

# Jefferson Charger News

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year at Jefferson Elementary! On behalf of the entire staff, I'm pleased to **welcome each and every family**, whether you are new or returning. At Jefferson, staff members, students, and family members all come together to ensure that children have a high-quality and engaging experience at school each day.

Families play an essential role as partners in the education of their children, so **please consider volunteering** to help in your child's classroom and/or with other activities. EVERYONE interested in volunteering during the 2018-19 school year must reapply through the [district website](#) before volunteering. Lighthouse families and anyone wanting to chaperone fifth-grade camp should apply for the second level of clearance, "extended support volunteer." All others should select "school day volunteer."

Along with new volunteer procedures, we will soon implement a **video intercom system** at the main entrance. These intercoms are being put into use at all schools districtwide to increase school security. Visitors will push a button and wait to be greeted by an office staff member. After saying why they are coming to school, visitors will be buzzed in. We appreciate everyone's patience as we get used to this new system. We'll let you know when we begin using the intercom via an e-mail message.

Plan to learn more about what students will be experiencing this year by attending a new event, **Family Learning Night**, at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1. This event will take the place of open house or curriculum night. In addition to a session in their child's classroom, families will have the opportunity to rotate through sessions on literacy, math/science, and social-emotional learning (SEL). The SEL session will also include information on Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS), which replaces Make Your Day (more info on next page). Child care will be provided in the gym.

Please reach out to me if you ever have questions, concerns, or ideas!

**Mrs. Kelley**

**Elizabeth Kelley**  
Principal

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### **Sept. 5**

First day of school for grades 1-5  
Breakfast begins at 8:45  
Supervision begins at 8:50  
First bell rings at 9:10  
Tardy bell rings at 9:15  
Dismissal bell rings at 3:30

### **Sept. 7**

Learning Improvement Friday (L.I.F.)  
2:15 dismissal

### **Sept. 10**

First day of school for kindergarten  
PTA food drive begins (ends Sept. 21)

### **Sept. 13**

PTA General Meeting, 6:30 p.m., library

### **Sept. 14**

Learning Improvement Friday (L.I.F.)  
2:15 dismissal

### **Sept. 21**

Learning Improvement Friday (L.I.F.)  
2:15 dismissal

### **Sept. 28**

Learning Improvement Friday (L.I.F.)  
2:15 dismissal



## Ensuring a Safe Campus for All Students & Adults

Please help us keep Jefferson safe for all by adhering to the following policies and procedures:

- **Dogs:** Only service animals are allowed on campus from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and during school events.
- **Student supervision:** It is essential that students not be on campus without adult supervision. In the morning, supervision begins at 8:55 unless students are eating breakfast at school. Breakfast begins at 8:45. After school, supervision ends at 3:50 p.m., when students waiting to be picked up are taken into the office to contact parents.
- **Parking lot reminders:** The Jefferson parking lot is a very busy place! Please consider parking at Eastmont Park & Ride and walking to school. Whenever you are in the parking lot, keep your speed to 5 MPH, follow the directional arrows, park only in marked spaces, use crosswalks, observe Safety Patrol and staff directions, and stay in your car unless parked in a marked spot. The back parking lot is for staff, buses, and district vehicles only.
- **Walking reminders:** Stay on paths and sidewalks, use crosswalks, and follow Patrol and staff directions.
- **Biking reminders:** Walk bikes on sidewalks, paths, and blacktop areas. Wear a helmet, and lock your bike. No scooters are allowed, and only those in grades 3-5 may bike to school unless with an adult.
- **Visitor/volunteer reminders:** Once you have received volunteer clearance for the 2018-19 school year, remember to arrange volunteering and visits with the teacher in advance. Sign in at the office and wear a visitor sticker or volunteer badge at all times.
- **Dropping off items:** If you are dropping off an item forgotten at home, such as a lunch, you will be asked to leave it in the office. We will call the student to come get it at an appropriate time. This prevents interruptions in the classroom. If you need to talk to the student, we will call him or her down to the office.

## Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS)

This year, Jefferson is implementing PBIS, a framework for building a positive school culture by supporting all students with knowing expected behaviors; encouraging students to demonstrate those behaviors; and responding in a consistent, predictable way when students do not demonstrate them. Make Your Day and its components (steps, points, concerns, and slips) are no longer being used. Instead, you will see three main components of PBIS in action, based on our new Charger Code: “Jefferson Chargers are safe, respectful, responsible, and kind. Wherever we go, we use a friendly voice and help others. We solve small problems on our own, and report big problems to adults.” The PBIS components are:

1. Students will be explicitly taught expected behaviors in all of the common areas of the school, and their classrooms. Look for posters in our common areas to see what’s expected, and ask your child to explain as well.
2. When students demonstrate expected behaviors, any school staff member may acknowledge them with Thunder Tickets, which go into a weekly drawing for lunch with the principal. We will also work together as a school to fill a large container with the tickets in order to earn a schoolwide fun activity.
3. When students do not demonstrate expected behaviors, school staff will respond consistently. A big part of this is teaching students how to recognize the need to reset themselves, as well as how to choose from among strategies for doing so. All students will also receive weekly social-emotional instruction using the Second Step program, our district’s adopted curriculum for this area. Lessons include friendship and communication skills, as well as behaviors that support classroom learning.

Come to Family Learning Night on Oct. 1 to learn more about PBIS!



## News from Around Jefferson

### From the Assistant Principal

I am so excited to be part of the Jefferson community. The staff has been incredibly welcoming to me, which I believe resonates to your child. Last year, I was the assistant principal at Lowell Elementary. This year, I will be shared between both Lowell and Jefferson. I will be on campus at Jefferson on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and two Fridays per month. I have two children of my own: Jeffrey is 20 and Ali is 23. Parenting is one of the greatest experiences of my life, both challenging and rewarding. Thank you for sharing your child with Everett Public Schools; I know they will also be welcomed. I am looking forward to meeting you. **Annette Sternberg**, [asternberg@everettsd.org](mailto:asternberg@everettsd.org) or 425-385-7491

### From the Reading Room

Welcome back to school! We are looking forward to another great year of learning in English Language Arts! My job as ELA Coach is to support teachers and families in order to promote progress in literacy, and to increase our students' confidence in and love of reading. If you have any questions about helping your child at home, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to sharing more about our schoolwide literacy program at Family Learning Night on October 1! **Janet Erickson**, [jerickson@everettsd.org](mailto:jerickson@everettsd.org) or 425-385-7423

### From the Library

Hello from Mr. Pepper, your new library teacher. (My actual name is Mr. Schmeckpeper.) I hope your child leaves the library excited to go on new adventures with every book he or she reads, and equipped to research any topic they want to explore! **Sam Schmeckpeper**, [sschmeckpeper@everettsd.org](mailto:sschmeckpeper@everettsd.org) or 425-385-7408

### From the Math Specialist

Everett Public Schools has an exciting new addition to our schools this year: full-time math coaches at each elementary site. Before any learning occurs, it is our primary goal as math coaches to instill in students a positive viewpoint about mathematics and get them excited about all the opportunities it can bring. Families can also get involved by helping their students see math in a positive way. Here's how:

- Model a positive attitude about math by reminding your child that longer math problems are not "harder." Much like when we walk a mile one step at a time, multistep or rigorous problems are done incrementally ... one piece at a time! Help them understand that breaking problems apart and starting with what they know will get them to the final answer if they persevere and check their work.
- Not knowing just means not knowing "yet." If your child is struggling with a homework or test problem, have them write or explain the steps and parts they do know and document questions about what they do not know. Part of balanced math is communicating reasoning, which includes being able to show visibly both the steps they understand and those they need help with. Older students can write these in a journal and use it in class during whole-class or small-group review time. Their teacher will appreciate their input! For younger students, you can write their thoughts and questions for them, helping the teacher (and your child) understand what they have and have not mastered ... yet!

**Stacy Roach**, [sroach@everettsd.org](mailto:sroach@everettsd.org) or 425-385-7423



### From the Music Room

Welcome to another great year in music! My name is Miss Branch, and I am so happy to be back for my second year of teaching music at Jefferson! This year, our concert at the Everett Civic Auditorium will be Monday, April 15, for grades 1 through 5. Our Kindergarten Spring Sing will be held Thursday, May 30. Please save these important dates, and look for more information throughout this year. I will be updating my [classroom webpage](#) frequently. On it, you will find information about what we are learning in music, concert dates and locations, and a daily schedule of music. It is going to be a great year! **Debrah Branch, [dbranch@everettsd.org](mailto:dbranch@everettsd.org) or 425-385-7440**

### From the Gym

Hello Jefferson Families! My name is Ms. Rowe and I am the new physical education teacher at Jefferson. I am very excited to be a part of the Jefferson school community and to work with your child! In P.E., students will learn and refine skills in fitness, motor skills, health and nutrition, as well as social development and cooperation. The skills that we will be working on are sequenced throughout the school year using the Five for Life curriculum along with your child’s abilities in mind. We define success as accomplishing skills. The overall goal is to help your child learn, experience, be successful and, of course, have fun!

