

Jefferson Charger News

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



September 2022

VOLUME 6, ISSUE 1

From the Principal

Greetings Jefferson Families,

We are getting very close to the first day of school! As your new principal, it has been wonderful to meet students, parents and staff on an increasing basis through Everett Ready, Meet and Greet, and other opportunities in August. However, the first day of school, with all the excitement and optimism of having new teachers, making new friends, and learning, will take things to a different level. I can't wait!

The Jefferson staff is so dedicated to the growth and success of each and every Jefferson student. That was so clearly evident this past week during our staff Learning Improvement Days. We gathered in the cafeteria for a variety of sessions devoted to improving the academic and social emotional growth of our students. We worked hard, we worked as a team, and we also had some fun! Did you know that PE teacher Mrs. Rowe, Third Grade Teacher Mrs. Bingay and Paraprofessional Mrs. Conrad are experts on 1970s music?!?

As you prepare for the first day of school, please remember the following:

- First through fifth graders begin on Wednesday, September 7th, while our kindergartners begin on Monday, September 12th. If you are a kindergarten parent and have not signed up for a family conference, please reach out to your child's teacher.
- School begins at 9:10 (tardy bell at 9:15) and dismisses at 3:30. Our first Learning Improvement Friday will begin Friday the 8th at 2:15.
- Breakfast and lunch continue to be free for all of our students.

Looking ahead to October, we will hold our **Open House on Monday, October 3 from 6:30-7:30**. More details and information will be shared in the coming weeks, but please save the date and time for this opportunity to see your child's classroom and engage with Jefferson families.

I wish everyone a fabulous final few days of summer break before we return to school on Wednesday!

With gratitude,

Steve Hopkins, principal

Steve Hopkins
Principal

Jefferson Elementary School
2500 Cadet Way
Everett, WA 98208
www.everettsd.org/jefferson

https://twitter.com/EPS_Jefferson

Sept. 7th

First day of school (1st-5th grade)

Sept. 12th

First day of school for Kindergarten
(Tissues & Tears in the Cafeteria for
Kindergarten Parents -9:15 a.m.)

Sept. 15th

PTA Meeting

Sept. 8th, 15th, 22th, 29th

Learning Improvement Fridays 2:15
early dismissal

Oct. 3rd

Open House, 6:30-7:30



News From the Gym



Welcome to Jefferson's Physical Education (P.E.) specialist class! I'm Ms. Rowe, your child's P.E. teacher. I'm very excited to welcome former students back as well as welcome students who are new to our school!

As you may know, students do much more than 'play games' in P.E. They learn and refine skills in safe movement, motor skills, fitness, physical health, emotional health & wellness, as well as social development, cooperation, and sportsmanship. Learning in PE will take place through tons of movement in fun, engaging activities, games, stations, and cooperative work.

For your child to be successful and participate fully during PE, please help them to remember to wear athletic shoes to move safely in the gym. It might be helpful to keep a backup pair of gym shoes in your child's backpack. It is also extremely helpful if your child can tie their shoes. Shoe-tying is an important life skill that can be challenging and frustrating to many children of all ages. Knowing how to tie shoes improves a child's safety, builds their confidence and independence. Children typically learn to tie their shoes around age 6. If your child does not yet know how to tie their shoes, then it's a great time to practice! 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 kid-friendly methods 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!

[How to Tie Your Shoes Using The Circle Technique](#) by 'wikiHow'



[Teach Your Kids to Tie Shoes Without Tears!](#) by 'The Intentional Mom'

I look forward to helping your child gain social, fitness and sport skills as well as help them to stay active and healthy this school year! If you have any questions, feel free to email me at: srowe@everettsd.org - **Shauna Rowe P.E.**

News from the Learning Lab

Welcome Jefferson Chargers! If you are new to Jefferson we'd like to introduce ourselves. We are Jefferson's English Language Arts and Mathematics Instructional Coaches. As Instructional Coaches we are grateful for the opportunity to support all of Jefferson's educators as they implement best practices and deliver high quality instruction for all our students. We can't wait to get to know each and every student and for those returning, to see how much they have grown over the summer. As the school year gets going, you can refer to our section of the monthly newsletter to see all that is happening in ELA and Math instruction and find out how we are supporting all learners. We are excited for a great school year!

