

# Jefferson Charger News

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

Hello Jefferson Families,

As we enter in the month of October, I am so proud of our students for what they have accomplished in the first month of school. A big point of emphasis was teaching our school-wide expectations: Be safe, respectful, responsible, and kind. Students went to teaching stations all around the school to learn what it meant to be a Jefferson Charger in the classroom, hallways, cafeteria, playground, pick-up area, and more. As I go around school each day, I have clearly seen evidence of students taking our teaching to heart.

Teachers have been busy getting to know students as learners, and they are using the information collected to inform support moving forward. In addition, our teachers work in teams to analyze student work and data, and plan collaboratively on how to deliver instruction and interventions that facilitate student growth. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated group of teachers and support staff advocating for the growth of each Jefferson student!

We hope to see you next **Monday, October 3 from 6:30-7:30**. We will have a true Open House format this year, so you and your child can visit your child's classroom anytime during the hour. Teachers are planning a variety of activities to engage students and families. In addition, the Jefferson PTA will be providing grab and go snacks to enjoy. We believe this will be a wonderful community gathering to highlight the teaching and learning happening here at Jefferson.

Finally, October is the month we place extra emphasis on bullying prevention. I wanted to pass on a helpful resource that I have directed parents to in the past. The PACER Center in Minnesota (<https://www.pacer.org/bullying/info/info-facts.asp>) provides information on bullying, addressing bullying, and more.

In partnership,

Steve Hopkins, principal

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**Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Open house 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Picture day

**Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>**  
2:15 early dismissal

**Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>**  
No School – teacher work day

**Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
2:15 early dismissal

**Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**  
1:00 early dismissal

**Oct. 31-Nov. 4**  
1:00 early dismissal for  
parent/teacher conferences



## News From the Art Room

Hello, Jefferson Elementary Families!

Students returned to the Art Room ready to create! Kids were especially excited to learn that there will be another Art Show with a GLOW Gallery! This year's theme is "Keep Dancing!" Each grade will be focusing on their own artistic routines and skills within this theme which will be showcased in multiple events throughout the year. You can look forward to the District Art Show, the PTA Reflections Contest, and The GLOW Show. Our first BIG opportunity will be showcasing Jefferson students at the Schack Art Center (2921 Hoyt Ave) in Downtown Everett. This show will be up from mid-October through mid-November and will show work that is *inspired* by female Artists. The opening reception is on **October 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm at the Schack Art Center**. I will be there, and I encourage you to join me in celebrating Jefferson Artists.

Everett Public Schools adopted a new Art Curriculum: The Art of Education University's FLEX Curriculum. It is going to be fun for kids as they will have more freedom to create using their own vision and style. I am looking forward to diving in!

**K/1**-Students will be starting the year off practicing fine motor skills. They use pencils, crayons, and scissors to learn about line, color and shape in the first semester.

**2/3**-Students will focus on line, color mixing, and craftsmanship while learning about famous Artists and Art movements. We will begin preparing artwork for the upcoming shows and competitions.

**4/5**-Students will focus on Artists and Art History while creating artwork inspired by their own identity. Students will use a variety of techniques and materials as the semester progresses.

Please feel free to email me with questions or willingness to volunteer at upcoming events: [agardner@everettsd.org](mailto:agardner@everettsd.org)

**Andrea Aguilera (Gardner)**  
Art Teacher  
Jefferson Elementary



## News From the Learning Lab

Hello, Jefferson families!

The instructional coaching team is very excited to connect with our new and returning Chargers and collaborate with teachers to provide the highest quality of instruction to every learner every day.

This year the Jefferson staff will be implementing a new model of instruction that aligns with evidence-based research on the most equitable strategies to support all students in meeting and exceeding grade level standards. As always, your child's teacher will provide the core, grade-level academic instruction to your student. The shift will be in how your child receives additional targeted academic support if it is needed. Rather than being pulled-out of the classroom to receive intervention services, your child's teacher will deliver the instruction in the classroom. While the classroom teacher works with flexible groups of students to close learning gaps, paraprofessionals will push-in to the classroom to support the class or small student groups with learning tasks specifically identified to further their own learning.

The coaching team is very excited to work collaboratively with teachers to identify individual student learning needs, co-plan lessons, and deliver targeted instruction to flexible groups of students. We look forward to seeing how a shift in our instructional practices improves outcomes for all learners.

It's going to be a fun and innovative year of teaching and learning! Please reach out to us with any questions you may have.

