

Jefferson Charger News

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From the Principal

Happy New Year, Jefferson families! I hope you had a fun, safe, and healthy winter break, along with any holiday celebrations you may have observed. I love January because it's a fresh start! It's great to have a chance to think about changes we want to make – whether or not they are official New Year's resolutions! With students, we'll do this by **focusing on growth mindset** as our schoolwide theme for the month of January. How do we define growth mindset? Put simply, it's the belief that your talents can be developed through hard work. That hard work is often informed by learning new strategies and receiving guidance from others – such as educators and family members. The opposite of a

GROWTH MINDSET

Is Freedom



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FIXED MINDSET

Is Limiting



growth mindset is a fixed mindset – which means believing that your basic qualities and talents are innate, and can't be changed. There are lots of great Internet resources on growth mindset for children. [This post](#) has five strategies that families can use, and [this one](#) includes info on shifting your child's mindset.

As we return from winter break each year, we take time to review our classroom and schoolwide behavior expectations. Over the last few months, families have received multiple communications from Everett Public Schools about how students' social media use is impacting our schools. While the majority of elementary students aren't active on social media, it's important that they build understanding and skills at an early age to stay safe online, and that families support with this. So, January is a great time to **review your family's Internet safety plans and expectations**. If you are looking for a resource to support this, check out [Common Sense Media](#)'s "parent's need to know" section – which covers topics including cell phones, screen time, and privacy/online safety.

Thanks for reading, and have a great month!

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Jan. 3

Welcome back from winter break!

Jan. 13

PTA meeting – more info coming!

Jan. 17

No school: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 31

No school: Teacher work day



News from the Learning Lab

Happy New Year from the Learning Lab!

We hope you all had an enjoyable break with your families. We are so glad to start a new year with our



wonderful students! January is a great month for learning, with few days off and lots of time to take our learning and thinking to the next level. In literacy, students in third through fifth grades are learning to plan, write, and revise their own informational text. They are learning to cite their sources correctly, and to clearly organize their thinking so that it makes sense to the reader. Kindergarten, first-, and second-graders are learning to add details and examples to their writing to make it more interesting to the reader. We are so proud of their progress!

Students are really enjoying the hands-on activities in math that help them to consolidate their understanding of new concepts. It is so exciting to see students working together to solve complex problems and to explain their reasoning! We are proud of the hard work and progress students are making. If you would like to help prepare materials for these activities, please contact your child's teacher – we'd love your assistance!

Wishing you and your family a safe, healthy, wonderful new year!

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News from the Gym

As we say goodbye to 2021 and welcome in 2022, it is a good time to reflect on what students have been working on in the health and physical education environment. We have learned much, from fitness, safe movement and locomotor skills to learning about the skeletal system, bone health and social emotional health. We will continue our work with the skeletal system when we return in January, and will begin to focus deeply on sportsmanship, celebrating others, and fair play with games and competition. These can be very challenging skills for students, so it is important to practice sportsmanship in a positive way. Following that, we will start on the heart, and will learn about other muscles as well! I am so thankful and happy to have the students in person and working on skills in the gym! Keep up the great work, Chargers. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year! Feel free to email me with any questions at srowe@everettsd.org. -- Ms. Rowe

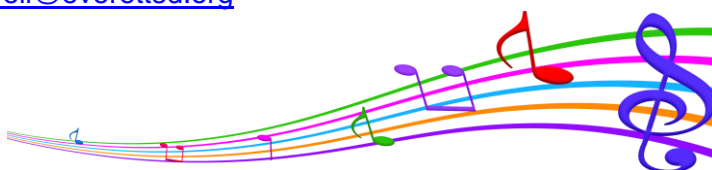
News from the Library

We just did the Hour of Code! In December, Jefferson students participated in Computer Science Education Week, which include the Hour of Code. The Hour of Code is organized by Code.org, which is dedicated to expanding access to computer science education. On the Code.org website there are many computer science activities for a wide range of ages and levels of programming experience. Check out Code.org and try some activities at home today! Ms. Klujber, aklujber@everettsd.org
Ms. Heather

News from the Music Room

As we return from winter break to 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 begin composing their own rhythms and melodies, and we will continue playing various percussion and melodic instruments, singing songs, and playing games. We will also begin to explore the many ways music is connected to important moments in our own lives and throughout history.

