

# Jefferson Charger News

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

I hope everyone is enjoying a **fun and safe spring break!** When students come back to school on Monday, April 8, we will have just under a third of the school year ahead. There is still so much to learn and do, and every day matters! It was great to see families during conference week, and we hope you learned about how you can support your child's success.

One way to help your child is to ensure that he or she gets to school on time each day. We are seeing a huge decrease in tardies through our **No Tardy Taters program**, with many days having fewer than 10 tardies. Thank you for planning ahead to get here on time! With the weather turning warmer, we know more students will be walking to school. Please drive safely, and remember that the back parking lot is only for staff and bus use.

I'd like to thank everyone for their recent support of the **PTA fun run!** It was a huge success, exceeding what was raised last year. It's never too late to join PTA, and your membership brings with it some great discounts for summer fun, including Great Wolf Lodge and Wild Waves. Click on "How to help" at <https://www.jeffersonpta.org/> for more info!

### **Around the Corner: SBA/MSP Testing**

Jefferson students in third, fourth, and fifth grades will begin this year's state-mandated Smarter Balanced Assessment testing the last week of April.

Each grade level will have three days of testing in English language arts (ELA) and two days of testing in math. Fifth-graders will also take the one-day Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science.

It's important to keep these tests in perspective. They are an important snapshot of how students are doing in relation to standards. However, they are just one of many measures we use to understand how students are doing so that we can plan how to help those who are struggling, and challenge those who are ready. We assess students all the time – whether informally, through observations and day-to-day student work, or formally, such as on unit tests.

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**April 1-5**

Spring break – no school

**April 12**

Regular day, 3:30 p.m. dismissal

**April 15**

Grade 1-5 music concert,  
6:30 p.m. at Everett Civic  
Auditorium (doors open at 6:00)

**April 17**

Popcorn for sale at lunch  
Vision screening (K-3 and 5<sup>th</sup>)

**April 19**

Regular day, 3:30 p.m. dismissal  
PTA Movie Night, 6:30 p.m.

**April 26**

Regular day, 3:30 p.m. dismissal

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Although these tests are important, they should not be a source of anxiety for students. By teaching our district-adopted curriculum, which is aligned to the standards, and by helping students learn the format of the tests and how to use Chromebooks, our teachers ensure that students will feel ready!

The testing schedule is below; please mark your family calendars accordingly. Although we can provide make-up testing due to illness or emergency, we ask that students be here on time each day, and that you avoid scheduling medical appointments or other absences on testing days.

Families play an important role in helping students be successful each day. Here are some tips:

- Ensure that your child gets a good night’s sleep, and has a healthy breakfast that will keep them going all morning.
- Make sure your child gets to school on time. Walking in late can leave students feeling unsettled. No Tardy Taters – or TESTERS!
- Encourage your child to do their best, and validate that they are capable. After the test, praise them for their hard work and their perseverance.
- If your child is anxious, talk about self-calming strategies such as positive self-talk or taking deep breaths. If the child’s anxiety is especially high, please let the classroom teacher know so that we can provide additional support at school.

|              | <b>Monday</b>              | <b>Tuesday</b>             | <b>Wednesday</b>           | <b>Thursday</b>               | <b>Friday</b>              |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>April</b> | 29<br>5 <sup>th</sup> ELA  | 30<br>5 <sup>th</sup> ELA  | 1<br>4 <sup>th</sup> ELA   | 2                             | 3                          |
|              | 6<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> ELA   | 7<br>5 <sup>th</sup> ELA   | 8<br>4 <sup>th</sup> ELA   | 9<br>4 <sup>th</sup> ELA      | 10                         |
| <b>May</b>   | 13                         | 14<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> ELA  | 15<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> ELA  | 16<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Science | 17                         |
|              | 20<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Math | 21                         | 22<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Math | 23<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Math    | 24                         |
|              | 27<br>No school            | 28<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Math | 29                         | 30<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Math    | 31<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Math |

Have a great month of April!

***Mrs. Kelley***



### 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. 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 student 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 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.

**Are you planning to move for the 2019-2020 school year?** Please notify the office of this change as soon as possible, so we can better serve you when the time comes.

**Kindergarten registration will be open on March 4!** When registering your upcoming kindergartener please pick up a registration packet from the front office or print the complete packet at <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/4952>.

## News from Around the School

### News from PE Teacher Ms. Rowe

Hello Jefferson Families! Another of the five components of fitness that we focus on during the school year is muscular endurance. Muscular endurance is when we move our muscles over and over (12 times or more), or when we hold a position for a long time without taking a break or stopping to rest. Some exercises that strengthen muscular endurance are burpees, plank poses, sit-ups, crab-walk, bicep curls, and wall sits. Muscular endurance can help us run for longer periods of time, help us to lift and carry things over and over, as well as prevent injuries by strengthening our bones.

