

# Jefferson Charger News

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! On behalf of the entire staff, I'm pleased to **welcome each and every family**, whether you are new or returning. We've never had a start of school like this one, but we're going to make it a great year for every child and family, no matter what!

There is lots of important info to share with you:

- See the box at right for info on **Sept. 8 evening new family orientation and Meet & Greet events**.
- In addition to the traditional WaKIDS kindergarten family meetings, Grades 1-5 are holding **back-to-school conferences** the afternoons of Sept. 9-11 and 14-15. Teachers will be sending scheduling information – please respond promptly, especially if you need an interpreter. Teachers will be providing direction on asynchronous (non-live/independent) learning activities for students during the conference-day afternoons.
- **Canvas** is our new LMS (learning management system) for all grades. Think of this as home base for all links, directions, assignments, and information. Students access Canvas by going to the [Student Tools](#) site and clicking on Canvas; you can also bookmark the [direct link](#). This is where students should go at 9:15 a.m. on the first day of school, and each day! Your child will need their ID number; contact your child's teacher or the office if this is unknown. Kindergarten teachers will share ID numbers at WaKIDS meetings.
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### Sept. 8

6:30-7:00 p.m.  
Zoom kindergarten/new family orientation to Jefferson  
<https://everettsd.zoom.us/j/91235019634>  
Meeting ID: 912 3501 9634  
Passcode: welcome  
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7:00-7:30 p.m.  
Zoom Meet & Greet; meeting info coming from teachers

### Sept. 9

First day of school for Grades 1-5

### Sept. 14

First day of school for kindergarten

### Conference info

**K:** WaKIDS meetings Sept. 9-11  
**Grade 1-5:** Conferences the afternoons of Sept. 9-11 and 14-15

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Jefferson Elementary Remote Learning Schedule Starting Sept. 16						
	K	1	2	3	4	5
9:15-9:40	Morning meeting					
9:40-12:10	Content learning zones: Teachers will provide more information. This will be a mix of synchronous (live) instruction and asynchronous (non-live/independent) instruction and learning tasks.					
12:10-12:55	Lunch, recess, passing time (you choose the order)					
12:55-1:40	Specialist	Specialist	Learning support zone	Learning support zone	Adaptive learning and recess	Adaptive learning and recess
1:50-2:35	Recess and plan/do/reflect	Recess and adaptive learning	Specialist	Specialist	Learning support zone	Learning support zone
2:45-3:30	Learning support zone	Learning support zone	Recess and adaptive learning	Recess and adaptive learning	Specialist	Specialist

Here are some notes on the afternoon blocks:

- Students will have specialists four days per week, with detailed schedules shared by teachers soon. Specialist instruction will be a mix of synchronous and asynchronous instruction and learning tasks.
- Learning support zone: This is an opportunity for teachers to support students and families as needed, and when intervention groups such as LAP academic support and EL (English learners) may meet. Students not needing these supports can engage in independent reading, journaling, and other activities suggested by teachers.
- Adaptive Learning: This is i-Ready and, for our EL students, Imagine Learning & Literacy.
- Families have the option to flex the recess time, and provide additional breaks as needed.
- We recognize that families face many different demands on their time, and have their own unique schedules. We ask that you **do your best to have your child engage with as much learning as possible**. In the remote learning setting, daily student attendance is recorded for each 24-hour period based on logins to Canvas; interactions with teachers (including messages, e-mails, phone calls, Zoom lessons, etc.); and/or evidence of participation or completion of a learning task or assignment. As in past years, please report absences to 425-385-7405 or [jfeattendance@everettsd.org](mailto:jfeattendance@everettsd.org).
- **Meal service** resumes on Sept. 9. You can pick up a week’s worth of pre-ordered free meals for any child 1-18 regardless of eligibility status or district enrollment from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Wednesdays only. Please note that meal pick-up will be in the rear parking lot, not the front. See full details [here](#).
- We will be giving the **i-Ready diagnostic assessments** for math (required for Grades 1-5) and reading (required for Grades 3-5) starting in mid-September. We are looking at ways for staff to monitor while students complete these; more information is coming. In the meantime, your child should have access to i-Ready lessons. If the diagnostic test screen pops up, please don’t allow your child to start either test.
- There are many **resources related to remote learning** on the Everett Public Schools website. Start [here](#), and be sure to check out the Parent University [videos](#).

Thanks for your partnership! Reach out with needs, questions, and ideas for how we can make this year great!

