

Dear Jefferson families,

I hope this message finds you healthy and safe! Our staff misses you and your children so much! Please enjoy this video of greetings from staff:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HD_OAeW2RZE&feature=youtu.be (note that YouTube won't work on district elementary devices, so you'll need to use a personal device).

There will be one more opportunity to pick up a Chromebook, or a Wi-Fi hotspot if you don't have Internet at home. If you still need to pick up a device (one elementary device per family, not per child) please e-mail me at ekelley@everettsd.org or leave me a voicemail at 425-385-7490 by 2 p.m. Tuesday. That will give us time to get your device ready for pick up at 4 p.m. Thursday here at the school.

Teachers have spent the last two weeks developing websites and Google Classroom spaces for student engagement and learning support, and are now moving forward (at a slower pace than normal) into new material. We know that our families face many challenges at this time. One way to support children in uncertain times is to keep to a routine of engaging tasks. We ask that you support your child with daily learning through the materials and online activities their teacher is providing. It's important that student learning continue during the school closure! One great tool is i-Ready. Please help your child to engage with about 45 minutes of lesson time per week in each subject area, math and reading. If you'd like to learn more about i-Ready, there are Zoom webinars at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, and 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 1 at <https://everettsd.zoom.us/j/8320043792>. The meeting ID is 832 004 3792.

You can also support your child's learning by being responsive to teacher calls and e-mails, and by letting the teacher know how things are going for your family. When teachers call you, their numbers will be blocked because they are calling from their personal cell phones. We encourage you to answer calls, even from unknown numbers, during school hours.

We have made the difficult decision to cancel our May 18 concert for grades 1-5. Even if school resumes as scheduled on April 27, students will not have had the necessary preparation time for the concert. We are keeping our June 1 Kindergarten Spring Sing on the calendar for now.

Here are some district resources I encourage you to take advantage of:

- Free meals for kids under 18, regardless of whether they attend Everett schools. Pick-up at Jefferson is 11:30-12:30, and at the Mirabella Apartments, it's 11:00-11:30. No preordering required! Full details: <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/31175>.
- Tech support for families is at <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/32723>.

Here are two other resources I wanted to highlight today:

- Sno-Isle Libraries is providing everyone with library cards and access to digital media without address verification during this time: <https://www.sno-isle.org/getacard>.
- I encourage you to watch this 13-minute message from our state superintendent of public instruction, Chris Reykdal: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQf8i05V3Ls&feature=youtu.be>.

For ongoing updates and links to resources, follow Jefferson on Twitter:

https://twitter.com/EPS_Jefferson.

Stay safe and well,

Elizabeth Kelley, principal