**Winter Graham**, K-2 ELA and Math Instructional Coach

**Jessica Lundgren**, 3-5 ELA and Math Instructional Coach



## News From the Gym

It has been a busy start to the school year in the gym! Students have been learning P.E. routines and how to safely move in the gym. Thank you for helping support your student in wearing comfortable clothes for movement and athletic shoes for safety in the gym, so that they can fully participate on their PE days. Because Jefferson is on a rotation schedule for specialists, it may be helpful to know that PE will always follow art class. This is a tool to help track PE days (with Fridays being an exception).



Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
Music	Library	Art	PE



In October, students are reviewing recess games as well as working on cooperative skills, communication during play and solving-small problems kindly and quickly. Questions or concerns? Feel free to email me at [srowe@everettsd.org](mailto:srowe@everettsd.org).

## News From the Music Room

This month in Music, we will start learning songs for Veteran's Day! We will discuss what a veteran is, share about veterans in our family, and learn a variety of songs including our National Anthem and the Star-Spangled Banner. You can help by discussing veterans in your family at home.

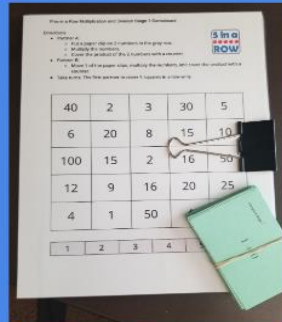
In previous years, we have held a concert for grades 1-5 at the Everett Civic Auditorium, as well as a kindergarten concert here at Jefferson. Our concerts were interrupted in the spring of 2020, and as I think about resuming them, I would like community input on how best to move forward. Please provide your opinion by *October 14th* on this brief, one-question survey: <https://forms.gle/22m77nMgTrPfPLW18>

Thank you for your time!  
*Debrah Rockwell*  
 Music Teacher





## Volunteers needed to prep Math Center Materials and Decodable Readers!



Please contact Jessica Lundgren at: [Jlundgren@everettsd.org](mailto:Jlundgren@everettsd.org) if you can help!

### SCHOOL HOURS

**Regular Hours:** 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday

**Learning Improvement Friday Early Release:** 2:15 dismissal

**½ Day Early Release:** 1 p.m. dismissal

#### CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

Jefferson's home page has answers to many commonly asked questions and links for information around the district. Check us out at:  
<https://www.everettsd.org/jeffersones>

#### JOIN OUR PTA!

Jefferson's PTA supports our students, teachers, and community in many ways.  
 Visit the Jefferson PTA website at:  
[www.jeffersonpta.org](http://www.jeffersonpta.org)  
 to learn more!



# DISTRICT NEWS

## Let's Connect

In an effort to engage in two-way conversations with families, Everett Public Schools holds hour long Let's Connect sessions to allow families to engage on a topic with either district or school administrators and provide input on specific topics.

The first Let's Connect of the school year is scheduled for October 6 from 6-7 p.m. and is 'in-person' where we will talk about academic needs your student may have and what student achievement means to you. Each region will host this session for their school families and interpreters from prominent languages in our district will be on site.

