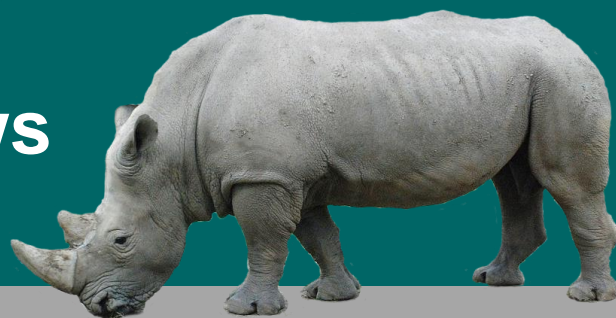


Jefferson Charger News

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Happy New Year to all Jefferson Families!

I hope everyone had a delightful winter break, and that 2023 is the best year yet for your child and your family! Over the break, I was reading this article from an elementary school principal blog and found the advice to be timely and helpful as we find ourselves setting goals this time of year. I hope you will find it helpful as well. It's called a *Report to Parents* and was written by Bobbi DePorter of Quantum Learning Network.

The middle of the school year is a great time for families to check in with students on goals. Setting academic and personal goals helps motivate, energize, and focus students, and it is a valuable skill that will benefit learners throughout their lives. Parents can help students set and achieve these goals.

Setting goals can be tedious, even intimidating, for some students. Parents can support students in this process by following these steps: pick it, map it, do it, own it, and celebrate it.

Pick it. Encourage your child to consider his or her dreams and passions and pick goals that are important and meaningful. Guide your child to think about, "What motivates me? What would inspire me to give my best effort? What would make me feel good while I'm doing it? What achievement would make me feel proud?"

Map it. After your child picks a goal, help map the path from where he or she is now to where the child wants to be. Offer the following analogy: If we want to drive across the country from New York to California, we don't just get in our car and start driving—we get a map, pick a route, and follow it until we get to California. With your child, analyze different approaches and define clear steps to reach their goal. For instance, if the goal is to get a higher test grade in a tough subject, each quiz or project is a step on the path to the higher goal: earning an A.

Do it. Once you and your child have mapped a path to their goal, encourage him or her to take action, focus on the first step and give it his or

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Dec. 17th – Jan. 2nd
Winter Break – No School

Jan. 6th
2:15 Early Dismissal – Learning Improvement Friday

Jan. 12th
PTA Member Meeting 7:00

Jan. 13th
2:15 Early Dismissal – Learning Improvement Friday

Jan. 16th
Martin Luther King Day – No School

Jan. 20th
2:15 Early Dismissal – Learning Improvement Friday

Jan. 27th
2:15 Early Dismissal – Learning Improvement Friday



her best effort. Remind your child that no goal is ever reached without focused action.

Own it. *As your child makes progress toward their goal, help him or her to take responsibility for making it happen. Teach the mantra, “If it’s to be, it’s up to me!”*

Reflect with your child. Ask, “How are you doing? What’s working? What’s not working? What can you or your family change to get to this goal?” From there, analyze the map, and make changes to the plan if necessary.

Help your child keep a positive attitude and own mistakes as well as successes. Remind your child that if something comes along that holds him or her back temporarily, to look at the experience as feedback. Failures, or bumps in the road, can provide us with information we need to succeed. Reinforce the message that we can learn from our mistakes and move on with new, valuable knowledge.

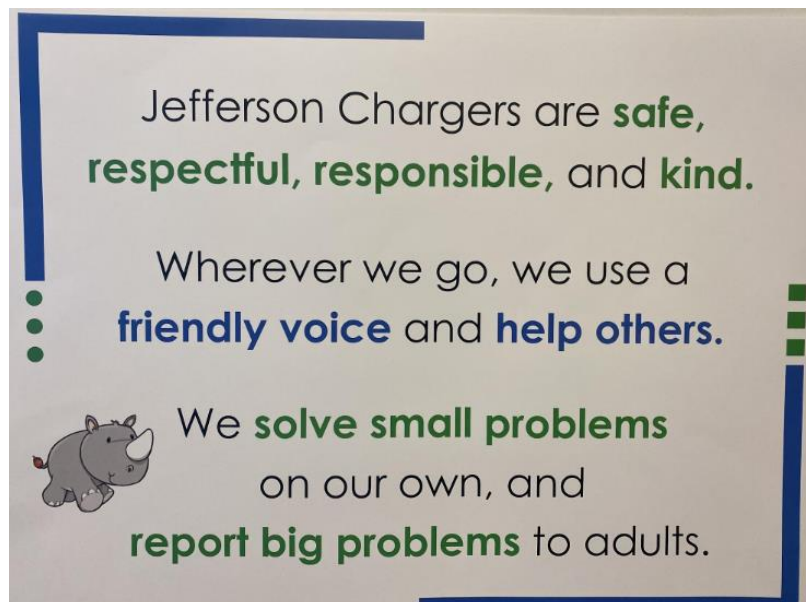
Celebrate it. *Acknowledgment and celebration are huge parts of achieving goals. Acknowledge every effort and celebrate your child’s mini-successes along the way to achieving a goal. This builds his or her confidence and motivation. Your child will feel good and understand that perseverance will result in another mini-success and finally goal achievement.*

