



## CALENDAR

### EARLY Dismissal FRIDAYS (all) ~ 1:00pm

- 2... Groundhog's Day
- 6... **Student Council Mtg** - 7:30am
- 12... **JPG Meeting** – 6:00 - 7:00pm
- 13... **VIP 4<sup>th</sup> grade** – 8:05am in cafeteria
- 14... **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**
- 18... **No SCHOOL - Presidents' Day**
- 20... **Student Council Mtg** - 7:30am
- 21... 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Field trip: Seattle Art Museum  
**Wietzke / Franklin**
- 28... **Class/Group Photos**  
> 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Field trip: Seattle Art Museum  
**Lavoy / McCandless**



## GOT TALENT Student Talent Show

- 1/29 – 2/1... Sign-up in class
- 2/20 & 21... Auditions 3:00-4:00pm

Students will receive permission slips for their audition date. **SHOW: Fri., Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>**



### Giving Tree Donations

**FEBRUARY: SWEAT PANTS** – sizes 5-14



## WINTER WEATHER

We have had a mild winter compared to some so far this year but it is not over yet. If weather creates hazardous road conditions and transportation issues, the district may impose a **LATE START SCHEDULE** for the day.

### LATE START SCHEDULE – 2 hour delay

- 10:05 am** Arrival (No Breakfast)
- 10:30 am** School Begins
- 3:00 pm** Dismissal

**Check MVSD website for limited bus routes due to road conditions.**

Greetings Eagle Parents,

We received a grant from OSPI to fund a school garden. This is a partnership with Viva Farms, WSU extension office, City of M.V., Skagit Watershed Council and MVSD.



This will include a heated greenhouse, two cisterns, 2 raised beds (9' X 4.5') and two farm bots. The farm bots are robots that plant, water, weed and take care of all the needs of plants. They need to be programed and maintained but essentially it is a way to mechanize farming and we get to experiment with this. Check it out at <https://genesis.farm.bot/docs>.

In addition to the greenhouse we still have six 8' X 8' raised beds outside and another garden area that contains native plants. With all these gardening spots, we have an opportunity for parents interested in gardening to volunteer. If you are interested please contact me at school. Alyssa Willey is the lead for our school gardening projects and I will forward your name to her. Given the number of options available to us I am sure there will be lots of kids involved in gardening reinforcing and expanding our curriculum in all content areas. I am not sure of the exact date all this will appear but I am sure by spring there will be new things appearing at Jefferson.

Our attendance for December followed the same pattern as in years past and we saw a decline in daily attendance. We had an average attendance rate of 91.66%... This actually placed us last compared with other M.V. elementary schools.

Historically for Jefferson, this was a less than 1% decrease from last year. Please do all you can to get our kids here, on time, each and every day. Over the long-run regular attendance has a huge impact on student success at school.

I will see you around the campus and maybe in the garden!

Tim Newall, Jefferson Principal



## Counselor's Corner

The new year is up and going! So much teaching, learning, assessment and social skills are happening.

Attendance is a big focus for the school year. Avoiding absences, tardiness and leaving school early all play a part in your child's success. Students miss learning opportunities even with excused absences.

Truancy court has started sending home letters for families showing the minutes of missed instructional time. This is for all attendance including excused, unexcused, family emergencies, family vacations and doctor appointments.

If there is anything we can do to help have your children at school, all day, every day, please let us know.

Heidi Hixson, Jefferson Counselor, [hhixson@mvsd320.org](mailto:hhixson@mvsd320.org), (360)428-6128

### Reminder for Parents/Guardians

of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to make a doctor appointment for your student's 11 year old health screening.

Health screenings are required for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and the closer to the end of the year, the longer it takes to get into a check-up appointment. It 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**. There is now a tip-line app available in your App Store or Google Play.

### Search for **SafeSchools Alert Mobile App**.

When you first open the app you will be asked for a four-digit code to link to the district. That code is **1352** and the registered name is **Mount Vernon School District**.

The full instructions for downloading and using the SafeSchools Alert Mobile App are on the school website (left column on home page).

Terms of Use & Privacy Policy, are available online at <http://1352.alert1.us>. Thanks for helping to make our school community a safer place to work and learn!



### SAVAGE VISITS 5TH GRADE

Trennan brought his Ball Python in to visit Ms. Egbers 5<sup>th</sup> grade class when they were reading about snakes in Science & Language.

Trennan and his 2<sup>nd</sup> grade brother, Rylan, care for their 5 year old snake, Savage, as a family pet.

### Jefferson Parents' Group (JPG) NEWS:

- JPG meeting: **DATE CHANGE** – Tues., Feb. 12 at 6:00pm
- Mark your calendars now for the **Dr. Seuss BINGO on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** .

**General Mills BoxTops:** We have 508 children at Jefferson, if each child brought in 20 BoxTops, we would hit our goal. We need 10,000 BoxTops to earn \$1000.



January 30 to February 26 will be a class contest for BoxTops. JPG will keep score on the BoxTops bulletin board and the winning class will receive a reward.

The current class-count leaders are Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. McCanna and Mrs. Forslund. The leading grade level classes are Mrs. Garman, Mrs. Revoir, Mrs. McCanna, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Forslund, and Ms. Egbers.

Students may bring in BoxTops at any time but they are collected from classes for counting on the last Monday of each month.

### 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> .

This year we are doing something extra fun to join the celebration of reading! Each day of the week will have a theme to correspond with a Dr. Seuss book title. Students may dress according to each day's theme. Let's be creative and have fun! Don't forget **Dr. Seuss BINGO Friday evening** as well.

DAY	DR. SEUSS BOOK	WHAT TO WEAR
<b>Mon., MARCH 4</b>	<i>The Cat in the Hat</i>	Your favorite hat!
<b>Tues., MARCH 5</b>	<i>Fox in Socks</i>	Crazy or mismatched socks!
<b>Wed., MARCH 6</b>	<i>Wacky Wednesday</i>	Get silly! Wear clothes backwards, inside out, etc.
<b>Thurs., MARCH 7</b>	<i>Oh, the Places You'll Go</i>	Your favorite college shirt!
<b>Fri., MARCH 8</b>	<i>If I Ran the Zoo!</i>	Dress as your favorite Dr. Seuss character!

Please join us in celebrating the works of Dr. Seuss's & Read Across America



# Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

# 5:30pm to 7:30pm

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

## English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA)

Each year, all students qualifying for the bilingual program are required to take an annual test assessing their English proficiency. ELPA21 is the state assessment that evaluates students' proficiency in four areas: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. The students will take this assessment online. Practice sessions will take place to familiarize students with the assessment.

The results of the ELPA21 determine students' level of English proficiency and qualification in the Bilingual program. **Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time, well rested and prepared to do his/her best work on testing days.**

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