

Jefferson Charger News

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From the Principal

Happy spring, Jefferson families! **March was a month of many transitions** as we welcomed back students in Grades 2-5. We now have about 140 students, K-5, learning in person each day, with the same number hybrid but at home. The rest of our students are 100% remote. Our staff members are working hard to ensure that all students, regardless of families' choices of learning model, are experiencing warm classroom communities and strong instruction each day.

Now that we are settled into new groups and routines in each grade level, we can hit the ground running after spring break to focus on what's most important for students to learn in the important final months of the school year! **We appreciate you support** in helping your child fully engage in school each day, whether in person or at home.

I'd like to thank those who participated in our **PTA Apex activities** at the end of March – we had a great time at the Remix dance event. The generosity of our donors means that PTA can continue to fund classroom grants and family events. It's never too late to join PTA, and your membership brings with it some great discounts for summer fun. Click on "Join PTA" at <https://www.jeffersonpta.org> for more info!

Now that we have even more students back on campus, I have a few **important safety reminders**:

1. Please wear a face covering and maintain six-foot distancing when on campus to drop off or pick up students, unless you are in your car.
2. Cars should never be left unattended at the curb – if you need to walk to drop off or pick up your child, please park in a designated space.
3. Please use crosswalks in the parking lot. This means no one should be walking across the landscaping areas to reach the pick-up and drop-off curb or areas.
4. Our campus – including fields and the playground – is closed to community use between 8:45 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. on school days, and dogs are not allowed on campus.



Finally, if you have a student who will be in **kindergarten next year**, don't forget to [register online!](#)

Have a wonderful spring break,

Mrs. Kelley

Elizabeth Kelley
Principal

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March 29th-April 2nd
1:00 p.m. early dismissal for family conferences

April 1st
Apex prize pick-up for 100% remote families, 5:00-6:00 p.m. drive-thru

April 5th-9th
No school: Spring break



News from the Counselor

“How Do You Feel?” & “Tell Me More.” These are hallmark counseling questions. But really...how do you feel?

Did you know that our feelings are not good or bad? That's right – they are just feelings. They let us know how we are doing and whether we are happy, sad, angry, joyful, content, anxious and so much more. It is important to give our feelings attention. Our feelings notify us by letting us know where we are at in our moods and how we are doing. Sometimes our feelings alert us that something in our lives needs attention, or that things may not turn out well. Sometimes this happens, resulting in depression/anxiety attacks or in anger/rage. This is one of the reasons why counselors always ask, “Tell me more.”



Our feelings alert us to check in with ourselves and see if something needs to shift or change, or we need to get help. Oftentimes we can navigate our feelings on our own, and other times we need to let them out and talk. Who do you have to talk to? If you say no one or just don't want to, you could try writing them out, knowing you can throw it away afterwards. Having some type of [outlet](#) lets us be in charge of our feelings instead of our feelings being in charge of us.

HOW DO YOU FEEL?



If you or your child need someone to talk to, I am here for you.

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News from the Reading Team

Thank you so much for participating in your child's conference! We appreciate the time you take to support your child's literacy, and are here to help or answer questions any time. If your child is participating in a LAP group, please encourage him or her to attend regularly. We know that remote instruction can be challenging in many ways, but we feel much more successful (and your child will, too) when they participate daily. Please let us know if we can support your child's literacy in any way!

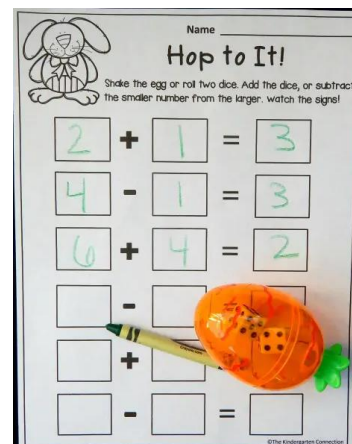
Janet Erickson, ELA Coach

Sue Gil & Mary Rowland, ELA Support

News from the Math Coach

Looking for an easy and fun way to keep your kindergarten child engaged in math? Or perhaps you need a fun, inexpensive item to fill their spring basket? At [this link](#) you will find a fun, free printable math game with a cute idea for dice tossing!

Happy spring!
 Mrs. Roach





News from the Art Room

Thanks to everyone who submitted artwork for the 2021 Virtual Art Show. The virtual art gallery will be open for public viewing April 19-30. You can see the Virtual Art Show at <https://www.everettsd.org/StudentArtShows>.

April will conclude our Art Through the Ages Journey. We have studied and created artists and artwork from 30,000 years ago all the way through today: quite an adventure! In April, we will look at Pop Art, Optical Illusion Art, and Contemporary Art.

