

**Jefferson Elementary School  
students create peace poles**

Everett, WA—Each year, Jefferson Elementary School's staff-led Family Engagement Team comes up with an art project to highlight at their annual Family Art Walk and Ice Cream Social. This spring, Jefferson students took part in a school-wide art project to create peace poles.

Each pole represents a grade level with art created by the students and "peace" written in several languages. One side of each pole has a phrase from the school song, which is based on "Charger Code" behavior expectations: "Jefferson Chargers are safe and respectful, responsible and kind. Wherever we may go, we use a friendly voice and we help others to grow. We are the Jefferson Chargers!"

Fifth-grade teachers and several students "planted" the poles at one of the main entrances to the school grounds, along with donated plants and supplies from Ace Hardware in Silver Lake, Lowe's in Mill Creek, Snohomish Garden Center, and Li'l Sprout Nursery. The Jefferson Elementary PTA funded all the materials and supplies to create the poles and also provided popsicles and ice cream bars for the family event.

"We are so proud of all of our students and staff who took part in this project," said Principal Elizabeth Kelley. "The poles are the first thing most people coming onto campus will see, and they remind us of the importance of working toward our school values of safety, respect, responsibility, and kindness each day!"

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