Jessica Lundgren

Grades 3 - 5 ELA & Math Instructional Coach
jlundgren@everettsd.org

Winter Graham

Grades K - 2 ELA & Math Instructional Coach
wgraham@everettsd.org

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 sixth year of teaching music at Jefferson!

This year in music we will sing, dance, compose, and perform using the many instruments we have here in the music room – xylophones, drums, Boomwhackers, and our most recent addition: ukuleles! Thank you to our Jefferson PTA and the Lighthouse Cooperative for providing us with these wonderful instruments!

In previous years, we have held a concert for grades 1-5 at the Everett Civic Auditorium, as well as a kindergarten concert here at Jefferson. Our concerts were interrupted in the spring of 2020, and as I think about resuming them, I would like community input on how best to move forward. Please provide your opinion *by September 16th* on this brief, one-question survey: <https://forms.gle/22m77nMgTrPfPLW18>
It's going to be a great year!

Debrah Rockwell, Music Teacher



News from the Library

Hello from the Jefferson Library! In many ways the library is the heart of the school. Our library has a wonderful collection of books on the shelves and a growing assortment of electronic books as well. The library staff, Ms. Klujber and Ms. Heather, are here to help you with your library needs. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Angela Klujber, Librarian



SCHOOL HOURS

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

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>

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!



DISTRICT NEWS



Let's Connect Meeting

With Regional Superintendent, Dr. Cathy Woods



Jefferson families are invited to connect with Region Two Regional Superintendent, Cathy Woods, to engage in conversation about Back to School and to provide feedback to help us improve. We want to hear from you and hope you can attend an in-person meeting to share your thoughts.

Topic: Back to School

Date: October 6, 2022

Time: 6 – 7 pm

Location: Evergreen Middle School Cafeteria

Questions that will be posed:

- What are the academic needs your student may have?
- What does student achievement mean to you?

Big changes with school meals for 2022-23



There are big changes happening with school meals for the 2022-23 school year that are important for you to understand. As we continue to return to 'normal,' the USDA is no longer able to extend the 'free meals for all' waiver we have appreciated the last two school years.

However, our state recently passed a new bill that eases the transition, called the Community Eligibility Provision, or CEP for short. CEP is a free meal service option for schools and school districts who have a 40 percent or higher number of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch.

Everett Public Schools worked hard to group the largest number of schools possible that kept the average percentage above the program threshold and because of this, 18 of our schools qualify for this program, including our school.

This means that breakfast and lunches are free to all students at these schools, regardless of free and reduced lunch qualifications. Families at these schools will fill out a household income report, which has been emailed directly to you, in place of the free and reduced lunch application. This report is important to provide students access to free waivers and other services.



We are so excited to be able to use this new program to offer free meals to the students in our district who may need some extra support and to all of our students, no matter where they learn, we will continue to offer nutritious and delicious meals that include seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables, scratch-made whole grain foods and lean proteins, with vegetarian and gluten free options too. There has never been a better time to eat school meals. We look forward to serving you soon.

Community Transit free to youth 18 and under

Starting September 1, youth 18 and under can ride all Community Transit services for free. That includes buses, DART paratransit service and vanpools (if they belong to a vanpool). Teens aged 13-18 are strongly encouraged to get a Youth ORCA card to use for fare “payment.” Community Transit will be providing them at our high schools before school starts and middle schools when they get further shipments. For more information visit [Youth Fares Community Transit](#).



Art credit: Chunqi Zhao , Everett Career Link summer intern at the transit dept. for the city of Everett and H.M. Jackson High School senior.

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.

7th - 12th grade students can earn high school world language credits!

WORLD LANGUAGE ASSESSMENTS

If your **middle or high school** student fluently reads, writes, speaks and listens in a language other than English, they can earn credits!

Fall registration is open now through September 30. Register in your school office today!

World Language Assessments

Can your middle or high school student speak, read, write, and understand a world language?

Students in grades 7-12 can earn high school credit and special recognition through the World Language Assessment. Fall registration is open now through September 30. **Register in your school office today!**

Scan QR code to learn more.





SBA preliminary scores released

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) student preliminary scores are available for families & students in the online Home Access Center (HAC). Families will also receive a hard copy in September.

Go to www.everettsd.org/SBAinformation to find tools for parents to understand those SBA scores.

