

Jefferson Charger News

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From the Principal

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! On behalf of the entire staff, I'm pleased to **welcome each and every family**, whether you are new or returning. Teachers are spending these first weeks building classroom community, assessing their students' starting points academically, and diving into our district curriculum. See Page 2 for more on how we teach **behavior and social skills** here. In terms of academics, students will soon take the **i-Ready** diagnostic assessments, which will set them up to work on personalized online learning paths to help fill in skill gaps. There's a flier with this newsletter about an upcoming i-Ready parent info session. Students can access i-Ready lessons from home!

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. The application is through the [district website](#). Your clearance from last year is still valid!

We had additional **safety and security upgrades** over the summer: new locked vestibule doors as well as fire doors for the A wing that will close in the event of a fire alarm. Thanks for your patience as we juggle ringing phones, the video intercom, and the second set of doors.

Learn more about what students will be experiencing this year by attending **Family Learning Night** for grades K-4 Monday, Sept. 30. We are planning a new format, so watch for a flier with times and details! Fifth-grade parents should plan to attend a special grade-level curriculum night in conjunction with camp meetings on Sept. 18.

Please reach out to me if you ever have questions, concerns, or ideas! We hope you'll follow us on Twitter: @EPS_Jefferson.

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Principal

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Sept. 9

First day of school for kindergarten; kinder parents invited to the cafeteria for Tea & Tissues right after drop-off

Sept. 12

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

Sept. 13

2:15 Learning Improvement dismissal

Sept. 18

Fifth-grade meetings:

- 6:00 p.m. camp chaperones
- 6:30 p.m. camp parent info
- 7:00 p.m. curriculum night (5th only)

Sept. 20

2:15 Learning Improvement dismissal

Sept. 25-27

Fifth-grade camp

Sept. 27

2:15 Learning Improvement dismissal

Sept. 30

Family Learning Night for grades K-4 – watch for an upcoming flier with times



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:** Dogs are not allowed on school athletic fields at any time. Only service animals are allowed on campus from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and during school/PTA/Lighthouse evening 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:** Please 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.
- **Arriving late:** If you are dropping your child off late, please come into the office to sign them in. We then ask that the child walk to class alone or with a school staff member to prevent disruptions.
- **Dropping off items:** You will be asked to leave items such as lunches or folders in the office. We will call the student down at an appropriate time. If you need to talk to the student, we will call them down to the office.

The Charger Code: Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS)

This year, Jefferson continues our work with 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. 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 for a variety of incentives. 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.



Important Reminders from the Jefferson Office

Checking a student out early: When checking your student out early, please remember to have photo ID. **Please note:** Release of students to emergency contacts in non-emergency situations **requires** the express consent of a guardian. Please send a note to school with your student or call the office prior to their dismissal.

Persons listed as emergency contacts are authorized to pick up students in the case of emergencies only. It is a parent/guardian’s responsibility to notify emergency contacts that the school may contact them in the case of an emergency.

Vacation-related absences: If you are planning a vacation and your students will be missing school, please visit the office to fill out an absence request form. **Please note:** Per district policy, we may only excuse up to five days for vacation or travel-related absences per year.

Visitors and volunteers: Please remember to sign in and out of the office. A volunteer badge or visitor sticker must be worn and visible at all times.

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 using the e-mail address we have on record.

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

Friday PE/Gym Rotation		
<i>Please remind your student to bring their PE shoes on their scheduled days.</i>		
September 13	September 20	September 27
Clark	Parks	
Agustin	Nielson	Lemkau
Branch	Hanson	Bennett
Dinneen	Lobdell	Stewart
Gray	Gray	Gray



i-Ready Elementary Parent Night

Join us online!

Learn about the i-Ready reading and math diagnostic assessments and online learning lessons which are used in the classroom and how you can support your student's learning. Dr. Catherine Matthews will be conducting a live webinar via Zoom.

Visit our website for details

CALL: 425-385-4051

VISIT: www.everettsd.org/Page/30148

- Elementary Parents
- September 26, 2019
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Join us from the comfort of your own home!
<http://bit.ly/i-ReadyESParentNight2019>
or
Call 1-669-900-6833 and use ID# 832 004 3792

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: Mary O'Brien, 425-385-4106, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, PO Box 2098, Everett WA 98213; Section 504 Coordinator: Becky Ballbach, 425-385-4063, RBallbach@everettsd.org, PO Box 2098, Everett WA 98213; ADA Coordinator: Randi Seaberg, 425-385-4104, RSeaberg@everettsd.org, PO Box 2098, Everett WA 98213



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, or calling 425-385-4150.

New cell phone policy

The use of cell phones and personal electronic devices (PED) in the classroom can distract students from instruction, yet can be important to have accessible in case of emergency. With this in mind, the district has adopted a new personal electronic device [policy 3246](#) and [procedure 3246P](#) which will prohibit cell phone use in the classroom while still providing emergency access for students in case of emergency. Elementary students who choose to bring cell phones and other PEDs to school may only use them before or after the school day. During the school day, they must be powered off and stored (e.g., in the student’s backpack, locker, other district provided storage). There will be storage in the classroom so, in the event of an emergency, the cell phones will be accessible without leaving the classroom. There is an exception for students having an IEP, 504 Plan, or Individual Health Care Plan (IHP) that includes specific accommodations for assistive technology, following the process outlined in the student’s IEP, 504 Plan, or IHP.

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.

2019-20 Immunization Changes

On July 28, 2019 a new Washington State law went into affect that removes the personal and philosophical option to exempt children from the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine required for school and preschool. This law does not affect students with a religious or medical exemption. For more information please refer to [Exemption to School and Child Care Immunization Requirements Quick Reference Guide](#).

Access your family’s immunization information

To access your family’s immunization information from the Washington State registry visit, sign up for [MyIR](#) to view, download and print your student’s immunization records securely online. Once you register, you can access the records anytime you need them. You can print your child’s Certificate of Immunization Status for school, child care and camp programs.



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](#).



Mobile app

Families can [download the district mobile app](#) to easily access student information, grades, attendance, lunch balances, borrowed library books, calendars and more! Translate notifications and app functions into the language you prefer.



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 is now enrolling for 2019-20

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 in partnership with [Snohomish County Human Services](#) and [Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families](#).

The five ECEAP sites within our schools are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools. Additional community locations are available. 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.



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, and 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.



Attention volunteers

Our schools rely on volunteers to support many important activities!

- We are digital! All volunteer applications and background checks can only be processed online.
- We are focused on safety! Each applicant requires background check and safety training.

Please plan ahead so your application can be processed in time for volunteer opportunities. The new application is now available online at www.everettsd.org/volunteer.



Backpacks for students in need



Do you know a family who might be in need this year? Stuff the Bus for Kids ensures each child in Everett Public Schools starts the school year prepared to learn. The EPS Foundation will deliver over 1,800 backpacks, filled with school supplies, and make them available to any Everett Public School student who may need extra assistance.

Students in need of a backpack, please reach out to your school to receive your supplies. Backpacks will be available for pick up at each school beginning August 28, the week before school.

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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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

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