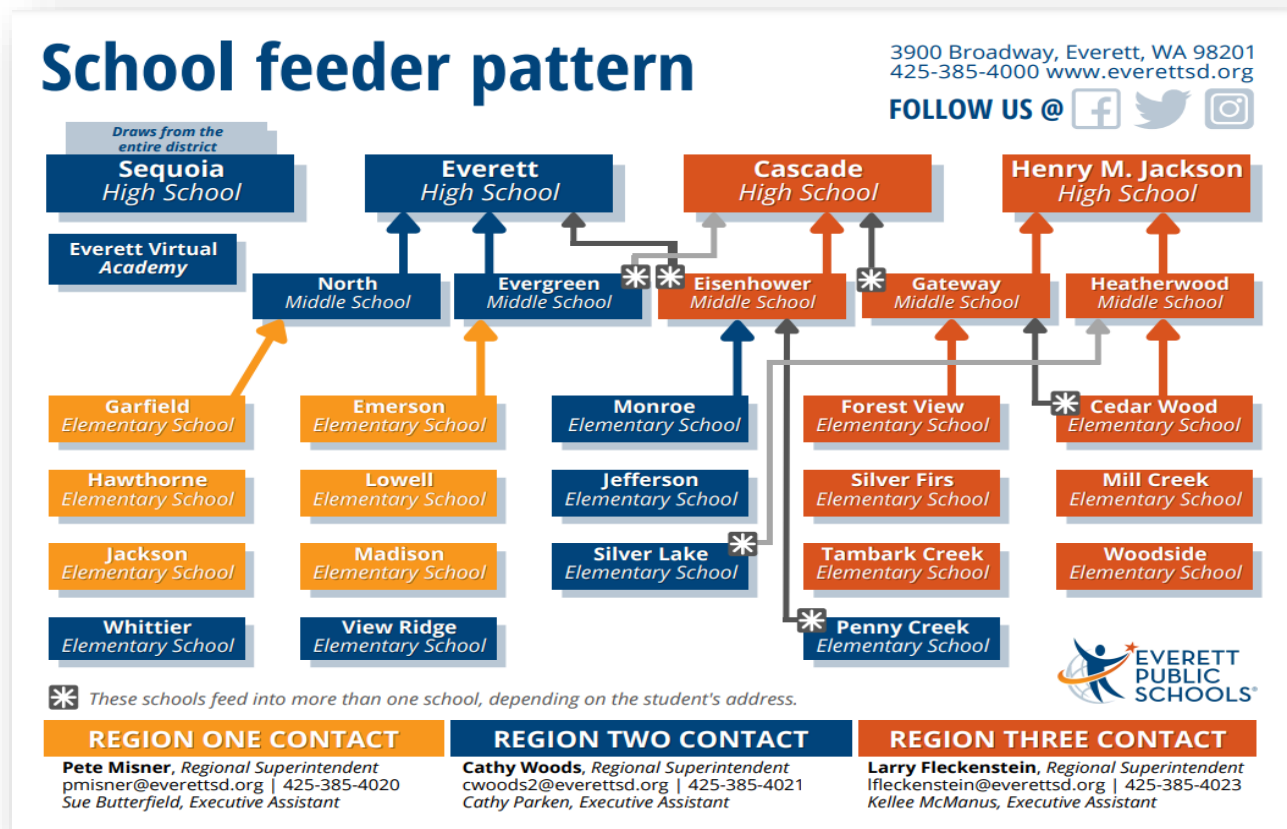


Please see the location information below for each region's session and the graphic below to determine the schools in each region.

Region One: Madison ES - Cafeteria

Region Two: Evergreen MS - Cafeteria

Region Three: Heatherwood MS – Cafeteria







# Parent University

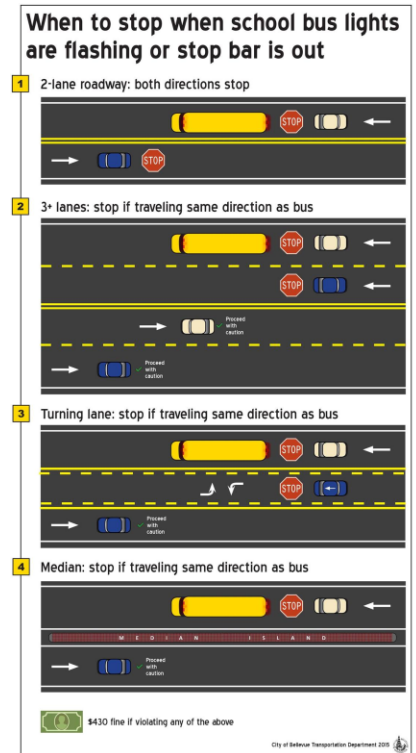
Parent University is an on-demand resource created to help parents and guardians become full partners in their child's education. Parent and family engagement in education positively impacts the academic and social success of children. Content includes a selection of pre-recorded videos and how-to documents that can be viewed at any time. You will find Parent University, at [www.everettsd.org/ParentUniversity](http://www.everettsd.org/ParentUniversity).



## Safety reminders

As mornings become darker and darker, drivers, please keep an eye out for students walking and waiting at their bus stops. Families, please have your students wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and the flashing lights and stop sign to be fully out before they cross the street. Here is great graphic showing when to stop for school buses, and if you are ever in doubt-- STOP! Other safety reminders include:

- Students and parents should wait on the curb when waiting for the school bus, not off the curb or in the street.
- Do not stand in school crosswalks, obey crossing guards if present.
- Be focused and aware when walking in school parking lots. We encourage walkers to stay off their cell phones while walking. Dark mornings may make it difficult for drivers to see walkers.
- Bicyclist must abide by the same laws as drivers, which means they must stop for school buses when applicable.
- If possible, wear lighter clothing/coats or add something reflective on darker clothing.



## Did you miss a call from us?

If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail, email or mobile app for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all the calls. If messaging is still not being delivered, then you will need to update your contact information at your school. If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so they can update the system to be able to successfully reach you.



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