If you have pictures of your artists creating artwork during Zoom or pictures of them with their amazing artwork, please send them to me so I can add them to our yearbook. Remember, the yearbook will be **FREE** for everyone this year, so make sure to send pics of your kids my way!

Happy Spring!

Mrs. Gardner



News from the Virtual Gym

Hello Jefferson Students and Families! Happy month of April, everyone! Spring is officially here, which means longer days and hopefully a little better weather for outdoor fun. Did you know that the CDC recommends that children ages 6 through 17 do 60 minutes (1 hour) or more of heart-pumping physical activity each day for their body, brain, and emotional health? This should be a balance of daily aerobic and bone-strengthening activities (like running or jumping) as well as exercise that build muscles (like climbing or doing push-ups).



This month, students will continue their learning of muscles in the body, and we will focus on exercise and activities that improve muscular strength and muscular endurance. Learning about the body will help children make better choices to be healthy, happy, and safe. 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 email me with any questions at srowe@everettsd.org.

Ms. Rowe

News from the Music Room

In our Virtual Music Room this April we will continue to build upon what we have already learned throughout the year. As students join us on Zoom both from home and the classroom, we will continue to explore and review key elements of music through songs, rhymes, movement, and listening exercises.

It has been so great to see kids in our weekly music Zoom meetings, but as students transition to hybrid learning I've noticed that some are no longer attending their music Zoom. This is just a friendly reminder that every student has a specialist class four days/week, even on their at-home days. Checking in on Zoom and/or Canvas each week will ensure that each student is at the same level of musical knowledge when we all return to in-building learning. Please reach out if you have questions!

Mrs. Rockwell





Know someone registering for
2021-2022 kindergarten?

<https://www.everettsd.org/Page/38645>

Are you moving? Need to update your
contact information? Please reach out to our
registrar, Mrs. Tolpingrud, at
Ttolpingrud@everettsd.org

Thanks!

Has your student been absent?
Please report your absences to the
Jefferson Attendance

JFEattendance@everettsd.org

CALL FOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS

Everyone gets a free yearbook this
year! If you would like to submit a
photo of your student, go to:

www.jeffersonpta.org

DISTRICT NEWS

Everett Public Schools is hiring paras

We are hiring paraeducators! Great benefits, competitive wages, professional development with summers and school breaks off! Interested? Please apply online at:

<https://www.applitrack.com/everettsd/onlineapp/>

Schools are located in Everett, Mill Creek and Bothell.



Kindergarten registration happening now

You can complete enrollment forms for kindergarten [online](#)! A [step-by-step parent walkthrough video](#) is also available as a resource.



New for fall 2021 is the dual-language Spanish immersion program at Emerson Elementary School. Families with children entering kindergarten will have the option to choose the dual language strand. This program gives elementary students an opportunity to complete the Everett Public Schools curriculum in a nontraditional and exciting way by immersing them in Spanish language and culture from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Students in the program will become proficient in both Spanish and English while learning the same curriculum content as their peers outside the program. Priority will be given to students

within the Emerson Elementary School attendance area. If a high number of students apply, a lottery will be conducted to select students. If the class is not filled from those in the Emerson attendance area, an additional lottery from beyond the school attendance area will be conducted.

If you have questions, please email the Early Learning Department at EarlyLearning@everettsd.org. Thank you!



Easy access with district app

Download and log into the district app to access your student's info quickly and easily. See top stories, Parent University, Canvas, books checked out from the library, and find the staff directory, school websites, calendars and more. The free mobile app is available in the iTunes® and Google Play® app stores. Search for "Everett Public Schools." Once you've downloaded the app, log in to "student info" with your LMS password to see information for each of your children. Read content in one of many languages available in the settings.

School Quality Survey update

Last month, we sent information about our School Quality Survey. The timeline for the survey was postponed, and we apologize for any confusion. We will be conducting our annual survey later this spring. Please stay tuned and we will send updated timeline information as soon as possible.



Let's Connect – Remote Learning



You are invited to connect with district leaders and engage in conversation on Monday, May 3, from 5-6 p.m. about how remote learning is going and to get feedback on how we can do better. We want to hear from you and hope you can attend a Zoom meeting to share your thoughts. Please check your email for an invitation to connect with your school's regional superintendent and other district leaders. Be sure to RSVP to receive the link for the meeting. Let's Connect!

Thank you, volunteers!

April 19-23 is Public Schools Volunteer Appreciation Week, which provides a yearly opportunity for schools and families to honor and highlight the powerful contributions parents and caregivers provide at school and home to support student success. Although this school year has not allowed for in-person volunteering, we are grateful for the support our school community volunteers have given in other ways to support student success. We look forward to the days we can welcome volunteers back in our schools to read with students, support playground supervision, chaperone field trips and provide support to teachers in the classroom and more! Your help matters. Thank you so much.



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