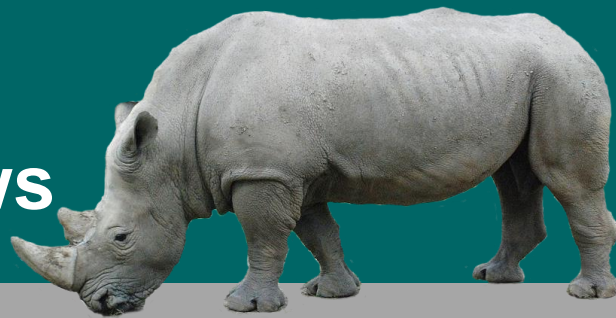


Jefferson Charger News

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



October 2021

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From the Principal

Happy October! We are entering our fourth week of school, and **things are going well!** Students have done a great job learning school routines, following safety guidelines, and rebuilding stamina for full days of in-person learning. We appreciate our families' support as we settle in!

We'd like to hear from you about the student and family experience at Jefferson this year. We'll be having conversations via Zoom from 5:00-5:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18. Watch your e-mail for registration info soon.

This year, we have a **monthly character trait focus**. September's was kindness, and October's is responsibility. Ask your child how they can demonstrate the monthly trait at home, at school, and in the community!

All meals are free this year, but I would like to **ask that families still fill out applications** for free/reduced-price meal status. Approved applications help fund other school/district programs, and can help waive other fees for your family. Applications are [online](#) or at school.

Our district has many **job openings**, and our family members make great employees. Check the openings out [here](#).

Wonder why you are getting **e-mails and/or phone calls about your child's absence** even though you've reported it? If you list "illness" as the reason, you'll get a message explaining when your child can return to school, and which symptoms require screening by our nurse before the return. If your child is sent home from school, be sure to read the accompanying letter about steps you need to take for them to return. A great resource is this [flow chart](#).

Interested in **free preschool**? See the page at the end of the newsletter about schools enrolling 3- and 4-year-olds.

One final note: The **district art calendar** sent home recently has a mistake on the back cover – it lists our school start time as 9:25. Our entry bell is at 9:10, and our tardy bell rings at 9:15. The dismissal times on the calendar are correct.

Thanks for reading, and have a great month!

Mrs. Kelley

Elizabeth Kelley
Principal

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Oct. 5
Picture Day

Oct. 8
2:15 p.m. dismissal

Oct. 15
No school: Teacher work day

Oct. 18
Parent input Zoom, 5:00 p.m. –
registration info coming soon

Oct. 22
2:15 p.m. dismissal

Oct. 29 & Nov. 1-5
1:00 dismissal for conferences –
look for information from your
child's teacher soon!



Important Safety Reminders

Please help us ensure a safe experience for staff, students, and families by taking note of the following important items:

- We are not allowing any food for birthday celebrations this year.
- We are seeing families drop students off too early. There is no adult supervision before 8:45 a.m., which is when breakfast service begins. Students not eating breakfast should arrive no earlier than 8:55.
- Please take a moment to review our dismissal parking lot procedures and expectations by reading the page at the end of the newsletter. If you are frustrated by how long the pick-up line takes, please park at Eastmont Park & Ride and walk up – it's just three-tenths of a mile. Help us be a good neighbor by not blocking driveways around the neighborhood.
- Students in grades three and above may ride bicycles to and from school. Students must walk their bicycles on campus, wear a helmet, and lock the bike to the rack behind the cafeteria. Skateboards, scooters, roller blades, roller shoes, etc., may not be ridden on district property.

JOIN OUR PTA!

Jefferson's PTA supports our students, teachers,
and community in many ways.

Visit the Jefferson PTA website at:

www.jeffersonpta.org

to learn more!

SCHOOL HOURS

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

Learning Improvement Fridays:
2:15 p.m. 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>



News from the Art Room

As we continue our global journey around the world (Mexico and Central America were AWESOME!) our next stop will be South America. This month we will learn about the people, communities, and creatures from the jungles of the Amazon to the mountains of Peru. It has been wonderful getting to know all of the students again. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.



Stay magical!
Mrs. Aguilera (the art teacher formerly known as Ms. Gardner)

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 to support your student to wear comfortable clothes for movement and athletic shoes for safety in the gym, so that they can fully participate on their PE days.

