



**CALENDAR**

- 1.. **EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:00PM**
- 5...**JPG Morning Social – Whidbey Coffee 9:30a**  
Burlington, next to Kohl's.
- 6.. **Student Council – 7:30am**
- 8.. **EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:00PM**
- 12.. **HOLIDAY CONCERT 9:30am & 2pm**  
☞ **JPG meeting 6:00pm**
- 13.. **VIP Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 8:05am in cafeteria**  
☞ **2<sup>nd</sup> Cup of Coffee with Mr. Newall 8:35-9am**
- 15.. **EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:00PM**
- 20 – 1/01/16 ... **WINTER BREAK**

**JANUARY 2018**

- 2... **School Resumes**

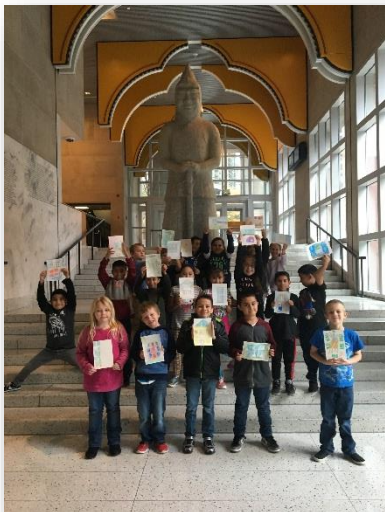




*Giving Tree Donations*  
DECEMBER:   
**Hats & Mittens**

**Winter Weather is on the Way!**

If weather conditions are making roads hazardous, student transportation & the school day schedule may be effected. Two hour delayed starts (10:30am) or school cancellations are announced on local radio & television stations as well as the district automated phone calls.



Ms. Leu's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Seattle Art Museum

Greetings Eagles Parents,

In 2 years from now, we will have two new elementary schools in our district. The East Division School and the new Madison will be completed. With two new schools there will be new attendance boundaries for all the elementary schools in Mount Vernon. A survey was sent home with your child on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Please take the time to take it in order to help the MVSD decide priorities for future school boundary decisions. You only need to fill out one survey per household. You can access the survey online at <http://www.mountvernonschools.org/node/373>.

There is a robotics competition all day at the high school on December 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a great event which draws participants from all over our region. It is a cool event to see in action. The Jefferson High Cap Robotics Teams will be competing, so come by and support their work!

Our school district is focused on 100% graduation of high school seniors. We are promoting that with our push for 100% attendance. Currently, our attendance rate (which includes everything but unexcused absences) is 98 to 99% daily. This is fantastic. I appreciate all you do to get your kids to school every day. They can't learn what we teach if they are not here!

VIP day is on December 13<sup>th</sup> for third grade. If your schedule allows, this is a fun way to be involved with your child's education. After morning announcements, I will have an informal opportunity to meet with you and provide you the opportunity to ask questions about Jefferson, MVSD or any other topics you are curious about. I promise to have you out by 9:00 AM.



Have a wonderful holiday season.

Tim Newall, Jefferson Principal



**Jefferson's Holiday Concert**

**Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> program: 9:30 am**  
Grades – Kdg, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & band

**2<sup>nd</sup> program: 2:00 pm**  
Grades – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & band

Parents and family are welcome to attend. The programs will be in the school gymnasium. Recordings of the kids singing will be uploaded to the JES website.

**Counselor's Corner!**

This month students at Jefferson are focusing on CARING! Students will have lots of opportunity to care for others and themselves. The 5th graders will be participating in the C.A.R.E. (Caring Awareness Respect and Empathy) Fair. Students will rotate to different stations and learn about what some of the specialists do in our building and create empathy for others.

Students have also been learning about problem solving and standing up to bullying behavior, which is also a very caring thing to do.

Sincerely,

Heidi Hixson, School Counselor, [hhixson@mvsd320.org](mailto:hhixson@mvsd320.org) 428-65



## 5<sup>th</sup> grade C.A.R.E. Fair

Caring A.wareness R.espect & E.mpathy

This is an annual 5<sup>th</sup> grade event where students participate in a morning event that rotates through different stations.

The objective is to teach students about learning styles and what the different specialists focus on in their teachings.



