

Jefferson Elementary School Newsletter

CALENDAR

WED - 2nd gr. Meet the Masters 3:00 - 4:20 M-Th - 3rd-5th gr. After School Program 3:00 – 4:20

2... Groundhog's Day EARLY Dismissal 1:00pm

- 7... VIP 4th grade 8:05am in cafeteria 2nd Cup of Coffee with Mr. Newall 8:55am
- 8... JPG Meeting 6:00 7:00pm
- 9... EARLY Dismissal 1:00pm
- 14...HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
- 15...JPG Morning Meeting 9:30 am Whidbey Coffee in Burlington

16... No SCHOOL

- 19... No SCHOOL Presidents' Day
- 21... Student Council Mtg 7:30am (cafeteria)
- 23... EARLY Dismissal 1:00pm
- 28... Class/Group Photos
- LATE START SCHEDULE 2 hour delay

10:05 am Arrival (No Breakfast) 10:30 am School Begins

Check MVSD website for limited bus Routes due to road conditions.



Giving Tree Donations **FEBRUARY: Books** Gently used, children's books.



Mr. Newall laid down on the floor for students in Mrs. Picket's 2nd grade class to measure him for a math lesson.

Greetings Eagle Parents,

This year one of Jefferson's initiatives is involving parents in a meaningful manner with the education of our students. To that end, in the next few weeks you may be asked to have a teacher visit your home. The purpose of this visit is to learn more about you and your family. Our hope is to parlay this information into better ways to teach your children. These visits are a voluntary activity for you.

An interpreter, if needed will accompany teachers that come to your home. If you have more than one student at Jefferson you may have each of your children's teachers come to visit at the same time.

These conversations are intended to be free flowing and natural. It would be safe to think you will be asked to share what your dreams are for your children and perhaps to share your families' story with us. The total time for a visit will be 20 to 45 minutes. You are not expected to do anything other than talk with us and be yourself.

I look forward to sharing this opportunity with you and our teachers. Centennial and Washington Elementary schools have successfully

completed family visits. I have no doubt Jefferson's home visits will be equally enlightening as we strive to better understand the community we work with.



Sincerely,

Tim Newall, Jefferson Principal

ANDEAVOR FOUNDATION AWARD

Mrs. Carlson, 5th grade class teacher, received a STEM grant from Andeavor

Foundation (formerly Tesoro Foundation) for \$3500! The grant will be used to purchase three digital microscopes and accessories for the three regular education fifth grade classes.

The microscopes will connect with our desktop computers and enable students to project their samples onto the white board and/or capture and save the images electronically.



STUDENT COUNCIL COIN DRIVE

JES Student Council has decided to help support MVHS student, Emma Sundance and the Skagit County Master Gardeners raise funds to replant the Elm Trees along Memorial Highway in honor of WW1 veterans. Coins will be collected in each class through Feb. 15, 2018.



Reminder for Parents/Guardians

of 5th grade students to make a doctor

appointment for your student's 11 year old health screening.



Health screenings are required for 6th grade and the closer to the

end of the year, the longer it takes to get into a check-up appointment (can be up to a 3 month wait). Schedule now!

Mount Vernon School District's Tip Reporting Service

Safety is one of our district's top priorities and to help safeguard our school community, the district is now using *SafeSchools Alert*, a tip reporting system that allows students, staff, and parents to submit safety concerns to our administration four different ways:

- 1. Phone: 877.998.5411
- 2. Text: Text your tip to 877.998.5411
- 3. Email: 1352@alert1.us
- 4. Web: http://1352.alert1.us

Easily report tips on

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bullying, harassment, drugs, vandalism or any safety issue you are concerned about. You can submit a tip anonymously online or by telephone. More information, including the *SafeSchools Alert* Terms of Use and Privacy Policy, is available online at

http://1352.alert1.us. Thanks for helping to make our school community a safer place to work and learn! We appreciate your support.

Start saving General Mills BoxTops for Education.

JPG is collecting.



Each boxtop is worth 10¢ toward individual classroom goals.

JPG will tract each class' progress on the foyer bulletin board. Students should bring in boxtops the LAST MONDAY of each month.

Lets see how many classes hit reward goals!

Jefferson Parents' Group (JPG) NEWS:

- PLEASE NOTE: February evening meeting date has been changed from 2/13 to Thursday, 2/8 at 6pm.
- JPG Morning Coffee at the Burlington Whidbey Coffee Shop next to Kohl's. Date is Feb. 14 at 10am.
- Watch for information about a family dinner fundraiser at Panda Express on Feb. 14th. JPG will receive a portion of the evening proceeds if you take in the JPG flyer when you order.
- Mark your calendars now for the Dr. Seuss Carnival on Friday, March 2nd. Your assistance is needed! If you are willing to help, please email JPG@mvsd320.org.

FUNDRAISER EVENT

Raise Money for: Jefferson Parent Group



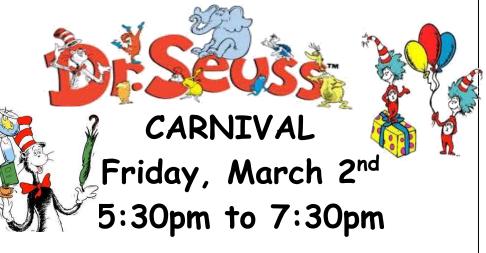
Looking for Winter Activities?

It's worth checking-out local websites for family friendly, low cost, activities to keep children and families occupied during the colder winter months. These are some local sites:

- Theatre Arts: <u>http://bestcommunitytheaters.com/</u> <u>http://www.mcintyrehall.org/</u>
- Washington Outdoors: <u>http://www.wta.org/</u> <u>https://www.wsdot.wa.gov</u>
- Mount Vernon: Parks & Recreation and City Library <u>http://www.mountvernonwa.gov</u>
- Anacortes: <u>http://www.cityofanacortes.org</u> (click on 'Table of Contents' top/right).
- Skagit County Parks and Recreation: http://www.skagitcounty.net
- Burlington: <u>http://burlingtonwa.gov</u>
- LaConner: <u>http://www.lovelaconner.com</u>
- Skagit YMCA: http://www.skagitymca.org/

We are fortunate to have numerous municipalities in the valley and a variety of eco-systems accessible in our region.





This is a JPG sponsored Family Evening. Please contact the parents' group at JPG@mvsd320.org if you are willing to help with this event.

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