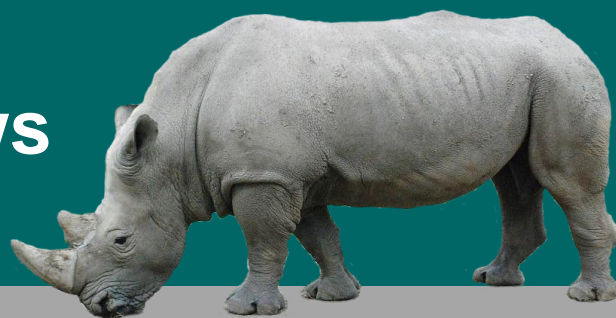


Jefferson Charger News

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Hello Jefferson Families,

It's amazing that we have only a few weeks left before our two-week winter break. As you know, school will be out from December 19th through January 2nd, and our first day back will be Tuesday, January 3, 2023! The energy level in a school between Thanksgiving and Winter Break is often at the highest level of the year, only closely followed by the energy heading into summer break. The recent snow has only added to things!

There is a great deal of excitement for many students based on what the holidays represent for them and the change of routine for two weeks. There is also a fair amount of angst for many students as the two-week break is an absence from the consistency and predictability of school, and this does not represent an exciting time for them. As we move through this period of time leading up to the break, our teachers are continuing to emphasize our Charger Expectations, as well as the lessons learned in our Social Emotional Curriculum, *Second Step*.

Once the break arrives, I do hope all our Jefferson families enjoy taking part in quality family time and special traditions. We celebrate Christmas in my family, and one of our favorite traditions is to spend an entire day at home in our pajamas enjoying our new gifts, playing board games, doing puzzles, and enjoying quality family time together. On some of the other days of the break my wife and I have found it helpful to have some activities in mind, so we don't fall into the trap of continuous screen time. This list is something I have gathered from the past few years, and wanted to pass on here:

1. Make play dough.
2. Sign up for a walk or run for a cause, or a service project
3. Write letters to friends and relatives.

Steve Hopkins
Principal

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Dec. 2nd

2:15 Dismissal – Learning Improvement Friday

Dec. 9th

2:15 Early Dismissal – Learning Improvement Friday

Dec. 16th

1:00 pm – Early Dismissal

Dec. 19th – Jan. 2nd

Winter Break – No School



4. Take a trip to a museum.
5. Plan a picnic indoors.
6. Have breakfast food for dinner.
7. Go biking or sledding.
8. Share favorite birthday and vacation stories.
9. Learn magic tricks together and put on a show.
10. Create books using pictures from magazines.
11. Volunteer somewhere.
12. Make cupcakes and have a decorating party.
13. Make your own banana splits with all kinds of toppings and sprinkles.
14. Hold a family game night.
15. Decorate placemats on construction paper and cover with contact paper.
16. Play charades.
17. Decorate small notebooks and begin a daily journal.
18. Finger paint with pudding.
19. Make a bird feeder.
20. Visit playgrounds and local parks.
21. Take nature walks.
22. Play flashlight tag.
23. Write stories about past family events you have in photo albums.
24. Make a fort with sheets and have a family sleepover.
25. Make a collage of what you are thankful for.
26. Make paper bag puppets and put on a show.
28. Do science experiments.

This is just a sampling of ideas, and I'm sure there are many more you can come up with. The main idea is investing in quality time together. The days are long, but the years are short!

I do wish everyone a lovely two-week break, and I look forward to continuing our great work together in 2023. Thank you for your partnership.

Steve Hopkins, principal



News From the Art Room

Chargers are working on learning about Shapescapes, Landscapes, and Cityscapes in November and will finish these projects before Winter Break. As always, some artwork will come home but some of it is being saved for display in the hallways and/or our cumulative Art show in the Spring.

Please join us at the Alderwood Barnes & Noble for a fun event featuring Jefferson students' Artwork December 3rd, 2022 11:00 am to 4pm Barnes & Noble Alderwood Mall

Andrea Gardner - Art Teacher



News From the Music Room

December in the music room is full of fun and games. With only 3 visits to the music room between Thanksgiving and Winter Break, we will review what we have learned so far this year and continue to practice our key concepts with a bit of winter flair. In grades 2-5, we are writing our own music and refining our work as we learn more about notation. Grades 4 and 5 will start to learn about the ukulele, and hopefully build interest for our Ukulele Club starting in January. More information about the club is coming soon.