In October, students will be learning small-group station rotations that will incorporate all kinds of skills and movements. Students will also be learning about the skeleton and how to keep our bones healthy. Second- through fifth-grade students learned a new game to play in the gym and at recess called "Switch." It is a great movement game that students are enjoying, so feel free to ask your child about "Switch." Something that I am noticing more this year is kindness. Students have been showing great examples of kindness and helping others. Kindness is a lifelong skill and I am so proud of Jefferson students for putting it to use! Questions or concerns? Feel free to e-mail me at srowe@everettsd.org.

Ms. Rowe



News from the Library

Hello from the Jefferson library! It is wonderful seeing students back in the building. Since we have returned to the library, students have been focusing on choosing good-fit books. Good-fit books are books that are at an appropriate reading level, not too difficult and not too easy. Good-fit books also challenge students to improve their reading skills while reading something enjoyable and interesting. Since the Jefferson library is a learning library, we have been practicing using our web-based library search site, Destiny Discover. Using this online tool, students in Grades 2-5 can browse for good-fit books to check out. As you know, during the closure most students were not able to browse the shelves. We are taking the time necessary to reintroduce the library tools and relearn library expectations so that students can navigate libraries independently no matter where they may be.



Mrs. Klujber

News from the Learning Lab

Greetings from the Learning Lab! We are so happy to back to school in person! We have a new team this year and would like to introduce ourselves. Janet Erickson supports teaching and learning in Grades K-2. Jessica Lundgren supports teaching and learning in Grades 3-5, and Irena Kolosnitsyn supports students who are learning English. We work together to ensure that all students have the opportunity to learn, grow and meet their learning goals. You can reach us via e-mail (see below) or at 425-385-7423. We are looking forward to a great year of learning and growing together!

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Janet Erickson jerickson@everettsd.org

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DISTRICT NEWS

Healthy habits make a difference!

What does Swiss cheese have to do with COVID? Each precaution is like a slice of Swiss cheese. When they are layered together, the “holes” are covered, and everyone is better protected from illness. Thank you for doing your part to wear masks, practice social distancing, stay home when you are sick, wash your hands and get vaccinated when eligible.

It is very important for everyone to wear a mask properly:



- Put it over your face and mouth
- Be sure your mask fits snugly against the sides of your face and under your chin
- Make sure you can breathe easily

The updated [2021-22 COVID Family Handbook](#) provides information on what we are doing to keep students and staff safe while at school and what the process is if there is a COVID case in your child's class. It also shares things you can do to help keep your child and their classmates healthy. It is available on the district's website under the “Our District” tab on the COVID 2021-22 page. Thank you for being

great partners in our community's health.

Hi, I'm Chatbot Chet!

Chatbot Chet is the newest member of our communications family and is available 24/7 to help answer questions. Click the tab located on the lower right side of any EPS web page and “Let's Talk!”



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. Our goal is to increase collaboration and involvement between schools, families, and the community, and to educate, empower and connect families with resources that build parent and student confidence, enhance character development, and promote life skills to increase the likelihood of family success in academic endeavors. 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.



Bus safety reminder

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!

Homeless resources

We care about all our Everett Public Schools families and know many are experiencing economic impacts due to changes in the economy. If not your family directly, you may know others who are starting to question whether there is any help available. If you are staying temporarily with someone else because you lost your housing, or are staying in a motel, campground, shelter, outside or are in an inadequate place, you and your children have special rights at school. Everett Public Schools' Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under the federal [McKinney-Vento Homeless Act](#). Students without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success. If you believe your child qualifies, please complete the [online Housing Questionnaire](#). For more information, visit the [KIT website](#) or contact the KIT office at 425-385-4032.