Try going through the goal-setting process as a family. Pick a family goal (perhaps a charitable activity) and work together to achieve it. After the family experience, have each family member pick a personal goal. Support and acknowledge one another as you move through the above steps. Success is assured when students believe in themselves and in their ability to achieve. Parents are key to helping them believe and succeed.

Once again, Happy New Year! My best wishes to your family in the year ahead.

Kind Regards,

Steve Hopkins



**As we return to school, we will be re-teaching our Charger expectations all around the school.*



News From the Library

Hello from the library!

I am excited to announce that our students are creating an after-school Charger Library Club. This is a time for students to check out books outside their regular library time, create book talks, work on homework and more. This program will be held after school on Thursdays for 30 minutes. Pick up will be at 4:00 in front of the office. This is voluntary and will give your child a way to extend their learning outside of the typical school day. A signed permission slip is required to attend each session. Students can pick up permissions slips in the library.

Happy Reading!
Angela Klujber - Librarian



News From the Art Room

Happy New Year! Thanks to everyone who came out to support our school at Barnes & Noble in early December. It was great to see our student's artwork on display in the community again! For those of you who missed the Schack Art Center show, it has been extended through January 24th, it's free and fun to go to this local gallery and see glassblowing in action as well as other amazing artwork! The Schack is open Tues-Sat 10-5, sun 12-5: 2921 Hoyt Avenue in downtown Everett.

With our newly adopted Art curriculum, January is a mash-up of projects! From Optical Illusions to Greek Mythology and color theory.

The District Art Show is coming up so be on the lookout for submission information early this month!

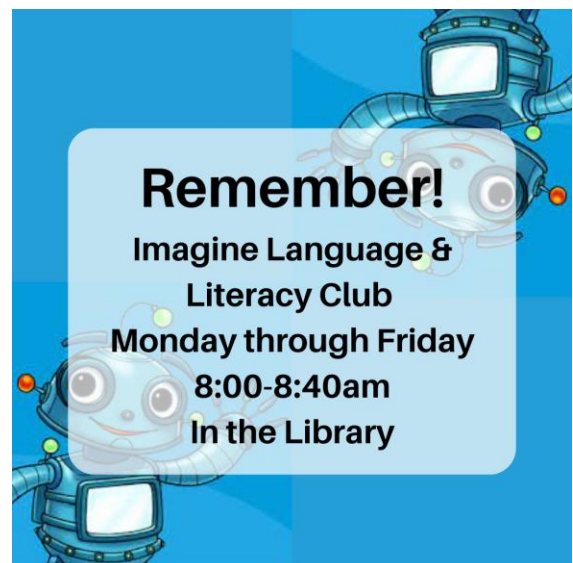
News From the Music Room

As we return from Winter Break in the music room, we will resume the great musical work we were accomplishing in December. Students will take what they have learned about pitch and rhythm to compose and improvise their own rhythms and melodies, and we will continue playing various percussion and melodic instruments, singing songs, and playing games. We will explore the many ways music is connected to important moments in our own lives and throughout history.

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**. There you can find many of the songs we are learning and the games we play in class.

Finally, we will be welcoming a teaching intern to the music room this year! Her name is Patricia Rivera, and students will call her Ms. R. She has been studying music education at Northwest University, and she is very excited to join us in the music room!