Don't forget that our digital curriculum is also available to access from home, by going to <https://musicplayonline.com/student-login/> and entering the access code: **d563078**.

Debrah Rockwell -Music Teacher

News from the Counselor

The holidays will be here before we know it. If you need holiday assistance, please click on the link below for toys for tots. The registration period will only last for a short time so it's important to sign up as soon as possible.

<https://everett-wa.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/local-toy-request-single-form.aspx?nPreviewInd=200&redirectInd=11>

Lillian Ortiz-Self - Counselor



News from the Library

Thank you for the generous support of our Scholastic Book Fair! The commitment of the Jefferson PTA made possible the most successful book fair in recent years. Thanks to the support of the community our library earned many Scholastic dollars which will be supplying our students with exciting new books to enjoy. Happy Reading!

Ms. Klujber Ms. Heather





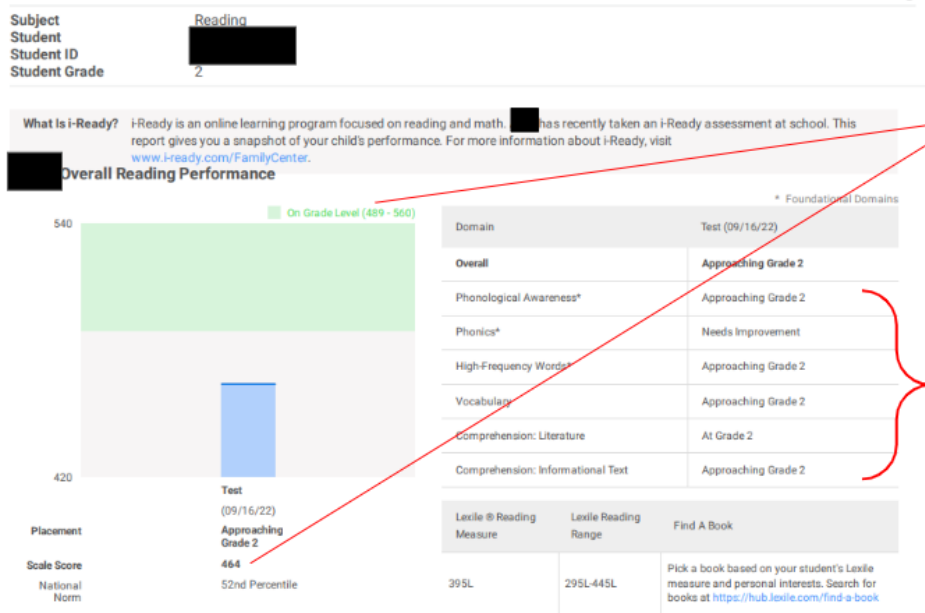
Coaches Corner

Hello Jefferson Families!

Thank you for attending your student's parent-teacher conference this month. We hope you found the time valuable as a way to connect with your student's teacher and to find out all your child is learning this year.

During the conference, you heard from your child's teacher about their reading progress toward grade level standards. One way that your child's teacher communicated your student's reading progress was with the i-Ready family report. Unpacking the family report can provide you with valuable and unique information for supporting your child's development as a reader.

For Families



Expected performance for a 2nd grade student is between 489 - 560 points. This student scored at Approaching Grade 2 with a score of 464.