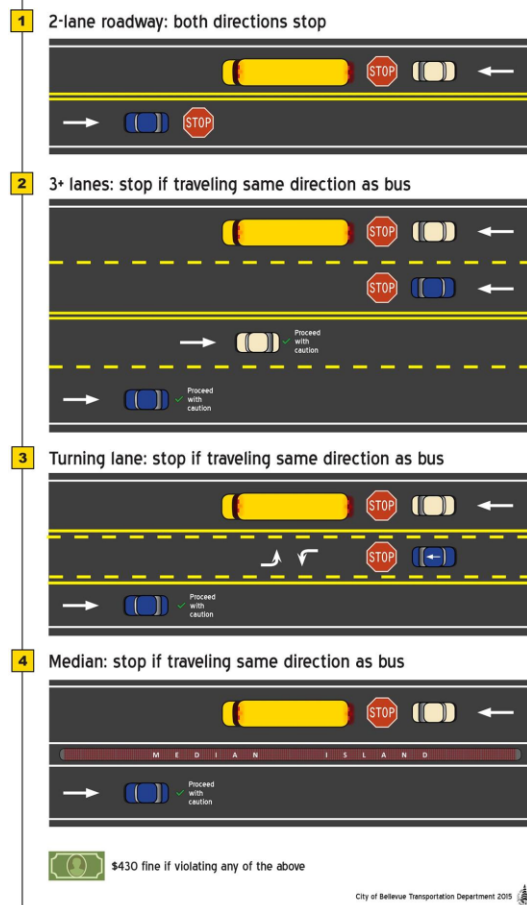
Rights include:

- Keeping your children in the same school even if you move, and receiving transportation to that school, as long as it is in the student's best interest
- Enrolling in school immediately without the documents schools usually require
- Receiving free school meals
- Getting help with school supplies and other needs
- Receiving extra support for youth who are on their own
- Connecting young children with early childhood services
- Referrals to other community resources

Get resources and activities for your children from [Sesame Street in Communities](#), including tips for [how to talk to your child about homelessness](#) and [how to create a feeling of home](#) even if you are moving around a lot.

If you find yourself in a dangerous situation, or in need of medical, emotional, or physical support, please see [this list of national hotlines](#) that provide an array of services. All hotlines listed are national hotlines providing 24/7 support across the United States. In Snohomish County, you may call 425-25-ABUSE (425-252-2873). **In an emergency, call 911 for the police, get yourself and your children to a safe place, seek medical attention and call DVS for assistance.**

When to stop when school bus lights are flashing or stop bar is out





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.

WE ARE HIRING!

- BUS DRIVERS
- CUSTODIAL
- FOOD & NUTRITION ASSISTANTS
- HEALTH ROOM ASSISTANTS

- PARAEducATORS
- SUBSTITUTES
- TEACHERS

Join our team!

We offer a competitive wage, flexible schedule, training and much more.

For more information or to apply, please click headline.

Did you miss a call from us?

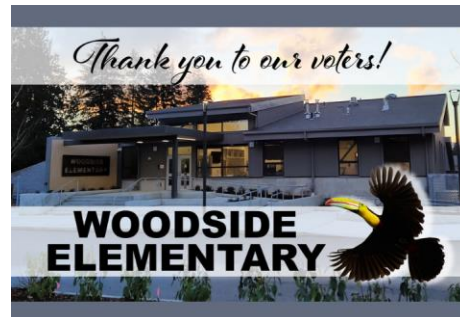
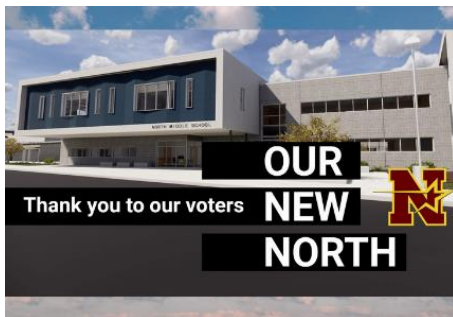
If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail, e-mail or mobile app for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all the calls. If messaging is still not being delivered, then you will need to update your contact information at your school.

Is your contact information up to date at school?

If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so we can reach you.

2016 Capital project showcase!

Thanks to community support for the 2016 Capital Bond, the North Middle and Woodside Elementary partial replacement and modernization projects are complete! Students and staff are enjoying their new schools. Curious how they look? Visit the district's homepage under school announcements to watch the celebration videos or click the images below to link directly to them.