Debrah Rockwell -Music Teacher





Coaches Corner

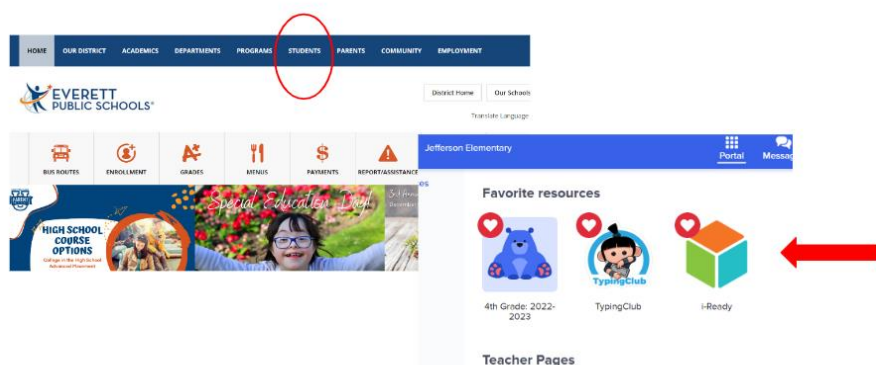
Welcome Back Jefferson Families!


We hope that students have had a restful break and are ready to jump back into learning!

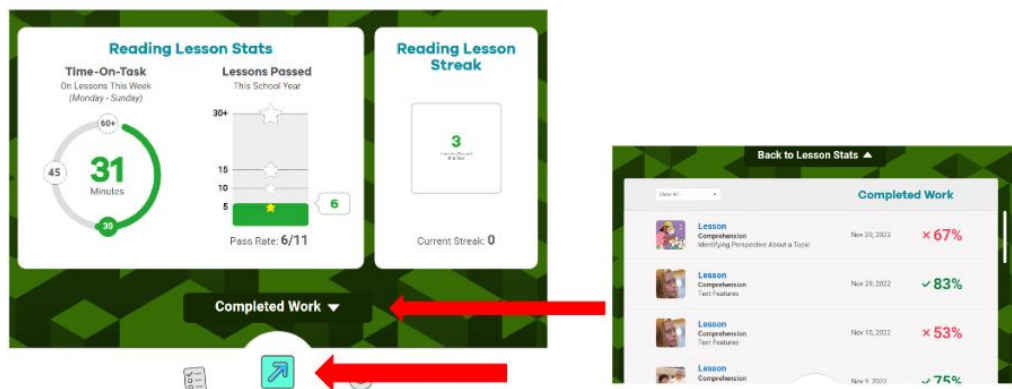
In last month's newsletter, we shared information to help you unpack the i-Ready Family Report. The i-Ready reports provide valuable information for determining your child's proficiency toward grade-level reading and math standards. (If you missed the December newsletter [click here](#) to review our tips for unpacking the i-Ready Family Report.)

If you'd like to know more about how your student is progressing through their individual i-Ready lesson pathway, you can follow the steps below to view their Lesson Stats.

Ask your student to log into i-Ready from home by going to everettsd.org and clicking on "students" and then the i-Ready icon.



Choose a subject (Reading or Math) and then click the green arrow . From there, you can see your students Time On-Task and Lessons Passed. Click on the Completed Work button to see completed lessons and the pass rate for each lesson.



Remember that Jefferson's Instructional Coaches are here to support you and your student with goal planning using this valuable instructional tool!

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—Jefferson Elementary January News—

PTA membership Meeting!

Join us in the library on **Jan. 12th** at 6:30 for our next PTA meeting. You do not have to be a member to attend. We'd love to see you!

The Dates!

1/12 Membership Meeting
1/13 Free Popcorn Friday!



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!



—FROM THE OFFICE—

Winter Weather Information

Did you know you can check out Flashalert.net to find information on school closures? You can also use this website to subscribe and receive notifications from Everett Public Schools. For more information regarding Emergency Closures and Late Start Information, please check out the Everett Public Schools Emergency & Safety Page at: <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/38857>



DISTRICT NEWS

January is School Board Appreciation Month

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. You can learn more about [board members online](#). You can also [watch past school board meetings](#) on the district's YouTube channel. The Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) honors exemplary school boards that improve student learning and follow best practices of governance. Everett Public Schools Board of Directors has earned this honor for the seventh time this year for presenting exemplary evidence of ongoing professional development, addressing opportunity gaps and practicing governance that reflects the Washington School Board Standards.

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 5:00 a.m., with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local 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's website.


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!



First semester ends soon

This is a reminder first semester ends February 3. Report cards and Elementary Progress Reports will be both online and mailed/distributed by February 17.



Good Citizenship Day



Good Citizenship Day is observed on January 13. On that day, social studies teachers coordinate a voter registration event in each history or social studies class attended by high school seniors. Students who will be eighteen years of age or older by the time of the next general election will be allowed to register to vote online in the classroom. Paper registration will also be made available in the classroom.

Registering to vote is easy. Visit the [Snohomish County webpage](https://www.sno.wa.gov/elections) 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:



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