It also helps them understand different learning disabilities to help promote empathy. The students are divided into 5 groups and rotate through 5 stations.

**DATE: December 14, 2017**

### DINNER at LaVenture Middle School

Evening meals are served at Laventure in the cafeteria **Monday – Thursday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm**. This is a 'no cost' program for people 18 years of age or younger.

Meals are not served on Fridays or through the weekend; nor on school holidays or closures (like Winter Break). On Early Release dates for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades (March 29), the evening meal will not be served. Summer meal programs vary.

## MOUNT VERNON BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM WANTS YOU!

Come out and cheer on your MVHS Bulldogs!  
We invite you and your family to attend a home basketball game at no cost for students.

- ★ **WHO:** Mount Vernon Elementary Students  
Centennial, Jefferson, Lincoln, Little Mountain, Madison, Washington
- ★ **DATE:** December 8th vs. Jackson
- ★ **TIME:** 7:15PM
- ★ **PLACE:** MVHS Gymnasium  
314 N 9th St, Mt Vernon, WA 98273
- ★ **COST:** Students FREE, Parents Pay  
\$4 general admission



Activities for students at half-time

Wear your school spirit colors or green and white

Special seating section for your school

### GO BULLDOGS!



### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## Jefferson Parents' Group (JPG) NEWS

- **JPG Evening Meetings** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Jefferson, 6:00pm.
- Email address to contact JPG: [JPG@mvsd320.org](mailto:JPG@mvsd320.org)
- **Signing up to assist** at a JPG function is now really easy.
  - > Go to **Sign-Up Genius**, [<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4dabaa2cabf49-fundraiser>].
  - > Scroll down the page to the **AVAILABLE SLOTS** Form, click the **SIGN UP** button in the date/time box when you can help.
  - > This will open the **SIGN ME UP** page that asks for your name & email then click the **SIGN UP NOW** button at the bottom of page. ALL DONE! Link is on school website & FaceBook.
- **Morning Social** at Whidbey Coffee in Burlington – **Tuesday, December 5** – 9:30am. This is an opportunity for parents who cannot attend the evening JPG meetings to meet with other JPG parents.
- **Mod Pizza Night** – **Wed., December 6** - Burlington store will donate 20% of your order back to JPG but you **MUST have the flyer** that was sent home or on school website.
- **Next Family Evening** event will be Game Night – **Friday, January 12**. More details to come.

### Student Council Officers Elected

At the Nov. 15 Student Council meeting officers were elected for 2017–18.

President: **Taite Kirkpatrick**

Vice-President: **Kaycee Pineda**

Secretary: **Zoe Brocksmith**

Treasurer: **Kyanna Testa**

Student Council offices come with duties. The President, or Vice Pres. in his/her absence, leads Student Council meetings; the Secretary takes meeting notes and the Treasurer reports on the council finances. Correct meeting dates/times on website.

When the student store opens, usually in January, council members may help sell store items before school one day per week.

### Five Hot Homework Tips for Parents

Learning doesn't stop when the last bell rings at school. When students bring work home, it is a great time for parents to play a role in their child's education. Homework has many benefits, such as providing extra time for research or practice, helping students develop study skills and teaching time management skills. Here are five tips to help your child benefit by the time spent on assignments and maximize their learning.

1. **Study space:** Set up a quiet, well-lit area for your child to complete his or her homework. Try to remove any distractions from the surrounding area, like televisions, computers (unless used for the assignment) and loud conversations.
2. **Imitation: Children imitate their parents.** When your child is focusing on homework, join them in a similar, focused activity. Crack open a favorite novel while they complete their reading assignment, or balance your checkbook while they work through their multiplication tables.
3. **Time management:** Teach your child how to manage their time. Schedule events, homework, and tasks at home. For instance, after school, set a specific time as "homework time" and for tasks at home give them time limits.
4. **Encourage independence:** Some homework assignments are meant to be done by the student alone, and hovering can take away from the child's learning process. Try to step back, and if intervention is really needed, make sure to provide guidance, not just answers.
5. **Tackle a challenge:** Teach your child how to identify the difference between the "hard" homework questions and the "easy" ones. Have them set aside the easier questions for later and tackle the hard ones first.

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