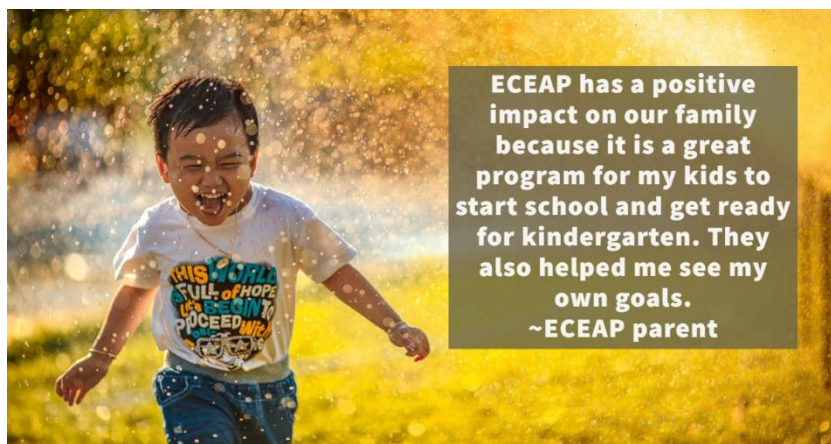
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• Everett Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

• Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer:
• Kevin Allen
• 425-385-4100
• KAllen@everettsd.org
• PO Box 2098
• Everett, WA 98213

Section 504 Coordinator:
Dave Peters
425-385-4063
DPeters@everettsd.org
PO Box 2098
Everett, WA 98213

ADA Coordinator:
Randi Seaberg
425-385-4104
RSeaberg@everettsd.org
PO Box 2098
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ECEAP has a positive impact on our family because it is a great program for my kids to start school and get ready for kindergarten. They also helped me see my own goals.
~ECEAP parent

Interested in FREE preschool?

Everett Public Schools ECEAP

is enrolling 3 & 4 year olds

Please stop by the Cedar Wood, Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison or Silver Lake school office and ask for ECEAP or call to apply

425-385-4628

*Income guidelines apply

ECEAP is also available in Everett at:

Everett Community College – 820 Waverly Ave. 98201
VOA Trailside (behind Everett Mall) – 1300 100th Pl. SE 98208
Child Strive – 14 E. Casino Rd. 98208

Заинтересованы в бесплатном дошкольном учреждении? У **Everett Public Schools ECEAP**

есть вакантные места для трёх и четырёх годичных

Пожалуйста, остановитесь в главном офисе и спросите об ECEAPe
или

Позвоните по телефону

(425) 385-4628

для подачи документов.

другие места в Эверетт:

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¿Está interesado en Preescolar GRATUITO?

Everett Public Schools ECEAP

todavía está inscribiendo a los niños de 3 y 4 años

Por favor pase a la oficina de la escuela Cedar Wood, Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison o Silver Lake y pregunte por ECEAP o llame a ECEAP para aplicar
425-385-4628

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Jefferson Afternoon Pick-up Survival Guide

Please see the map on the other side of this page.

As we return to school 100%, it's important that we all work together to ensure that our parking lot and pick-up areas are safe, efficient, and respectful places! Here are some helpful guidelines:

- If walking to meet your child, please wait for them in the area in front of the cafeteria/amphitheater steps. It is too busy along the pick-up lane sidewalk for this to be a safe meeting place.
- Follow the 5 MPH speed limit in the parking lot, as well as all neighborhood speed limits. Respect our neighbors by not blocking driveways or intersections.
- Follow adult staff and student Safety Patrol directions.
- If you want to get out of your car to meet your student, please use a designated parking space, or park at Eastmont Park & Ride and walk up. Leaving your vehicle on neighborhood streets or anywhere along the pick-up line is unsafe, and backs up the line. If you are staying in your car, use the pick-up line rather than waiting in a parking aisle – we will not allow students to cross the parking lot to meet you.
- Pull forward when dropping off and picking up – we will only allow students to enter vehicles in the zone shown on the back of this page. Students need to enter from the curb side of the vehicle, and buckle up without adult help; if this is not possible for you, please park in a designated space and walk to meet your child.
- If using the pick-up lane, use the enclosed visor tag to help speed the process of connecting you and your child. Write your child's first name and grade on this (large and dark), and place it around your passenger side visor. Flip it down in the line so that staff can see it.
- Use crosswalks rather than crossing the parking aisles or the drop-off/pick-up line. We will not allow students to cross into the parking lot without an adult, so please don't call to them or wave them over from the parking aisles, even if you have parked in a space.
- Use handicapped spaces only if you have a placard or license plate to do so.
- Volunteer to help – contact the office!

