

Jefferson Charger News

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From the Principal

Happy New Year, Jefferson families! I have always loved the “**fresh start**” feeling that comes with the month of January. I always told my students, “The first part of the school year is behind you. Now we get to start over. If you didn’t like the way something was going, you can work with your teacher, classmates, and family to change it!” I hope you’ll share this approach with your own children. As we return from break, teachers and other staff will be reteaching routines and expectations, such as Zoom and work completion. I encourage you to do the same thing at home as you continue to support your child’s learning, and to partner closely with your child’s teacher.

There’s a great opportunity for families to **learn more about i-Ready** this Wednesday, Jan. 6. Everett Public Schools will host a webinar in English, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, and Arabic at 6:00 p.m. You can learn about how to motivate and recognize student progress with lessons at home, as well as tips and other resources. I was involved in planning this, and it is going to be great! I hope you’ll join us by registering [here](#). You’ll find a flier with more information included in this newsletter.

On Jan. 11, we will **welcome long-term guest counselor** Jennifer Byrne covering Ms. Ortiz-Self’s legislative leave of absence through late April.

Though we will miss Ms. Ortiz-Self greatly, she is leaving the program in excellent hands. Please continue to call the office if you or your family need the support of a school counselor, including resources, or you can reach out to Ms. Byrne directly at jbyrne@everettsd.org.

We don’t yet know what 2021 will bring us, but there are lots of reasons to be hopeful for the year ahead. No matter what may come our way, all Jefferson staff members look forward to continuing to partner with families and caregivers to support students! Please reach out if you have questions, concerns, ideas, or needs!

Thanks for reading, and have a great January!

Elizabeth Kelley, principal

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Jan. 18

No School:
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Important links:

- [Parent University](#): Short videos on a variety of topics
- [Family tech support](#)
- [Community resources](#)
- [Free meals](#) during remote learning (weekly pick-up resumes Jan. 6)
- [Free Internet](#) for eligible families



News from the Virtual Art Room

December was a *whirlwind*, but we ended with a bang by having a special guest from Seattle Art Museum walk us through some of SAM's art exhibits and beloved works. Students talked about how empathy, emotions and art are interconnected. It was an interesting session, and we can all look forward to visiting the SAM in person soon ... hopefully.

January art class will welcome winter projects, Martin Luther King, and other fun projects that build upon what we have already learned. We will continue our study of the elements of art and principles of design in order to provide the building blocks needed to create and critique amazing masterpieces.

Basic supplies that we use in class are blank paper, pencil, crayons, scissors, and glue. If you have a black marker, colored pencils, markers, or watercolor paints, that's a bonus! We always use whatever your child has for each project. I work hard to make sure the activities can be done independently, just like when we are in school. Thank you for allowing your child to learn along with us by doing the work all by themselves. Sometimes the skills are hard, but Jefferson Chargers can do hard things! Happy New Year!

Ms. Gardner, AGardner@everettsd.org

News from the Music Room

Welcome back to music! As we return from winter break, we will resume the great musical work we were accomplishing in Zoom and Canvas. Students will be composing, performing, singing songs, and playing games. Remember that logging into music every week, even if you can't be in our Zoom, helps you stay on track when we eventually return to the building. I can't wait to see you in Zoom or on Canvas!

Mrs. Rockwell, DRockwell@everettsd.org

News from the Math Coach

Ever need some fun, or just "extra," math activities to engage your child, but don't have the time or the materials that some of the available web-based ideas require? Well, look no more!



Math At Home has ready-to-go math activities that require zero materials and no printing. Each activity provides a visual and directions that make it so easy to just click and begin talking about the math. These activities make for great discussion, meaning less isolated screen time and more family time! Check it out [here!](#) Have a great January and 2021!

Mrs. Roach, SRoach@everettsd.org

News from the Counselor

I cannot believe January is here. I know these past few months have been difficult for many. We have all had to make so many changes, and change can be hard. I am so proud of the determination and resiliency I have seen from our students. I will be taking a leave of absence starting Jan. 11 and will return the end of April. Jennifer Byrne, who was my substitute last year, will be back again this year. We are very fortunate to have her, as she fit right into the Jefferson family. Ms. Byrne can be reached through the main office. If you have any concerns or needs that we can help with, please do not hesitate to call the front office and ask for the counselor.

Ms. Ortiz-Self



News from the Virtual Gym

As we say goodbye to 2020 and welcome in 2021, it is a good time to reflect on what students have been working on during P.E. in the virtual learning environment: from fitness and movement to the “why of exercise” and how it helps your child’s growing brain. Also, from the skeletal system and bone health to social emotional health and learning. We will continue our work in social emotional health and learning when we return in January. Following that, we will start on the heart and learning about muscles! It is great to see so many students attend PE in the afternoons! Keep up the great work, Chargers. Remember, if your student happens to miss a live PE Zoom, they can get caught up by checking out their PE Canvas page and clicking on the orange “PE Weekly Activity” button. Feel free to send me a message in the Canvas Inbox or e-mail me with any questions. Here’s to a happy and healthier New Year! Looking forward to seeing your student in 2021!