In other news: Field Day is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming!

| <b>Friday PE/Gym Rotation</b>  |                 |                 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Please remind your student to bring their PE shoes on their scheduled days.</i> |                 |                 |
| <b>April 12</b>  | <b>April 19</b> | <b>April 26</b> |
| Clark  | Hanson          | Denham          |
| Graham   | Lobdell         | Bennett         |
| Wright   | Nielson         | Branch          |
| Agustin  |                 | Lemkau          |

### News from Literacy Coach Ms. Erickson

Hello from the reading and EL team! Thank you so much for attending your child's conference. Working together is the best way we can support your child's progress in literacy. Another way to support your child in reading development is to encourage him or her to read from a variety of text types – fiction, non-fiction, and "how-to" texts like recipes or directions, menus, etc. When students see how useful and necessary it is to be able to read for a variety of purposes, reading becomes even more important and useful. Happy Spring from all of us!



### **News from Music Teacher Ms. Branch**

Happy spring! Remember that our concert for grades 1-5 is coming up on April 15th at 6:30 p.m. Doors at the Everett Civic Auditorium will open at 6 p.m., and I recommend getting there early because parking can be tricky. Please have your child dress nicely -- I like to think of what you might wear for family pictures -- but you don't have to go out and buy a fancy dress or a new suit for your child. Our Kindergarten Spring Sing will be on May 30th in the Jefferson Elementary gym. Watch for more information coming home soon!

### **News from Math Specialist Ms. Roach**

Thank you to everyone for coming out to S.T.E.A.M. Night. Students enjoyed the many activities, and especially the estimation jars! Students who entered and won the raffle (which was located at the parent resource table) are Matthew Lorenzo, Seven Moss, Sigrid Strombo, and Elisha Hekker. Students should have been given the prizes by their teacher. They each won a game.

The new math challenges are out as of Monday, March 25, and will be due Wednesday, April 17. This month's problems are created to be similar to the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA test) released items and will help your student prepare for next year. They may need help with some of the activities. We appreciate your dedication and help! You can find more resources at [www.smarterbalanced.org](http://www.smarterbalanced.org).

### **News from Librarian Mr. Schmeckpeper (Mr. Pepper)**

Remember to bring your library books on your library day Monday through Thursday. Students who have a book that is four weeks overdue cannot checkout books. Keeping our library organized and looking nice is a lot of work for all of us who use the library. We often use the library for meetings before and after school, but that is not the time to look for books. Students, please do not go through the shelves looking for books unless it is your library time. Finally, I hope you are enjoying those library books. Your parents are welcome to come see the library with you right before or after school on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday. You can show them how we take care of our library.

## **News from the District**

### **Kindergarten registration happening now**

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration began March 4 at all 17 district elementary schools. Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, click on *Transportation* under the *Parents* tab, or call the transportation department at 425-385-4144. If you are in the Tambark Creek Elementary School area, register at any southend elementary school.

### **Easy access with district app**

Download and log into the district app to quickly and easily access your student's info. Pay lunch balances, see books checked out from the library, and find the staff directory, school websites, calendars and more.

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. Choose to read content in one of many languages in the settings.



### **Thank you, volunteers!**

April 22-26 is Public Schools Volunteer Appreciation Week. We are grateful for the many volunteers who support students and staff, many of them each and every school day. With activities ranging from reading with students, to playground supervision support, Watch D.O.G.S., and chaperoning field trips, your help matters. Our volunteers contribute to making school the best part of a student's day.



### ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2019-20

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 or visit the [district ECEAP website](#).



### Innovation Expo June 5

Students and families will enjoy seeing and interacting at booths from schools from across the district at this year's [Innovation Expo](#) June 5, 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 completing them. Learn more and download forms at [www.everettsd.org/expo](http://www.everettsd.org/expo).



### Superintendent search update

The school board hired Ray and Associates as the search firm to guide the work of finding the right candidates for Everett's new superintendent. We were able to supply Ray and Associates with some very helpful information from the Thoughtexchange process many of you participated in. Thank you for taking the time to do that. In March, Ray and Associates asked students, parents, staff and other key stakeholders to prioritize the top 10 characteristics they should look for in a candidate. Ray and Associates are now developing and sharing the superintendent profile you helped create. The board will select the next superintendent by the end of May. Follow the search process online at [www.everettsd.org/supersearch](http://www.everettsd.org/supersearch).

### Calendar update

June 21 is now the last day of school and a full day. Several Learning Improvement Fridays are also now full days. Be sure to download the updated calendars from the district website to make sure you have the revised dates.



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Title IX Officer/Civil Rights Compliance Officer – Mary O'Brien, [MO'Brien@everettsd.org](mailto:MO'Brien@everettsd.org), 425-385-4106
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- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, [rseaberg@everettsd.org](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org), 425-385-4104