



CALENDAR

- 3... **MOD-MONDAY**, Mod Pizza 10:30am-9:00pm
- 5.. **Student Council** – 7:30am
- 7.. **EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:00PM**
- 11.. **WINTER CONCERT** 9:30am & 2pm
- 12.. **VIP Day – 3rd grade** 8:05am in cafeteria
- 13.. **JPG meeting** 6:00pm
> Butterbraid **ORDER PICK-UP** 3p - 7pm
- 14.. **EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:00PM**
- 17.. General Mills **Box Tops** due
- 19 – 1/01/16 ... **WINTER BREAK**

JANUARY 2019

Happy New Year

- 2... **School Resumes**



DECEMBER:
Hats & Mittens



Winter Weather is on the Way!

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

Jefferson's Winter Concert

Tuesday, December 11

1st program: 9:30am

Kdg, 1st, 2nd & band

2nd program: 2:00pm

3rd, 4th, 5th & band



Families are welcome to attend. The programs will be in the school gym.

The Mount Vernon School District does not discriminate in employment, programs, or activities on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability or use of a trained guide dog or service animal by a person with a disability and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. We will take steps to assure that national origin persons who lack English language skills can participate in all education programs, services and activities, including those specific to career and technical education ...
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Dear Parents,

In compliance with the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Jefferson Elementary School would like to inform you that you may request information about the professional qualifications of your student's teacher(s) or instructional paraprofessional(s).

A. The following information may be requested for teacher(s):

1. Whether the teacher has met Washington teacher certification requirements for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status through which Washington qualifications or certification criteria have been waived.
3. The college major and any graduate certification or degree held by a teacher.
4. Whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.

B. The following information may be requested for instructional paraprofessional(s):

Paraprofessionals must work under the supervision of a certified teacher. In schools that operate a schoolwide program, all paraprofessionals must meet professional qualifications. In a Targeted Assistance program, any paraprofessional who is working under the direct supervision of a certificated teacher must meet the professional qualifications.

Paraprofessionals can provide a copy of their high school diploma — transcripts are not necessary. In schools that operate a Title I, Part A program paraprofessionals must have a high school diploma or GED and completed the following:

1. Completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher education; or
2. Obtained an associate's or higher degree; or
3. Pass the ETS Paraprofessional Assessment. The assessment measures skills, and content knowledge related to reading, writing and math;
4. Completed previous apprenticeship requirements and present a journey card or certificate. The portfolio and apprenticeships are no longer offered for enrollment; however, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) will continue to honor this pathway.

If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher's and instructional paraprofessional's qualification, please contact Tim Newall

Sincerely,

Tim Newall, Principal
Jefferson Elementary



Counselor's Corner!

Thank you to all of the presenters at our Career Fair that was held on November 9. We really appreciate the community's involvement. The students and staff learned great information.

Please check out the Jefferson School Counseling website which is linked to the Jefferson site for up to date information on what is happening in classrooms. Enjoy your winter break!

Sincerely,

Heidi Hixson, School Counselor, hhixson@mvsd320.org 360-428-6128





Combining the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology. We call *FIRST Robotics Competition* the ultimate Sport for the Mind. High-school student participants call it "the hardest fun you'll ever have." Mount Vernon High School is hosting a *FIRST Robotics Competition* on **December 8**. Check MVHS website for times.

MOD-MONDAY ~ Dec. 3, ALL DAY!
Plan a family meal from MOD Pizza on **Mon., Dec. 3** and support this JPG Fund Raiser. Take Jefferson's Fund Raiser flier that students bring home into MOD Pizza in Burlington and 20% of your purchase will be donated to Jefferson's Parents' Group fundraiser.

Student Council Officers Elected

At the Nov. 7th Student Council meeting officers were elected for 2018-19.

- President: **Trennan Larsen**
- Vice-President: **Tanner Hebel**
- Secretary: **Lisette Carrera-Lopez**

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.

Cont'd from front page: programming. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the District's Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator, Assistant Superintendent David Anderson, danderson@mvsd320.org or the Section 504/Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, Jean Champagne, Director of Special and Support Services, jchampagne@mvsd320.org, 124 E. Lawrence St., Mount Vernon, WA, (360) 428-6110.

Jefferson Parents' Group (JPG) NEWS

- **JPG Evening Meetings** - 2nd Tuesday of the month at Jefferson, 6:00pm.
- Email address to contact JPG: JPG@mvsd320.org
- **MOD Pizza Night – Mon., December 3** – the Burlington store will donate 20% of your order back to JPG but you **MUST have the flyer** that was sent home or is on the school website to initiate the donation.
- **Next Family Evening** event will be *New Year's Dance* **Friday, January 25**. More details to come.
- **Thank you to everyone who has participated in & helped with our fall Fund Raisers!**



To help engage and create our next generation of park visitors, supporters and advocates, Federal Land Management agencies, launched the **Every Kid in a Park** initiative. The goal is to provide an opportunity for each and every 4th grade student across the country to experience their federal public lands and waters in person throughout the school year.

All 4th grade students at Jefferson were given an *Every Kid in a Park* pass that will all them and their families to visit any and all of the National Park Service parks for FREE from now until August 31, 2019. These passes are being given to 4th grade students though out the country in an effort to get kids out exploring all that the national park systems have to offer. The pass will allow your child, any other children, and up to (3) in your group to enter the national park that charges a fee for FREE.

More information may be found at www.everykidinapark.gov/rules . For more information on National Parks or to *Find Your Park*, check out the National park Service website at www.nps.gov/findapark .

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.