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News from the Library

Hello from the Library! We are excited to continue Jefferson’s curbside library checkout. This program began in late October with intermediate grade levels and is expanding to include all primary grade levels in the coming weeks. Beginning in January, first grade and kindergarten families may begin placing holds on books. We ask primary students to work with their parents to select up to three library books to place hold on per week. Step-by-step directions for placing holds on books can be found on the Jefferson Library webpage. Once you have placed books on hold, watch for an e-mail from the library to notify you the books are ready to be picked up. Happy Reading!

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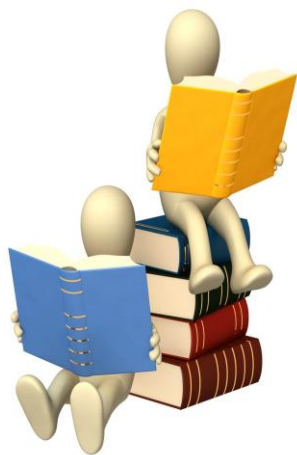
News from the Reading Team

Happy New Year from the Reading Team! We are looking forward to getting back to learning! Over the next six months our goal is to work with you and your children to ensure that they all have the opportunity to meet the learning goals for their grade level. We will continue to focus on the priority standards for reading and writing. In the primary grades, this means to continue to develop phonemic awareness skills (hearing the sounds in words, blending sounds into words) and phonics (learning the sounds that each letter or combination of letters make in order to read accurately). In grades 3-5, this means fine-tuning the skills listed above, as well as reading to learn content area information. Please contact us if you have questions or would like support.

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Supporting Students Learning at Home

The "Supporting Student Learning at Home" session is designed to provide Everett Public Schools families with an understanding of the i-Ready Personalized Instruction for Reading and Mathematics.

Families will learn:

- how the i-Ready Diagnostic is used to create a personalized pathway of instruction for every student
- ideas for motivating learners, monitoring progress, and supporting children when they need assistance
- tips and resources will be shared to support families in preparing for the next i-Ready Diagnostic assessment



When:

Wednesday, January 6
6-7pm PST

Register Here:

https://cainc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_e-F4Hr4dR1CcpX2FDiX74Q

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Curriculum Associates



DISTRICT NEWS

January is School Board Appreciation Month

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Appreciation Month – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. You can learn more about [board members online](#). You can also [watch past school board meetings](#) on the district's YouTube channel.

Delayed start or closed schools

If weather and road conditions call for closing school buildings, all learning will be cancelled, including remote learning. Remote learning must be cancelled because students who may be learning in the building may not have their devices at home, and teachers who have been working in the building may not have the equipment or resources to teach from home.

If we must cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:00 a.m., with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media and post the message on our website. **If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule.** [Click for more information and resources on school closures or delays.](#)

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- check your email or phone for district messages
- listen for media announcements
- view the district's website at www.everettsd.org
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts


Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? **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

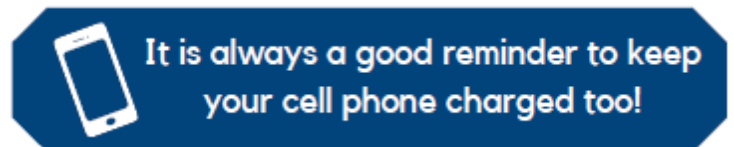
 <https://everett-wa.safeschoolsalert.com>



What to do if power goes out during remote learning

If you lose power or internet at home, please do the following, if possible:

- Contact your teacher or school to report the outage
- Continue to work on previously assigned learning activities
- Participate in on-demand activities if possible



It is difficult when things happen that are out of our control, and we thank you in advance for your patience and flexibility.



Upcoming “Let’s Connect” opportunities

There are three “Let’s Connect” opportunities in January, with more information on how to register coming soon.

- January 21, Budgeting Process and Finances
- January 25 and 28, Strategic Plan



Social & emotional health

The outbreak of COVID-19 may be stressful for people and communities. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children.

Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. The emotional impact of an emergency on a person can depend on the person’s characteristics and experiences, the social and economic circumstances of the person and their community, and the availability of local resources. People can become more distressed if they see repeated images or hear repeated reports about the outbreak in the media.

Children react, in part, based on what they see from the adults around them. When parents and caregivers deal with the COVID-19 calmly and confidently, they can provide the best support for their children. Parents can be more reassuring to others around them, especially children, if they are better prepared. Please visit the district’s [social & emotional health webpage](#) for more information.





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