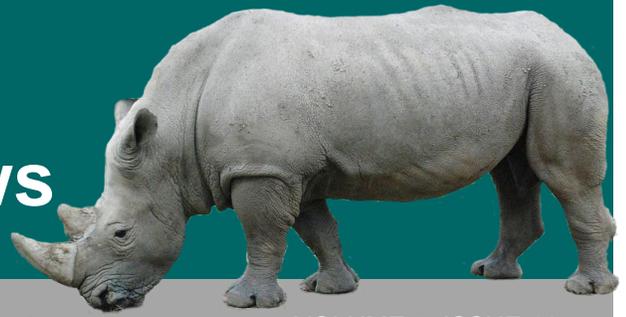


Jefferson Charger News

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Welcome to the month of June! It's going to fly by – before we know it, another school year will have come to an end. We are celebrating having finished all of our state-required testing for students in Grades 3-5 last week. We are proud of the way students persevered to do their very best.

Our focus now remains on holding to consistent routines, as each day is full of learning opportunities. We also have some special events sprinkled in, such as field trips, field day, and the PTA Carnival on June 10.

As shared with you on May 20, I'm headed to Lowell Elementary as principal next year. I'm excited to announce that Steve Hopkins will be the **next Jefferson principal**. You can read his introductory letter on our [school website](#).

Here are some things to know as the school year winds down:

- **Library books:** Please return them ASAP!
- **Senior Walk:** If you have or know a graduating senior at any high school (including outside our district) who attended Jefferson, please encourage them to come at 1:20 p.m. June 15, in caps and gowns.
- **Device collection:** Later this month, we will be collecting Chromebooks and hotspots checked out over the last three years. For Grade 3-5, this means making sure Chromebooks and chargers are in classroom carts. For Grades K-2, this means sending in devices and chargers starting June 13. If your child is participating in summer school, they may keep their device until fall. District-owned Internet hotspots should also be returned unless needed for summer school use.

It is hard to believe that this is the last Jefferson Charger family newsletter that I'll write. I've loved my six years with you! This was my first principal job, and I've learned so much from our students, families, and staff. I'll never forget the Jefferson community, and I wish every single one of you the very best!

Mrs. Kelley

Elizabeth Kelley
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June 3
2:15 p.m. dismissal

June 10
1:00 p.m. dismissal; PTA Carnival

June 15
Senior Walk, 1:20 p.m.

June 16
Field Day, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

June 17
2:15 p.m. dismissal

June 20
No school: Juneteenth holiday

June 22
1:00 p.m. dismissal; last day!



News from the Learning Lab



Hi, families! It has been a great year of learning at Jefferson. Teachers implemented best practices around the latest research in reading instruction and guided students through our new problem-based math

curriculum. In the month of May, students in Grades 3-5 completed the Smarter Balanced Assessments and related tasks. Students in Grades K-2 will finish out the school year by completing oral reading fluency assessments that target all they have learned in reading fundamentals – phonics and comprehension. It has been great to see all the growth that students have made in both reading and math, coming back from a year of remote or combined hybrid learning. We are very proud of all they have accomplished!

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News from the Library

Hello from the Jefferson Library! Read it. Love it. Return it. The time has come for library books to return to their home on the shelf. Jefferson students love to read, and we appreciate your help in returning library materials so they can be loved by another student! As we wrap up the school year, the Everett Public Schools [Summer Reading Adventure](#) begins on June 23. Check out the fun activities, libraries to visit, and books we love on the summer reading adventure webpage. Did you know the Jefferson Library will open this summer? Please come visit us on Wednesdays for materials checkout. Check the school website for our open hours and weekly schedule. Happy Reading!