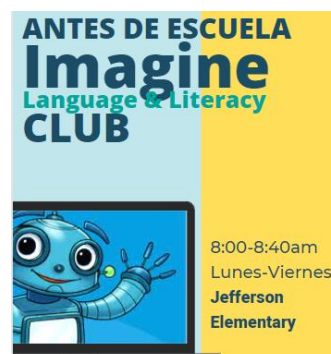
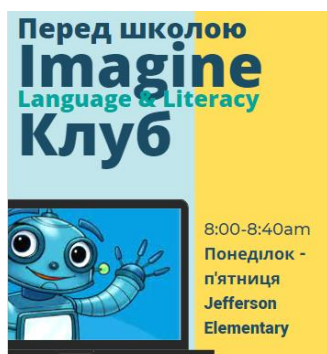
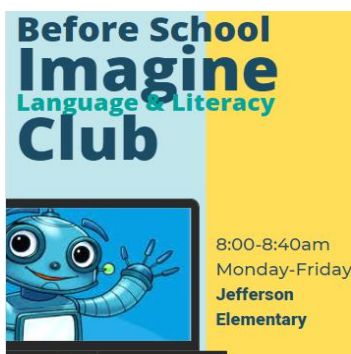
Domains tell what specific skill development students need. This student could use additional support in the Phonics (Needs Improvement) domain.

If you'd like to learn more about your child's unique i-Ready family report, or find resources to support their reading at home, please contact us. We are here to support teachers, students, and families!

Thank you,

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Jessica Lundgren, 3-5 ELA & Math Coach, jlundgren@everettsd.org, 425-385-7423





—Jefferson Elementary December News—

Read-A-Thon!

Our read-a-thon was a huge success and we raised **\$16,207** in pledges and logged **33,849** minutes of reading! Way to go Chargers!!!

The Dates!

12/2 Free Popcorn Friday!
12/3 Charger Art Show at Barnes and Noble



Movie Night!



Movie Night in November was a ton of fun!
Join us **Jan. 20th** for the next feature!

Interested in volunteering to help? Contact board@jeffersonpta.org

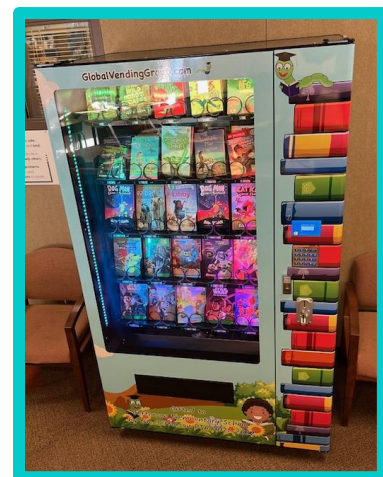
Backpack Program

We are always collecting donations from the community. We are feeding 15 families each weekend. Please drop unexpired, non-perishable food off by the main office entrance in the donation bin.

Thank you for helping care for our Chargers!



The **Bookworm** Vending Machine
has arrived! Stop by the main
office and check it out.



HAVE A QUESTION?



ask a charger



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DISTRICT NEWS

Guaranteed Admissions Program

We are excited to announce Everett Public Schools is now a participating institution in the [Guaranteed Admission Program](#), or GAP.

Everett Public Schools has partnered with Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, The Evergreen State College, Washington State University and Western Washington University to help students meet their college and career goals through the Guaranteed Admissions Program (GAP). Through GAP, a student who meets the following criteria is guaranteed admission to these institutions.

To qualify for the Guaranteed Admissions Program, a student must have:

1. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
2. Completed necessary College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADR) courses in high school (typically mirrors high school grad requirements)
3. Completed this Guaranteed Admissions Program Opt-in Form giving your permission to release information to the participating colleges and universities

The Guaranteed Admissions Program Opt-in Form is for parents/guardians of current juniors and seniors of Everett Public Schools high schools. The deadline for completing this form is Friday, January 6, 2023. [Opt-In Form](#)



Thank you for participating in the  **thoughtexchange**

Last month, families and staff were invited to participate in a ThoughtExchange to share their thoughts on, “What is working well, and what opportunities are there to improve the way our district and schools communicate?” Thank you to all who participated. The results are in and posted on our [engagement webpage](#) with action items.



Parent University video highlight

New resources have been added to [Parent University](#), including a video highlight on high school course options (College in the High School, Advanced Placement and Running Start). To view the collection of short informative on-demand videos and “how-to” guides, click on Video Resources on the left menu.



We want to hear from our families! Everett Public Schools empowers parents and guardians to be engaged in their child's education. If you have a suggestion based upon a top concern and/or area of interest, we are seeking input as we develop more videos this school year.