**Elizabeth Kelley, principal**



## From the Assistant Principal

Hello, Chargers. I'm your new assistant principal, Ms. Jalene Finley. I am very excited to join the Jefferson learning community. I look forward to serving students, staff, and families. While I have served as an educator for many years, I attribute my grounding in education to the work I did in communities as a youth coordinator as well as my lived experience in being the first in my family to go to college. I am rooted in the belief education can change generations. This belief extends to all aspects of my enthusiasm and care for students and staff, as well as my focus on continual improvement. I am happy to be on this team, and am committed to serving your children! This is going to be an amazing year!

## News from the Reading Team

Welcome to the 20-21 School Year! Those of us on the Literacy Team are here to support you as school begins! We support students who are learning English, those who are continuing to develop as readers, and parents who may have questions or need resources. Although students are still learning remotely, we are determined that **all** Jefferson students will have the support and instruction they need to make excellent progress in literacy. Please do not hesitate to contact me any time I can be of help. -- Janet Erickson



## News from the Art Room



Hello Jefferson Artists! Welcome back to another year of creativity and learning about art! Studies have shown that making art is a great way for kids to express themselves and manage stress ... which sounds great in our current situation! Students will learn the elements of art and principles of design in order to create their own masterpieces with confidence. Students will hear stories, talk about art, go on virtual field trips, critique art, and learn about famous artists and artwork. It's going to be awesome! Craftsmanship (doing your very best work) and participation will be very important in our virtual classroom, so come ready to create! See you soon, Artists! -- Ms. Gardner

## News from the Math Coach

Hello, everyone, and welcome to a new school year! We are excited to work with all students this year and will be so happy to see their faces, be it on Zoom meetings or when we return to school in person. This year, much work has gone into assuring that the content standards address the unique situation we have been through and will continue to temporarily face with virtual learning. Although the standards have not changed, there are special considerations and modifications surrounding the order and structure of them, as well as which ones we consider a "priority". [This link](#) will lead you to the guiding document the district has utilized. For each grade level, you will find the recommendations and guidelines for the standards your child will be taught and assessed on this year. Thank you! – Stacy Roach, math coach

## News from the Counselor

Families, we know that this has been a very hard time for many. If your family is struggling with stable housing, please check out [this site](#). We want to hear from you and help in anyway we can. -- Ms. Ortiz-Self, counselor

## News from the Music Room

Welcome to another great year in music! My name is Mrs. Rockwell, and I am so happy to be back for my fourth year of teaching music at Jefferson! I will be updating my classroom webpage frequently. On it, you will find information about what we're learning in music, instruments you can build at home, and more exciting resources. You can find my classroom webpage [here](#). I know this year is going to look and feel different, but I look forward to seeing your students on Zoom and learning new ways to make music together.





## News from the Gym



Hello, Jefferson Families! I'm Ms. Rowe and I am your child's physical education teacher at Jefferson. I am very excited to work with and to get to know your child this school year! In P.E., students will learn and refine skills in fitness, motor skills, nutrition, both physical and emotional health, as well as social development and cooperation. In a typical gym setting, we would do this through fun and engaging games, stations and cooperative work. In a virtual setting, we will work on much of the same content, but it will look a lot different using technology. The most important thing is that your child keeps moving in a virtual learning environment! The saying "move your body, grow your brain" is vital to remember! Think of exercise and movement as "MiracleGro" for the developing brain; adding daily exercise breaks is essential for it to grow. Exercise helps students to become less fidgety and more focused on learning! Not only that, but studies suggest that regular physical activity supports healthy child development by improving memory, concentration, and a positive outlook! I look forward to helping your child stay active and healthy this school year! If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me.

## News from the Library

Hello from the Jefferson Library! It is such a pleasure to work with the bright, highly motivated students at Jefferson Elementary! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mrs. Klujber, but you can call me Mrs. K. I am a Northwest native, born and raised in Bellevue. I earned my bachelor of arts degree in psychology and my teaching certificate at the University of Washington. I have enjoyed working with students throughout the district and look forward to supporting our students in their learning adventures this year! When I'm not at school I enjoy spending time with my family and our dog, traveling near and far, reading, gardening, cooking and learning new things! Have a great year and remember to keep reading!

You can find the updated meal pick-up and ordering schedule during remote learning here:

<https://www.everettsd.org/Page/37728>

Still need to find out who your child's teacher is? Log into the Home Access Center:

<https://www.everettsd.org/Page/26203>

Did you miss our drive-thru pick-up event?

Please plan to come by the school to pick up your student's Chromebook and supplies 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Clothes for Kids is open for students in need by appointment this fall. You can come by the school to pick up a requisition form between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.