Angela Klujber, aklujber@everettsd.org



News from the Art Room

What a GLOWING year we have had full of amazing GROWTH! Students learned about art, artwork and techniques from all around the world. Our first school-wide art show was a great success thanks to the hard work of all Jefferson artists. Many students also participated in the district's art show and the PTA Reflections art competition. Well done, Chargers! We are finishing the year off learning about all things "fibers." TK/K are working with yarn to build the foundations of weaving. First grade is using yarn to create yarn paintings, and then will work some weaving. Second and third grades are creating circular radial weaving creations; they are persevering through the challenges and celebrating their success. Fourth- and fifth-grade students are sewing! They are working on creating "Pizza Plushies." The challenges are worth the rewards at the end...hopefully. If you are looking for art opportunities this summer, be sure to check out the Schack Art Center in Everett. They offer classes and camps that are super fun and unique. While you're there, watch the glassblowers in action (you might even see Mr. Aguilera hard at work)! Have a wonderful summer break; I can't wait to see you in the fall!

Andrea Aguilera, agardner@everettsd.org

News from the Music Room

June is a bittersweet time in the music room. While many are eager to bring this crazy year to a close, some are not quite ready to say goodbye. No matter how you're feeling, I know I am so proud of the work students have done this year. It has been such a pleasure making music together after over a year apart, and the ukuleles donated by our PTA and Lighthouse Co-op have made our last six weeks of music so fun and exciting! Whether you're ending your first year at Jefferson or your sixth, please know that I am so proud of you, and I look forward to seeing you again. Keep being musical!



Debrah Rockwell, drockwell@everettsd.org



News from the Gym

Happy June, everyone! Let's talk about shoelaces. Did you know that most kids learn to tie their shoes at age 6? Yet, this important life skill can be challenging and frustrating to many children of all ages. Knowing how to tie shoes improves a child's safety, and builds their confidence and independence. Summer is a great time for students to practice and learn how to tie their shoes! There are some great visual, step-by-step resources online. For example, on YouTube [How to Tie Your Shoes Using The Circle Technique](#) by WikiHow, or [Teach Your Kids to Tie Shoes Without Tears](#) by The Intentional Mom, are two great videos showing a kid-friendly method to tying shoes. Click these links or do your own search. Hopefully, with a little time and practice, your child will become a shoe-tying expert!

Reminder: Jefferson Field Day is 9:30-11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 16. We're in need of volunteers to help make Field Day a success for students. If you would like to help, please email me at srowe@everettsd.org. Interested volunteers need current volunteer clearance from [this site](#). Unless you've already reapplied during this school year, you must reapply to be able to volunteer. Clearance can take up to two weeks!

Shauna Rowe, srowe@everettsd.org



Interested in Volunteering Next Year?

In order to volunteer in schools, you must have current volunteer clearance through Everett Public Schools. "Current" means you reapplied this year, after the vaccine requirement (or approved exemption) went into effect. Apply now to get a head start to work in classrooms or go on field trips next year!

Click here to start your application: <https://www.everettsd.org/domain/1452>



DISTRICT NEWS

Parent engagement and innovation showcase



Please join us from 6 to 7 p.m. June at the Community Resource Center to learn from and engage with staff about two strategic plan innovations that will advance our

students' academic engagement. Join staff as they showcase new technologies integrated into our classrooms to improve student learning, such as flat panels and classroom sound enhancements, and learn and ask questions about parent supports such as:

- Let's Talk request form
- Parent University
- Common Sense Media app review
- How to get technology help
- Home Internet solutions
- LMS parent accounts – Gradebook, HAC, Canvas
- Go Guardian and Class Policy parent accounts
- Student support for digital health and wellbeing and social media

Also, in the fall of 2023, our middle schools will shift from the current seven-period day to a six-period day. This is an opportunity to hear your thoughts about our current seven-period schedule and how we might use this schedule shift to increase student access to advanced courses, ideas about new and innovative electives, align our middle school STEM experiences to our high school STEM choice pathways, and create more elective choices for students. Come and engage with the middle school design committee to share your thoughts, questions, and feedback about the possibilities of a middle school six-period day. Look forward to seeing you there!

Job opportunities

Everett Public Schools is hiring many positions for the 2022-23 school year. 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. Also, please watch the district social media and web announcements for information the job fair scheduled for August 17.