How do I get the test scores? Under Quick Links, click How to view SBA scores for instructions. If you don't have a HAC account or have questions, contact LMS@everettsd.org.



Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science scores will be released in September. They will be put in HAC as soon as they arrive, and Individual Student Score Reports will be sent home through the normal school channels.

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 and stay connected

On the communications department webpage, you can sign up for [InTouch](#) announcements and school board meeting agenda highlights delivered to your email box monthly. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Visit our social media directory at www.everettsd.org/socialmediadirectory to follow along with school pages, district pages, teachers, clubs, teachers, student groups, and more. Stay connected with us to learn the latest news! We can't wait to see you there!



Everett Public Schools believes communication with parents and the community is very important. One resource available for families is our "Stay Connected" chart, which will show you the different ways you can regularly keep informed. Visit the communications overview page on the district's website at www.everettsd.org/communications to download your copy.



Please also make sure your student’s school has your updated contact information so the district can communicate effectively with you.

Have you downloaded our mobile app?

News and information about our schools are as close as your smartphone. 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.

Available for Apple and Android devices and can be downloaded in 3 easy steps:

1. On your smartphone, go to the iTunes App Store® or Google Play®
2. Search **Everett Public Schools**
3. Then select our app for free download



Once you’ve downloaded the app, log in to “student info” with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children. Read content in one of many languages available in the settings.

Assistance icon on website

The district’s main webpage has an icon, “report/assistance,” with resources and assistance for students and families on:



- Suicide Prevention
- Crisis Support
- Eating Disorder Help
- Substance Abuse Help
- Report Safety Concerns
- Report Harassment

Assistance





ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2022-23

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 provides family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families.

The six ECEAP sites within our school district are Cedar Wood, Hawthorne, Jackson, Lowell, Madison, and Silver Lake elementary schools. We have both school-day classroom schedules and half-day (AM and PM) classroom schedules, depending on the school location. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please visit the [district ECEAP website](#) or call 425-385-4628.



Kids in Transition program



Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify for two federal programs which provide support for children and youth whose housing is highly mobile: those who meet the more inclusive definition of homeless under the federal [McKinney-Vento Homeless Act](#) and those who are eligible for [Foster Care Education support](#).

Students who are in foster care placement (where a child welfare agency has placement, care and authority) or those who are without a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence may qualify for this additional support.

The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success and extra-curricular involvement. We ensure eligible students have access to free school meals, school supplies and uniforms. KIT may help students access extended day or summer school classes or coordinate access to additional academic support or tutoring when needed. The KIT Program may also cover, or coordinate waivers for, fees required to take part in activities such as school-sponsored sports, clubs, and required class fees. KIT can also help set up transportation for eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is feasible and in the best interest of the student. We also partner with the Family Resource Center and other community agencies to connect families and students to resources as needed.

Last year, Everett Public Schools served over 1,350 students through our KIT support at some time during the school year. For more information, visit www.everettsd.org/KIT to learn who your school's KIT support staff is; or contact the KIT Office at 425-385-4032.

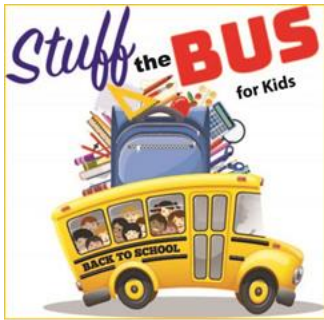


Student opportunities and activities eflyers

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.



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. In August, the EPS Foundation delivered over 3,400 backpacks, filled with school supplies, and are making 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 are available for pick up at each school.

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

The district's records may be requested by the public, and many records are fully or partially available for public viewing. As our business is most often about students, families, and staff, some of the information contained in certain records may be protected under federal and state privacy laws.

For additional information related to district [public records policy](#) and [procedures](#), including how to make a public records request, please visit our district public records webpage at <https://www.everettsd.org/publicrecords>.



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. To view or request copies of your own student's records, please [contact the office of the school your student attends](#).

Register to vote!

Registering to vote is easy. Visit the [Snohomish County webpage](#) for details on the three ways you can register to vote or update your registration or scan the QR code. Students who are 16 & 17 years old can now pre-register to vote.

You can sign up today, it's easy! Scan this QR code:



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.



3900 Broadway
 Everett, WA 98201
 425-385-4000
www.everettsd.org

• 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
 Everett, WA 98213