If you have additional topics you would like to suggest, please email communications@everettsd.org.

The gift of attendance

Absences spike in the weeks before and after the winter holiday as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. Just a few missed days here and there, even excused absences, can add up and lost learning time can put your child behind in school.

This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. Put simply, too many absences at any age can affect a student's chances for academic success and eventually for graduation. This holiday season give your children the gift of an education and the habit of attendance.



Every day of school is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as to connect with their peers and teachers. As long as your child is healthy, please encourage showing up to class when school is in session.

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.

Family resources

Could you or a family you know use some help? Find information and links to helpful resources on the district's [Parent Tools webpage](#):

- [Washington State Library](#) – local and regional information about services and agencies offering help to families in a variety of ways including food, shelter, clothing, childcare, legal services, employment opportunities, and counseling
- Everett Public Schools [Kids In Transition \(KIT\) program](#) – supports homeless children and youth to continue their education
- Snohomish Health District for [Snohomish County community dental resources](#) for children and adults





- [United Way of Snohomish County](#) – 2-1-1 is a free telephone number that is your best "first call" to quickly find the right source of help. The information line is staffed by trained operators from Volunteers of America Western Washington who can connect you to a wide range of community services.

Calendar reminder

This is a friendly reminder that Winter Break is December 19 to January 2, with classes resuming on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.



Space still available in ECEAP preschool

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 (DCYF).

The six ECEAP sites within our school district are Cedar Wood, Hawthorne, Jackson, Lowell, Madison, and Silver Lake elementary schools. Space is limited – apply now! For an application or more information, please visit the www.everettsd.org/ECEAP or call 425-385-4628.



Transitional Kindergarten Program

Everett Public Schools offers Transitional Kindergarten (TK) for children who are not currently in an early learning program and are scheduled to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2023. The program focuses on basic academic, social and self-help skills to jumpstart qualifying students toward success in school. Students will be screened and may qualify based on need.

To be eligible for screening, children must:

- be five years old by August 31, 2023
- live within the boundaries of Everett Public Schools
- not be currently enrolled in an early learning program
- demonstrate academic and/or social-emotional needs



Requests for screening opened in November. If you are interested in Transitional Kindergarten and believe your child may qualify, please visit our website at www.everettsd.org/TransitionalKindergarten and submit an interest form by **Friday, December 16, 2022**.



Transitional Kindergarten begins in late January 2023 and will run through the last day of school in June 2023. School locations will be determined in January and will be communicated directly to eligible families. For preschool options, please visit our Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) webpage at www.everettsd.org/ECEAP.

Accepting Highly Capable referrals until Dec. 16

The Highly Capable program in Everett Public Schools is designed to meet learning needs and challenge students who have advanced thinking and academic abilities. “HC” classes, as they are often referred to, are open to students in second, third, fourth and fifth grade. HC students learn and study in self-contained classrooms with a fast-paced curriculum that encourages and inspires them to develop higher level thinking skills. HC classrooms are held in specific schools in the district, based upon qualified enrollment. The district provides transportation to students in HC classes.

Find forms, information and evening events on the [Highly Capable website](#). Referrals are for students currently in grades one through four for winter testing, which will take place in February and March with more information to come.

Delayed start or closed schools

If we must cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:30 a.m. (or sometimes the night before if it can already be determined) with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media, social media and post the message on our website.

If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule. More information and resources for school closures or delays is on the district website under the *Parents* tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- check your email or phone for district messages
- listen for media announcements
- view the district’s website at www.everettsd.org
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts

Snow routes are online

School drop off and pick up locations may change in an emergency situation. If your child rides a bus to school, please become familiar with the snow route information on the district [transportation department’s webpage](#) under “Snow Routes” icon in the center of the page.



Board of Distinction

Everett Public Schools board of directors earned high honors with the designation as a *Board of Distinction 2022*. Applications are reviewed by a panel of judges that includes former and current educational service district superintendents, State Board of Education board members, former school directors and other education leaders in Washington state. Scoring is based on how well applicants show alignment with the Washington School Board Standards, support their statements with data and demonstrate a link between outcomes and decisions made by the board.



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- 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:

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