



Jefferson Journal



Jefferson Elementary School Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2017

CALENDAR

- 3.. **EARLY DISMISSAL** – 1:00pm
- 5.. **Daylight Savings Ends /Fall Back** 1 hour
- 7.. **JPG Meeting** - 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Parent Academy - 6:00-7:00pm
- 8.. **2nd grade VIP** - 8:05am in cafeteria
☞ Seattle Art Mus. – **Wietzke/Franklin**
- 9.. **Veteran’s Day Assembly** – 9:00a /gym
☞ Seattle Art Mus. – **Lavoy/Leu**
☞ Jefferson **Spirit Wear** orders due.
- 10.. **Veterans’ Day Holiday** – **No SCHOOL**
- 13.. **No SCHOOL**
- 15.. **Student Council Mtg:** 7:45 - 8:20am
- 16.. Fund Raiser **ORDER PICK-UP** 3:00-6pm
- 17.. **EARLY DISMISSAL** – 1:00 pm
☞ JPG Family **MOVIE Night** – 5:30pm
- 21.. Student **Picture RETAKES**
- 23 & 24.. Thanksgiving– **No SCHOOL**

Greetings Eagle Parents,

After sitting through conferences, I realized how positive the discourse between teachers and parents is when there are no grades involved. Establishing a collaborative approach to your child’s education. Teachers, students and parents working together allow maximum growth in the academic and social areas of a student’s school life. The list of questions provided during conferences will help parents tell how the events of each day play out for your child, use them, they are good questions! If constructive communication is established now it will be more comfortable to have positive dialogs with your child when they are in middle and high school.

If you have not already submitted the Center for Educational Excellence (CEE) survey, please do so on line or with paper & pencil, our **due date is Nov. 15, 2017**. Please turn in surveys to your child’s teacher. If you need a copy, call the school office. The survey information will help us know what areas we need to focus on. While this is a perception survey, sometimes perception is reality. In other words, we do pay attention to survey results. Staff and fifth grade students also complete the survey. I will share results with you later this fall.

MVPD has commented on our car pick-up vehicle line. The backup goes to LaVenture and Blackburn. If you are picking up, we appreciate parents being on time but not so early that you are waiting on the roadside, this seems to be what is causing the backup. Car picked up is begins at 3:00pm and is usually completed by 3:15pm. If we continue to have cars parked all the way to LaVenture, we will devise a solution but right now simply knowing and adjusting wait time might suffice.

Have a super November. I’ll see you around the campus.

Tim Newall, Principal



Parent Academy Begins Soon! This is a free 5-week course for parents interested in their child's education. The course will address understanding grade level academic standards to the use of practical tools that will help a student at home. The Academy **begins November 7, 2017** and will continue on Tuesday evenings at Jefferson. This course is available in English, Spanish and Russian; instructors are other parents. Registration forms were sent home but interested parents may call the school office to register or direct questions to Ms. Valerio or Ms. Muir, (360) 428-6128.

Counselor’s Corner! Heidi Hixon, Jefferson Counselor

Students have been learning about community and how to get along at school. They have been focusing on kindness and learning social skills. They have also been learning about the differences between bullying, conflict, mean moments and how to resolve those issues. I am continuing to have lunches with all grade levels every week where we learn about these topics as well as my classroom lessons.

Please encourage community building and kindness in your home.

• hhixon@mvsd320.org 428-6128 ext. 22005




Daylight Savings Time Ends:
Fall back 1 hour ~ 2:00 A.M.
Sunday, Nov. 5

Student Council Meetings

Nov 08	Feb 21
Dec 06	Mar 07 & 21
Jan 10 & 24	Apr 18
May 02 & 16	

All meetings are on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:00 am. Please note there are no early bus routes.



