When: 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday Feb. 9

Where: Angel of the Winds Arena on Hewitt Avenue in Everett

Pre-register at <https://zenomath.org/event/everett-mathfest-2019/>

**When you enter MathFest, look for signs for Pre-registered attendee check-in. At check-in you'll receive your MathFest Passport and t-shirt (free for kids), and your MathFest experience can begin.*

News from the District

Did you know?

Lots of valuable information about how our school is helping students achieve is available online. Our *School Performance Report* is linked directly from our school's home page. (Look under *QuickLinks* for a link to [OSPI Washington State School Report Card](#).) On that site you can browse through historical performance data for more than a decade – for any school in the district or the state. By following the prompts on that OSPI website, you can also find current and historical data aggregated at the district level.

Lunch payments are easy with the app



Want to see your student's lunch balance and pay a balance from your phone? If you're logged into the district's mobile app, you can find and pay your student's lunch balance under your student's info. An icon inside the app also gives a shortcut to deposit funds for your student's lunch account. To make a payment, look for the green chef's hat icon. The latest school news and information in



Everett Public Schools is available on smartphones and mobile devices with a mobile app. The free mobile app is available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores. Once you've downloaded the app, log in to "student info" with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children.



Parent safety tip

Six ways your students can protect their online identities:

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.common sense media.org.

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 them on [their Facebook page](#).

Kindergarten registration begins in March

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration begins on March 4, 2019, at all district elementary schools.

High school growth forum

The High School Growth Mitigation Committee will host two additional community forums about student enrollment growth on Feb. 6 and 7. Details are on the district calendar. In addition, the committee is providing an online community comment period through Feb. 26. Learn more about the High School Growth Mitigation Committee and your opportunity for ongoing online input on the [district home page](#).

Superintendent search

Superintendent Gary Cohn will retire at the end of this school year. The school board has begun the search for the district's next superintendent. Watch for ways you can participate in that search in the next few months, such as helping the board define the most important characteristics in the next superintendent.



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Affirmative Action Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
- Title IX Officer – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, rclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250