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News from the Art Room

Welcome back! The students' Canada-inspired artwork was super awesome! I hope you got to see some beautiful winter-inspired artwork come home! If not, it's probably hanging in the hallways or in the art room, and you'll see it very soon! Our next destination is Asia! During the month of January, we will learn about and create artwork that pays homage to the many different countries in Asia. From Japan to India and a few stops in between, students will learn about cultural traditions and artists from this massive region. The PTSA Reflections Student Art Show is now up for viewing at the Community Resource Center (3900 Broadway). The art is only up for a few weeks, so make sure to check it out if you're interested! I'll be looking for a few volunteers to help prepare artwork for our school art show in April ... let me know if there is an upcoming FRIDAY (probably in February/March) that you might want to come in to help!

Andrea Aguilera, agardner@everettsd.org

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 sixth time this year for presenting exemplary evidence of ongoing professional development, addressing opportunity gaps and practicing governance that reflects the Washington School Board Standards.



Replacement levies on February 8 ballot

Everett Public Schools has two replacement levy measures on the February 8, 2022, ballot. Both levies replace existing levies that expire at the end of 2022. Having good schools and facilities has a positive effect on our neighborhoods. Better schools help build a stronger community, which will improve our quality of life, keep crime down, and help increase the values of our homes. All students should be given the same opportunities regardless of their abilities, backgrounds, or family income. This funding will ensure all students in Everett

Public Schools have the same opportunities to learn, grow and succeed.

Proposition 1 – Replacement Educational Programs & Operations Levy (EP&O)

Local EP&O levy funding allows us to provide the quality education our community expects for our students, which goes beyond the minimum funded by the state. For instance, the state funds 3 nurses and we have 12. The state funds \$35 million for special education that costs us \$45 million to provide. This levy covers these and other basic operating expenses.

Proposition 2 – Replacement Capital Levy

The replacement capital levy provides funding to acquire, improve or maintain school facilities in the four categories below:

- **Technology, \$96 million:** Our students benefit from ongoing integration of technology into their learning.
- **Increased safety and security, \$2 million:** Our students will learn in buildings that are safer and more secure
- **Equal access, same experience, \$172 million:** Every student in our district will have the same opportunity to learn in well-functioning, safe and modern spaces.
- **Maintenance and mandatory upgrades \$54 million:** Our facilities are valuable community assets and will be maintained to increase their life expectancy and comply with state mandated upgrades.

For more information, please visit www.everettsd.org/2022Levies.



Save the date - Let's Connect

Please save the date for the Let's Connect on January 24. Have your questions answered and find out more information about the two replacement levies on the February 8 ballot. More information on how to register will be coming soon.

Delayed 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., 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 [transportation department's webpage](#).

Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? **Report it!** You can talk

3 easy ways

Text or call
855-637-2095

1350@alert1.us

<https://everett-wa.safeschoolsalert.com>



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.

First semester ends soon



This is a reminder first semester ends January 28. Report cards and Elementary Progress Reports will be both online and mailed/distributed by February 11.

Good Citizenship Day

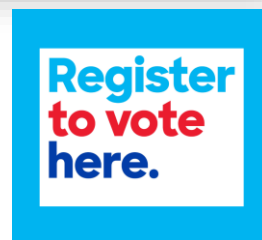
Good Citizenship Day is observed on January 14. On that day, social studies teachers coordinate a voter registration event in each history or social studies class attended by high school seniors. Students

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](#) 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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• 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:

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