

Jefferson Charger News

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From the Principal

Welcome to February! This week, we begin the second semester – which means that we are **halfway through the school year**. It's hard to believe that a year ago this month, we were just beginning to bring students back to classrooms. So much has happened since then, and we are so grateful that we continue to learn together in person each day!

This will be a **busy month at school!** Our students are continuing to enjoy learning with our new math curriculum. We are also focused on supporting all students in becoming strong readers through foundational skills in Grades K-2 and word study in Grades 3-5. This month, our multilingual learners will be taking the WIDA ACCESS assessment. Our schoolwide character trait focus is courage, which we define as “facing hard things, even when you feel afraid.”

One thing we are all living with this year is **frequent updates to COVID protocols**. Last week, district communications explained our new test-to-stay program. This revised [flow chart](#) is a handy reference. Our district's COVID info page is [here](#).

This month, we have a **general election that includes two replacement levies** for Everett Public Schools – an education programs and operations levy, and a capital levy. Levies help cover costs not fully funded by state dollars. At Jefferson, these levies would cover an electronic reader board; technology systems, equipment, and service upgrades; and upgraded classroom locksets to enhance safety. Learn more at the end of this newsletter, or [here](#).

Lastly, I'd like to call your attention to our **Lighthouse Cooperative Program** info night – see the teal box for the registration link. Lighthouse is one of our district's [choice programs](#), and we are excited that beginning next year, district transportation will be provided. I encourage you to [check out the program](#) if you are interested in a learning experience that features standard district curriculum with an overlay of parent involvement in the classroom.

Have a great month,

Mrs. Kelley

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Feb. 4, 11, 18, & 25
2:15 p.m. Friday dismissal days

Feb. 8
Deadline to return election ballots

Feb. 10
Lighthouse Elementary Cooperative
info night, 6:30 p.m., register [here](#)

Feb. 11
Progress reports go home with students

Feb. 21-22
No school: Midwinter break



News from the Learning Lab

January has been a busy month around Jefferson with students getting back into the swing of things after winter break!

In Kindergarten, students are beginning to read words with short vowel sounds, and are exploring addition and subtraction concepts, including story problems, in math! First- and second-grade students are reading and writing words with long vowel sounds, with second-graders taking a deep dive into vowel teams and different spelling patterns for those long vowels. In math, first-graders are wrapping up addition and subtraction to 20 and getting started with their next unit, numbers to 99. Second-graders are learning about the structure of the number line and ways to use it to add, subtract, and find unknowns.

Third- through fifth-grade readers and writers continue to work on building their research skills as they draft informational pieces citing information from at least two sources. Students and teachers are eager to share the final published pieces with you! In math, third-grade students are wrapping up adding and subtracting within 1,000. Next, they will study division. Students are very excited! Fourth-grade mathematicians are preparing to begin a place value unit focused on decimals and larger numbers within 1,000,000. Throughout the unit, students will work on sharpening their problem-solving skills using three-reads and numberless word problem routines that help them to deepen their understanding of the language and mathematical clues in problems. In fifth grade, students are getting ready to begin a unit focused on multi-digit multiplication and division word problems. They will practice the standard algorithm and build their fact fluency.

Our young readers, writers, and mathematicians are working hard to grow their knowledge and skills! Please contact us if you would like ideas for how you can support your child's learning at home!

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News from the Art Room

We explored Asia in January, with students learning about Kokeshi Dolls, Mehndi, and Bento boxes. It was a fun experience ... we ALL want to go to the Great Wall, study pandas, and eat sushi!

Our journey around the world will continue in February as we head to Europe! Students will trek through Germany, Italy, Greece, and Holland while practicing their watercolor painting skills. We are pumping out artwork for the upcoming GLOW show; be sure to ask you child if they've made *glowing* artwork yet!

The Feb. 11 deadline is fast approaching to submit your child's art for the district's Elementary Art Show! This show is an opportunity to recognize students with special art talents who work hard and pay attention to craftsmanship, detail, and creativity. Please bring artwork and Artist Statements/Release Form to the office or art room; please e-mail me or stop by the school for the form.

Upcoming Events

February 11th: Deadline to submit artwork for the Everett Public Schools Elementary Art Show

February 23rd-March 18th: District Art Show Public Viewing at the Community Resource Center (3900 Broadway)

April 14th: Glow & Grow Student Arts Showcase at Jefferson Elementary School

Can you volunteer on Friday afternoon? Let me know! Mrs. Aguilera, agardner@everettsd.org

News from the Music Room

Last month in the music room, students in Grades 2-5 were so excited to learn or review how to write their own rhythmic compositions using standard music notation! Moving forward, we will work to revise or re-create our musical ideas as we play them on our classroom percussion instruments. Students in kindergarten and first grade have been learning how our own speech patterns relate to rhythm and matching syllables to music notation icons, as well as exploring the different high and low pitches of fun songs. Many of the songs we use are available online at <https://musicplayonline.com/>, and information on how to log in is available on the home page of your child's Canvas music course. I hope you'll use this resource to share some of your child's favorite music activities at home!

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DISTRICT NEWS

Kindergarten registration begins in March

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2022? Registration begins on March 7, 2022. You can complete enrollment forms for kindergarten [online](#)! A [step-by-step parent walkthrough video](#) is also available as a resource.



Dual-language Spanish Immersion Program

The dual-language Spanish immersion program at Emerson Elementary School is an option for fall 2022. Families with children entering kindergarten will have the option to choose the dual language strand. This program gives elementary students an opportunity to complete the Everett Public Schools curriculum in a nontraditional and exciting way by immersing them in Spanish language and culture from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Students in the program will become proficient in both Spanish and English while learning the same curriculum content as their peers outside the program.

