



# Jefferson Journal



Jefferson Elementary School Newsletter

MARCH 2018

## CALENDAR

2/26 – 3/2... Dr. Seuss Week – Read Across America

2... **EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:00pm**

• Dr. Seuss Carnival 5:30 – 7:30 pm

7... Student Council Meeting 7:45 am

8... JPG meeting – 6:00pm

9... **EARLY DISMISSAL 1:00pm**

11... **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS**

13... **VIP 5<sup>th</sup> grade – 8:05 am cafeteria**

• 2<sup>nd</sup> Cup of Coffee 8:35-9:00am

16... **EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:00pm**

17... St. Patrick's Day

21... Student Council Meeting 7:45 am

21 & 22... 4<sup>th</sup> grades - field trip, Judy Reservoir

23... **EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:00pm**

22 - 29... Book Fair – Before & After school

30... **EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:00pm**

**CONFERENCES - Book Fair: 8:05-8:25am & 1-4pm**

22... Evening Conferences & Book Fair 5 - 8pm

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Greetings Eagle Community,

I recently took a team from Jefferson to a conference on school safety and procedures at the Northwest ESD in Anacortes. Because of what the team learned, we have made some positive changes to enhance students' safety in a variety of situations. Some of these changes have to do with location and some changes have to do with procedures but all of it has to do with the important job of making sure your children are safe every day they come to school. This is a job I take seriously and want you to know we do everything in our power to make sure your children are safe while they are with us.

We are meeting with all parents this month for conferences. Your child's teacher will be in touch with you to find a time that works. While we appreciate you coming to meet face to face, we understand this is not always possible. I would like to offer a phone conference or skype as alternative options to being here. Conferences are our chance to meet with you and discuss your student's growth for the year. This includes behavioral, social and academic abilities that we see at school. It also allows us to discuss our plan to insure your child gains as much growth as possible.

We have received our CEE parent survey data. The information is overwhelmingly positive, however, there are a few areas for which I would like to dig a little deeper. This is a link to the results: <http://www.jefferson.mountvernonschools.org/node/89>.

The area that sticks out is parent engagement and involvement in the school. I would like advice from parents about how to reach parents consistently. If you have ideas please call me or schedule an appointment, I am interested to hear your thoughts.

Thanks for all you do to be a part of the Jefferson Community.

Tim Newall



*Giving Tree Donations*

**MARCH: School Supplies**

Supply Lists are on webpage.

**After School Tennis Program  
for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students**

**Mon. & Wed., March 5 - 28**

**3:00pm - 4:00pm**

**Sponsored by the**

**United States Tennis Association**

Sign up required – only 20 spaces available



**March 2, 2018**

**5:30pm to 7:30pm**

This is a JPG sponsored Family Evening.  
[jpg@mvsd320.org](mailto:jpg@mvsd320.org)

## SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW ...

English Language Proficiency Assessment (E.L.P.A.)

Each year, all students qualifying for the bilingual program, are required to take an annual test assessing their English proficiency. ELPA is the state assessment that evaluates a student's proficiency in 4 areas: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. The students will take this assessment online. There is a practice test that students take, then they take the assessment to 'SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW'.

**Please ensure that your child attends school and arrives on time, well rested, and prepared to do his/her best work on testing days.** The ELPA test will be given on **March 5th and 6th**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Muir at (360) 428-6128.



## 2018 Kindergarten Registration

Parents and guardians are welcome to register a child for 2018 kindergarten at Mount Vernon School District schools. Registration events at each elementary school will be publicized in our April newsletter. School principals and staff will be available at each school registration to provide information and answer questions.

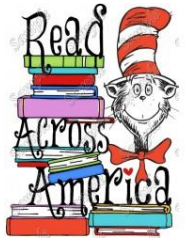


Please bring your child's proof of birth date and immunization records to registration. Proof of birth date must be a state or hospital issued birth certificate or a passport.

**We look forward to meeting our 2018 Kinders!**

## Celebrating READ ACROSS AMERICA Week!

Each year, schools across the country celebrate **READ ACROSS AMERICA** during the first week of March. This week was chosen because the beloved children's author Dr. Seuss was born on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Each day has a different theme. Have FUN!



**Please join us in celebrating Dr. Seuss's work & Read Across America week!**

## Jefferson Parents' Group's SPRING FUND RAISER *Mixed Bag Designs & Kitchen Collection*

Fundraiser catalogs and ordering packets will go home with students on

**March 26–April 9. Final orders need to be returned by APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**The product pick up date will be announced by JPG.**



## COINS COLLECTED for Memorial Elm Trees

JES Student Council selected a community service project assisting MVHS student, Emma Sundance, in raising funds to replace the Memorial Highway Elm Trees on SR536.

The trees, originally planted in memory of WWI veterans along SR 536, were removed as Memorial Highway was developed. Some of the original trees are still standing around the Net Drive-In.

The cost to replace each Elm tree with a plaque is \$300.00. JES Student Council offered to provide rootbeer float parties for the primary and intermediate classes that raised the most money. Our winners are: Primary- Mrs. Anderson's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class and Intermediate – Ms. Flaig's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class.

Jefferson students raised a total of \$1184.55 and Jefferson's Parents' Group donated an additional \$290.45. With these funds (5) trees and (5) plaques can be purchased for this project. GOOD JOB Jefferson students and families!



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

### Family Evening:

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 5:00 - 8:00pm**

### Student hours:

**Before school 8:05 - 8:25am**

**After school until 4:00pm**

## PLEASE WASH & RETURN BORROWED CLOTHING

We had a nice supply of extra sweatpants & shirts for students who need to borrow clothes during the school day. Our supply has dwindled again because borrowed clothes are NOT BEING RETURNED! If your child comes home in borrowed pants or a complete change of clothes – **PLEASE WASH & RETURN asap!!**



***NOTICE: The Mount Vernon School District is reviewing and developing a natural hazards mitigation plan. The plan will summarize natural hazard risks and identify mitigation activities to decrease those risks. As the plan develops opportunity for public comment and input will be scheduled.***

***If you have questions at this time, please contact the Mount Vernon School District at 360-428-6110.***

## CHAPERONES NEEDED!

**Spring field trips:** Teachers will be looking for spring field trip chaperones! The school office has volunteer applications if you are willing to assist. Please submit an application or check on the status of a current application well before the field trip dates. Renew your application if it is 3 or more years old.

**MVSD asks chaperones** to complete a

***Guidelines for Volunteer Field Trip Chaperones*** form before leaving on any school-day field trip. Teachers may send this form home in advance for chaperones to return before the day of the field trip or have the forms ready for chaperones to read and complete on the day of the trip. Either way, staff is required to submit a completed form to the school office for each volunteer chaperoning a field trip **before** leaving the school with students and chaperones.