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Summer Opportunities

Everett Public Schools looks forward to another successful year of summer programs. The Summer Math Challenge activities and calendars will be available on June 18, and the Summer Reading Adventure begins June 23. Please watch our website for more details. www.everettsd.org/SummerOpportunities.

Stay connected this summer

We invite all Everett Public Schools families, students, friends, and community members to follow our social media sites. On our main district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) pages, you will find emergency district communications, photos, videos, event postings, and content highlighting students, faculty, and accomplishments. Visit our social media directory at www.everettsd.org/socialmediadirectory to follow along with school pages, district pages, teachers, clubs, student groups, and more. Stay connected with us to learn the latest news! We can't wait to see you there!

When does school end?

The last day of school is Wednesday, June 22, and will be early release for students. June 17 is the last day for seniors.



Music4Life

The Music4Life Everett Booster Club, which supports Everett Public Schools' ongoing commitment to instrumental music across the district, has now provided over 500 ready-to-play instruments for use by students in need. These instruments are donated to Music4Life, refurbished by our repair partners and then distributed throughout the district wherever there's a need. If you have an instrument you'd like to donate, contact info@Music4Life.org or go to our website www.Music4Life.org to learn how to make a tax-deductible donation to support music programs in Everett Public Schools.

Stuff the Bus is coming!



With the support of our generous community, the Everett Public Schools Foundation is hosting its 13th annual Stuff the Bus for Kids school supply drive. This year the need is greater than ever. We need your help to deliver over

3,600 backpacks to Everett Public Schools students and families this fall. Look for collection bins at local businesses during August and look for big yellow Durham school buses parked outside Fred Meyer in Mill Creek and QFC on Evergreen Way Aug. 12-14. For questions, please contact Kirsten Hansen at khansen@everettsd.org.

Vaccinations for next year

Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations your child may need before they return next fall. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations as soon as possible and provide documentation to your child's school health room staff. Providing this information before the new school year will help you avoid getting calls and letters as well as the potential exclusion from school in the fall. As a reminder, students entering 7th grade usually require a Tdap booster before they can start school. More information can be found on the district's [immunizations webpage](#).

School supply lists

Looking to get a jump start on next year's school supplies this summer? You can find the school supply list on our website under the *Our Schools* tab around the last week of school.

Summer meals

Did you know all children ages 1-18 can participate in the summer meal program? Summer meals will start at several locations on



June 27. Find more details, including locations and times, please visit the [Food and Nutrition Department website](#).

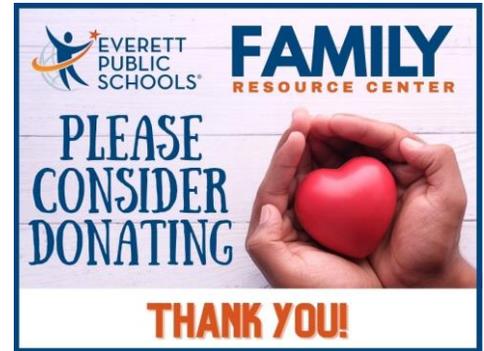
Kindergarten registration

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



Family Resource Center

Everett Public Schools' Homeless - KIT Program team recently opened the first [Family Resource Center](#) (FRC) in Hawthorne Elementary. Through a school referral process, they help the district's homeless families navigate the county's social service programs — which are spread across the school district, county agencies and dozens of nonprofits. The FRC serves as a hub for a limited supply of donated basic needs items and provides a welcoming space for our students and families to receive support, have some basic needs met, and connect to school and community resources. The team has hopes to open a second center in the south end of the district in the fall. Please consider donating to help fill the shelves of the EPS Family Resource Center.



- [Using the sign-up genius list of needs](#)
- Donations ordered online can be shipped to: Family Resource Center c/o Hawthorne Elementary, 1110 Poplar St., Everett 98201.
- Monetary donations can be made online at [Everett Public Schools \(intouchrecepting.com\)](#) select “Everett School District Office” under School and for now the activity auto populates with Family Resource Center.



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