Priority will be given to students within the Emerson Elementary School attendance area. If a high number of students apply, a lottery will be conducted to select students. If the class is not filled from those in the Emerson attendance area, an additional lottery from beyond the school attendance area will be conducted.

Job opportunities!

Everett Public Schools is hiring many positions. Please share with friends and family who may be interested in joining our team. Visit www.everettsd.org/jobs for jobs posted and how to apply.

Did you know?

Every year OSPI publishes a report card for each district and each school within the district. You can [access the 2020-21 data](#) on the OSPI website. To review the data for the school district or a school, start typing in the name and a drop box will appear with choices. Select your choice to view the report card.

The screenshot shows a search interface on the OSPI website. On the left is a map of Washington state. The main heading reads "I want to see data for a school or school district". Below this is a search form with the label "School or District Name:". The input field contains the placeholder text "start typing" and a "Go" button. Below the input field are two links: "clear" and "See all schools and districts".

Optionally you can select "See all schools and districts" and navigate to the district or school you want to select.



Parent safety tip



Six ways your student 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.

Spring World Language Assessment (WLA) – middle school

The world language assessment for 7th and 8th grade students is March 16. Your student can earn high school world language credits if they can fluently read, write, speak, and listen in a language other than English! Register to take the world language assessment by February 18. Visit our page for more information at <https://www.everettsd.org/wla>



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 the SEPTSA on [their Facebook page](#).



Remember to vote

Please remember to vote by February 8, 2022.



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EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2022 REPLACEMENT LEVIES



Everett Public Schools has two replacement levy measures on the ballot February 8, 2022

Both levies replace existing levies that expire at the end of calendar year 2022
Collection for both replacement levies will begin in calendar year 2023

PROPOSITION 1:

Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy (EP&O)

- 4-year levy; funds collected 2023-2026
- Accounts for approximately 14% of Everett Public School's general fund revenue
- Maintains programs that are important for our students and our schools such as:
 - special education services,
 - student mental health supports,
 - extracurricular activities and athletics,
 - student transportation and more.

PROPOSITION 2:

Replacement Capital Levy

- 6-year levy; funds collected 2023-2028
- Accounts for approximately 92% of Everett Public School's capital fund revenue
- Provides funding for technology, increased safety and security, maintenance and repair of facilities and systems, and upgrades to provide the same experience for all students throughout the district.

Remember to **VOTE**
by February 8, 2022



www.everettsd.org/2022Levies



REPLACEMENT LEVY FACTS

How much will these levies cost me?

The passing of both the replacement EP&O and capital levies will increase your Everett Public Schools-related property tax rates by an estimated \$0.84 per \$1,000 assessed property value (AV), when compared to 2022 and an estimated \$0.33 when compared to 2021. However, the new tax rates will still be substantially lower than rates paid by district property owners prior to 2021.

Tax Year	Proposed EP&O Levy	Proposed Capital Levy	Debt from prior capital bonds	Combined tax rate
2023	\$ 2.20	\$ 1.18	\$0.70	\$ 4.08
2024	\$ 2.15	\$ 1.75	\$ 0.18	\$ 4.08
2025	\$ 2.14	\$ 1.75	\$ 0.19	\$ 4.08
2026	\$ 2.14	\$ 1.73	\$ 0.21	\$ 4.08
2027	\$ 2.14 (future EP&O levy)	\$ 1.76	\$ 0.18	\$ 4.08

CAPITAL LEVY PROJECTS:

Technology



Our students benefit from ongoing integration of technology into their learning.

- \$96 million

Increased safety and security



Our students will learn in buildings that are made to be safer and more secure.

- \$2 million

Equal access, same experience



Every student will have the same opportunity to learn in well-functioning, safe and modern spaces.

- \$172 million

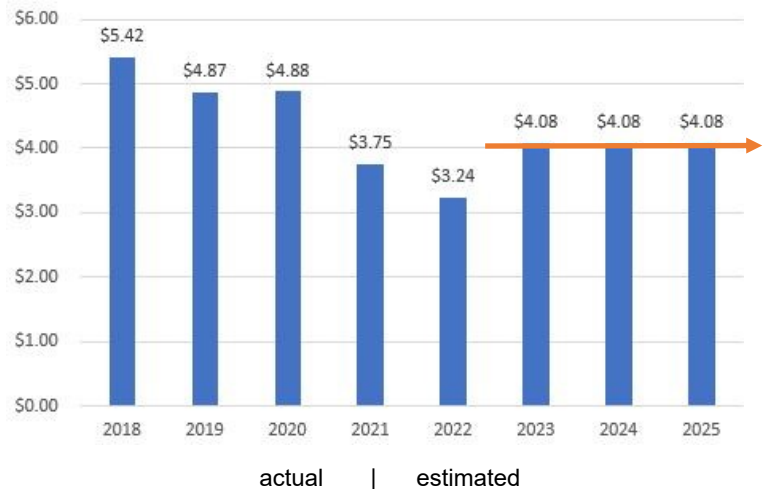
Maintenance and mandatory upgrades



Our facilities are valuable community assets and must be maintained to increase their life expectancy and comply with state mandated upgrades.

- \$54 million

Tax rate over time



How to calculate total cost on a \$500,000 home



\$500,000

$$\$500,000 / 1,000 = \$500$$

CURRENT

\$500 x \$3.24 (current tax rate) = \$1,620 per year
 \$1,620 / 12 (months) = **\$135 per month**

IF APPROVED

\$500 x \$4.08 (proposed tax rate) = \$2,040 per year
 \$2,040 / 12 (months) = **\$170 per month**

How can I learn more?

Visit: www.everettsd.org/2022Levies
 Contact: communications@everettsd.org
 with questions or comments