# DISTRICT NEWS

## Adventure Together

Our theme to kick off the school year is **Adventure Together**. We chose “Adventure” because this school year is kicking off remotely, but not like it was in the spring. This year will look and feel much different and will be a new, exciting and challenging adventure for students, teachers and families. And, “Together” because we are all in this together. Although this start to school will feel different to everyone, we encourage taking on this challenge with courage, knowing we will all learn and grow as we navigate new and unexpected situations. We are here for every student, every family, every teacher, every staff member. We are a team! Let’s Adventure Together!



## Parent University

Everett Public Schools has a Parent University available 24/7 online and mobile for you to access important resources to help support your student’s remote learning. You can find details on how to access and log in to Canvas, how to view your student’s schedule, where to get meals, and much more. Resources will continue to be added throughout the year. You will find Parent University, and all other information related to remote learning, at

[www.everettsd.org/COVID2020-21](http://www.everettsd.org/COVID2020-21)



## Learning model status

Everett Public Schools will begin the 2020-21 school year with 100% remote learning using our staged approach to reopening. As the numbers of positive COVID-19 cases and deaths continue to rise across our state and in our region, it has become clear at this time that our more robust remote learning model will be the safest way to form the foundation for student learning this fall.

Staged reentry to schools will be determined by the impacts of a changing COVID-19 pandemic, available resources, direction from Snohomish Health District, OSPI and our Governor. Having the flexibility and agility to move to different models will enable Everett Public Schools to provide the best education possible in whatever scenario presents itself.

The current status is 100% remote learning. Visit the [learning model status webpage](#) to get to know the five stages.







## Attendance procedures

We look forward to teaching your child every day. Regular attendance is important, and we will work with you to ensure your child is engaged in learning to benefit from an excellent education. If your child will miss remote learning, 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. Teachers will use digital Gradebook attendance to log student attendance daily. K-5 students will have attendance taken daily. Grades 6-12 will have attendance taken in every class period.

## 2020-21 Immunization Changes

The way schools collect immunization records and comply with immunization rules has changed for the 2020-21 school year. As of August 1, 2020, a change in state immunization rules has affected three areas of immunization compliance:

- The definition of “conditional status” has been clarified. **Students must turn in their immunization paperwork on or before the first day of in-person learning.**
- All new immunization records from students need to be **medically verified.**
- The Tdap vaccine requirement for 6th through 12th graders has been changed to a 7th through 12th grade requirement.

A medically verified record includes one or more of the following and can be submitted by email to

[EPS.BuildingRN.MailList@everettsd.org](mailto:EPS.BuildingRN.MailList@everettsd.org):

- A Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) printed from the Immunization Information System
- A physical copy of the CIS with a healthcare provider signature
- A physical copy of the CIS accompanying medical immunization records from a healthcare provider verified and signed by school staff
- A CIS printed from your MyIR account.

## 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, childcare and camp programs.

## Ways to stay in touch

On the communications department 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.



## 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, on what they see from the adults around them. When parents and caregivers deal with 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.



## ECEAP preschool is now enrolling for 2020-21



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](#).

ECEAP will be providing remote preschool services this fall including virtual circle times and small groups, video libraries of fun, engaging activities, and learning materials for home-based activities. Additionally, ECEAP will support parents as their child's first and most important teacher through regular parent-teacher check-ins, family support coaching, resources, and online family support groups and informational classes.



The ECEAP preschool program is located at Cedar Wood (new for 2020-21), Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools. ECEAP will be providing remote preschool services this fall including virtual circle times and small groups, video libraries of fun, engaging activities, and learning materials for home-based activities. Additionally, ECEAP will support parents as their child's first and most important teacher through regular parent-teacher check-ins, family support coaching, resources, and online family support groups and informational classes. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628, email [eceap@everettsd.org](mailto:eceap@everettsd.org) or visit [our website](#).

## Kids in Transition program

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 and extra-curricular involvement. We ensure students experiencing homelessness have access to free school meals, school supplies, and uniforms. KIT can help students access extended day or summer school classes and provide access to tutoring when needed. The KIT Program can also cover fees required to take part in activities such as school-sponsored sports, clubs, and required class fees. KIT transports eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is in the best interest of the student. 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 the KIT Program at 425-385-4032.



## 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 delivered over 1,900 backpacks, filled with school supplies, to schools. Students in need of a backpack, please reach out to your school to receive your supplies.

## 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.








## 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>

FOR  
EMERGENCIES,  
PLEASE CALL  
**911!**

## 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 general counsel 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](mailto:publicrecords@everettsd.org), or calling 425-385-4150.

## 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.

**Register to vote!** It's easy! You can register online at <http://bit.ly/VoteRegistration>.



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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:**

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• **Section 504 Coordinator:**

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• **ADA Coordinator:**

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