Giving Tree Donations
NOVEMBER: FOOD
(Non-Perishable)

JEFFERSON’S WEBSITE is NEW....
and is a work-in-progress right now but many questions can be answered with information found on district websites:
jefferson.mountvernonschools.org

• MENUS	• MVSD news
• Calendars	• Transportation
• Early Dismissal	• Lunch Forms
• Newsletters	• School Handbook
• Events	• Family Access info

Jefferson's Kitchen Staff would greatly appreciate parents and students paying for lunches or adding funds to a student's account **BEFORE SCHOOL** in the cafeteria. It stalls the lunch line and adds time to service when students need to pay in the lunch line.



 Registration for the **SVH Christmas Fund** Monday, November 13 until December 8, 2017.

(360) 419-7182 • English
(360) 419-7184 • español

Monday–Friday / 1:00–5:00 pm

The Mt Vernon fairgrounds office will accept donations of new, unwrapped toys any time after November 13. Office hours are 9am – 5 pm, Mon – Fri.



JPG sponsored a field trip for all grades to Schuh Farms. Grades Kdg – 4th were half-day visits ending at the Pumpkin Patch. The 5th grade classes spent most of a day with a broader exposure to farming.

Common Core

The **Common Core** is a set of high-quality academic standards in mathematics and English language arts/literacy (ELA). These learning goals outline what a student should know and be able to do at the end of each grade.

The standards are:

- Research - and evidence - based
- Clear, understandable, and consistent
- Aligned with college and career expectations
- Based on rigorous content and application of knowledge through higher-order thinking skills
- Built upon the strengths and lessons of current state standards
- Informed by other top performing countries in order to prepare all students for success in our global economy and society



JEFFERSON'S PARENTS' GROUP NEWS

- **Family Movie Night** on Friday, November 17th. *Trolls* will be playing; the movie begins at 6:00pm. Admission: \$1/person or \$5/family of over 5 people. Concessions will be on sale. A responsible adult must accompany all children.
- JPG officers are inviting Jefferson parents to a daytime Parents' Group gathering for those who cannot join the evening meetings. This 'social' is an informal meeting scheduled for November 2nd at 9:30AM at Whidbey Coffee in Burlington (by Kohl's).
- JPG needs help organizing & dispersing Fall Fund Raiser orders. If you are willing, please email jpg@mvsd320.org **FFR ORDER PICK UP is Nov. 16 from 3pm to 6pm.**
- Jefferson **SPIRIT WEAR** order forms will be sent home soon.

All ORDERS due November 9.

SPIRIT WEAR
LOGO



2017-2018 Student Council Representatives

The 2017-18 Student Council Representatives have been elected to represent 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes. Mrs. Torseth & Mrs. Lewis-Hart are the school support staff.

3 rd grade	4 th grade	5 th grade
Kaelyn Holden	Hunter McCowan	Kaycee Pineda
Erin Douglas	Alexa Harris	Vladimir Rodarte
Sabrina Anguiano	Kyanna Testa	Jasmine Anguiano
Gene Veil	Odin Quigley	Jace Hammerly
Ximena Vega	Luz Ramirez-Perez	Chrisitan Comancho
Jace Swanson	Aiden Solano-Cruz	Kyersten Avila-Hyndes
	Nikko Jomantra	Taite Kirkpatrick
	Zoe Brocksmith	Ethan Petrick

Elections for Student Council officers will take place at the December Student council meeting. Students running for offices will give campaign speeches prior to elections.

FAMILY ACCESS INFORMATION: This is an internet tool for families with students in MVSD. The site will allow you to check Report Cards, Calendars, Student Information, Messages, Attendance, Schedules, Discipline, Food Service Accounts, Fee, Fines, Academic History and health Information. You may also sign up to get email notification if your student's lunch account is low or your student is absent or tardy. **PLEASE USE WEB BROWSER MOZILLA FIREFOX** to access/open this program.

Follow these steps to access the Skyward System & Family Access: **Open** the school website [jefferson.mountvernonschools.org]; **Click-On Parents & Students** from top menu bar; then **Click On Skyward Family Access** in drop box. This will open to a screen asking for **User Name & Password**. Parents need individual passwords. Passwords may be obtained from your student's teacher or the school secretary by calling (360) 428-6128.