**P.E. Shoes:** Your child will need to wear gym shoes (sneakers, tennis shoes) on the days that they have P.E. Gym shoes must have a flat bottom (no heel) and the foot **must** be fully covered. Sandals, Crocs, clogs, dress shoes, boots and any heeled shoes are not appropriate for P.E. Please check your child’s weekly specialist schedule for which days they should wear gym shoes. **Shauna Rowe, [srowe@everettsd.org](mailto:srowe@everettsd.org) or 425-385-7470**

<b>Friday Gym Rotation</b> <b>(Grades K-2, Life Skills, and Extended Resource only)</b> <i>Please remind your student to bring their PE shoes on their scheduled days.</i>			
September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28
Weitkamp	Clark	No Class	Denham
Adams	Graham	Hanson	Bennett
Schmieder	Agustin	Nielson	Lemkau
Dinneen	Wright	Lobdell	Branch

### Important Reminders from the Jefferson Office

**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](mailto:JFEattendance@everettsd.org) using the e-mail address we have on record.

**Early dismissals from school:** When checking your student out early, please remember to have photo ID.

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



## District News

### Access to public records

District records are public records. Parents and other citizens have the right to ask to view or have copies of records defined as “public” under state and federal laws. These include parents’ and legal guardians’ student’s records and records about discipline of school employees.

The district’s finance and business services office handles public records requests. Request records by writing to that office at PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213, sending an email request to [publicrecords@everettsd.org](mailto:publicrecords@everettsd.org), or calling 425-385-4150.

### Your student’s records are confidential

Everett Public Schools is serious about protecting student records and privacy. The district uses multiple security measures to safeguard student transcripts and other education-related records. Only those teachers, administrators and other staff members who work directly with students (and have an educational need to know) have access to individual student records. Staff members are required to maintain confidentiality of all information in a student’s records.

### Vaccination requirements

Students in kindergarten through 12th-grade need two doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or a health care provider document verifying they have already had chickenpox. Review vaccination requirements for your child on the [Washington State Department of Health website](#).

### Four ways to stay in touch

At the bottom of every district webpage, you can sign up for [InTouch](#) announcements and school board meeting agendas highlights delivered to your email box twice monthly. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).



### Attendance procedures

We look forward to seeing your child at school every day. Regular school attendance is



important, and we will work with you to ensure your child is present to benefit from an excellent education. If your child is absent, please email the school at their attendance email address, which you can find on the school website.

If email is not possible, and even if you leave a message with the school attendance line, please send a written note to the school office within 30 days after your student returns to school.



## ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2018-19

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 includes 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.

## Capital projects updates

Thank you for making so many capital projects possible through the April 2016 Capital Bond! You can follow progress on those projects online at [www.everettsd.org/capitalprojects](http://www.everettsd.org/capitalprojects).

## Register to vote!

It's easy! You can register online at <http://bit.ly/VoteRegistration> or stop by your school office to pick up paper registration materials.

## Student opportunities and activities eflyers

We use *Peachjar* to email approved flyers from community organizations



to parents and guardians. Schools also post those flyers on their websites. Look for the Peachjar button in the *Quicklinks* section of your school home page to see those flyers. You can also register there to have those flyers delivered to your email address if you aren't already receiving them.

## Kids in Transition program

The Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under the federal [McKinney-Vinto Homeless Act](#).



Students without a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success and extra-curricular involvement. We ensure homeless students have school supplies and provide tutoring or help students join in extended day or summer school classes. We help students with the fees required take part in activities such as sports or clubs. KIT transports eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is feasible.

Last year, Everett Public Schools served over 1,100 homeless students at some time during the school year. For more information, visit the [KIT website](#) or contact Amy Perusse at 425-385-4032 or [aperusse@everettsd.org](mailto:aperusse@everettsd.org).



## Attention volunteers

Our schools rely on volunteers to support many important activities and our volunteer application has been updated.

- We are digital! All volunteer applications and background checks can only be processed online.
- We are focused on safety! We have new background check and safety training requirements.

**ALL volunteers must fill out a new application for the 2018-19 school year.** The new application is now available online at

[www.everettsd.org/volunteer](http://www.everettsd.org/volunteer)

## Safety tip line


Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? Or have you perhaps heard a rumor about someone bringing a weapon or drugs to school? **Report it!** You can talk directly with your school's office or you can call, text or email your concern.

If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, call 9-1-1 immediately for authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods.

Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.

### 3 easy ways

Text or call

 855-637-2095

 1350@alert1.us

 <http://1350.alert1.us>



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Everett Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

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