



# Jefferson Journal

Jefferson Elementary School Newsletter



NOVEMBER 2018

## CALENDAR

- 2.. **EARLY DISMISSAL** – 1:00pm
- 4.. **Daylight Savings Ends /Fall Back** 1 hour
- 7.. **Student Council Mtg:** 7:45 - 8:20am
- 8.. **Veteran's Day Assembly** – 1:30pm /gym
- 9.. **EARLY DISMISSAL** – 1:00pm
- 11.. **Veterans' Day Holiday**
- 12.. **No SCHOOL**
- 13.. **EARTH RANGERS** Assembly 9 – 10am
- 14.. **2<sup>nd</sup> grade VIP** - 8:05am in cafeteria
- 16.. **EARLY DISMISSAL** – 1:00pm
- 17.. **JPG CRAFT FAIR** 8am- 2pm
- 21.. **EARLY DISMISSAL** – 1:00pm
- 22 & 23.. **Thanksgiving– No SCHOOL**
- 26.. **G.M. Box Tops** due in classrooms
- 30.. **EARLY DISMISSAL** – 1:00pm

\*Watch for **JPG Butterbraid Fundraiser** order forms at the beginning of November.




**Daylight Savings Time Ends:**  
Fall back 1 hour ~ 2:00 A.M.  
**Sunday, Nov. 4**

**Student Council Meetings**

<b>Nov 07</b>	<b>Feb 06 &amp; 20</b>
<b>Dec 05</b>	<b>Mar 06</b>
<b>Jan 09 &amp; 23</b>	<b>Apr 17</b>
<b>May 22</b>	

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)

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Dear Eagle Community,

Thanks for attending conferences in October. Your involvement in your student's education has a great impact on how successful they will be now and into their future. It is easy to shy away from confronting information when your child's schooling is not exactly, as you had dreamed. You need to know we are all on the same team. Having had hundreds of those conversations, I can assure you they are as hard to lead, as they are to receive. We want to do our share to make sure all our students are ready to succeed at the next level. When we share news that is tough to hear it is out of a sense of collaborating with you to get through the difficult parts of learning for the betterment of our students.

One of our goals this year is to see that every student gets what they need to reach their full potential. This includes behavioral, emotional and academic needs. We call this equity. At Jefferson, this may look like extra academic interventions. It could be small group instruction or extra classroom support. It could be lunch with the counselor or an after-school club. It might be extra time with an adult to support them in a number of ways. The bottom line is we support every kid at Jefferson however we can. Your help in keeping us up to date with changes at home goes a long way toward building a partnership between school and home. It also allows us to be on top of issues that matter in a student's life.

Jefferson was third place in our attendance competition with the other elementary schools in Mount Vernon last month. Our average daily attendance was 96.4%. While that may seem like a great number, and it is, it still represents 18 students absent every day. Anything you can do to get your children to school is greatly appreciated. Kids cannot learn what they are not taught.

Have a great November,

Tim Newall



**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.



## 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.

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Registration for the  
**SVH Christmas Fund**  
Monday, November 12  
until December 7, 2018.

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

**Monday–Friday / 1:00–5:00 pm**

Donate online at [gorskagit.com/xmasfund](http://gorskagit.com/xmasfund) or  
mail donations to Skagit Valley Herald  
Christmas Fund, 1215 Anderson Road,  
Mount Vernon, WA 98274. For information,  
call 360-419-7263 or email  
[christmasfund@skagitpublishing.com](mailto:christmasfund@skagitpublishing.com).



Jefferson 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes have attended Mtn. School in the fall for several years at the North Cascade Institute facility. This requires many hasty preparations from teachers, parents and students at the beginning of the school year. However, it is a great experience to build on throughout the year.



## 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



## JES Recognizes Veteran's Day with Assembly – Nov. 8, 2018 ~ 1:30PM

**Wikipedia:** *Veterans Day is an official United States public holiday, observed annually on November 11, that honors military veterans; that is, persons who served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I; major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. The United States previously observed Armistice Day. The U.S. holiday was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.*



This means that **November 11, 2018 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War I.**

## 2018-2019 Student Council Representatives

The 2018-19 Student Council Representatives have been elected to represent 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Mrs. Torseth & Mrs. Lewis-Hart are the school support staff.

3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	5 <sup>th</sup> grade
Amy Jeong	Gene Vail	Kaci Luo
Kurt Pineda	Kaelyn Holden	Rianna Gonzales
Walker Madden	Creslen Santos	Trennan Larsen
Autumn Martin	Gabe Escalera	Tanner Hebel
Gabby Salaz	Jace Swanson	Nathan Apolista
JJ Moreno	Julia Ramon	Lisette Carrera-Lopez
Arriana Vasquez	Kaci Luo	Sadie Jones
Beck Fikkert	Rianna Gonzales	Hunter McCown
		Helaina Madden
		Gavin Zagelow

Elections for Student Council officers will take place at the November 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](http://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.



