







Jefferson Elementary School Newsletter

**MARCH 2019** 

### **CALENDAR**

4-8... Dr. Seuss Week - Read Across America

6... Student Council Meeting 7:45 am

8... TALENT SHOW

**Dr. Seuss BINGO** 5:30 – 7:30 pm

10... DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

11... 3rd Grade classes - Mt. Baker Theatre

12... VIP 5th grade - 8:05 am cafeteria

**14... JPG meeting** – 6:00pm

17... St. Patrick's Day

19... Judy Reservoir FT - Forslund, Bieren

20... First Day of Spring!

21 & 22... Book Fair - Before & After School

21... Family Evening BOOK FAIR 5 - 8pm

25... Box Tops DUE

27... Judy Reservoir FT - Flaig

### **EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAYS**

3/01, 08, 15, 22, 29 ... - 1:00 pm

**CONFERENCES – Book Fair Family Evening:** 

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



Giving Tree Donations

MARCH: School Supplies

Supply Lists are on webpage.



This is a JPG sponsored Family Evening. jpg@mvsd320.org

# **SNOW DAY MAKE-UP**

When school closes for weather related conditions, those days are made-up later in the school year. MVSD closed schools on February 4 and 11 this year due to weather conditions. The Snow Day make-up dates are scheduled for

Monday, June 17 & Tuesday, June 18.

Greetings Eagles,

We have been testing for the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) these past few weeks. While all the English learning students have been taking the ELPA we have had the rest of the students take formative assessments to direct our instruction for the remainder of the year. This information allows us to tailor instruction by grade level before the end of the year to help better prepare students for their next academic level.

At a recent meeting, I asked staff what the students needed in math at this point of the year. Number sense and number fluency were identified as most important. You can help! Number sense is whether numbers make sense in a given situation. You can ask your children questions about math in the real world. Cooking, counting money, figuring out how much paint or fencing to buy or looking at distances do things make sense in a given situation? Talk about situations and figure out what is reasonable and why. Explain how you came to your decisions using math.

Number fluency is facts - (6 X 6) or (3+ 3) sort of a thing - depending on your child's level and grade. Quiz your kids when you are driving, at dinner or just hanging out. Make it a part of your time together. Your children will benefit from the attention from you and the additional informal work in math.

Our garden greenhouse is moving along. We do need to raise money to help with the purchase of the items not covered in the grant. We have been asking area businesses for support and are receiving donations of goods and money. I

will get a list out as it becomes populated.

If you would like to support our gardening work we can use volunteers as well as monetary donations, which are all tax deductible! If you wish to support the garden project, please contact Alyssa Klier, Chad Norman, Roberta Carlson or me. We are looking forward to having a year round way to support growing and learning at Jefferson.

See you around the campus,

Tim Newall





**Multi-Cultural Night** at Jefferson provided guests with dinner, a Mariachi band, student displays and décor.

# 2019 Kindergarten Registration

Parents and guardians are welcome to register a child for 2019 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 2019 Kinders!

THANK YOU to one of Jefferson's neighbors for a generous gift of funds to our school lunch program. What a kind & welcome surprise!



# SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

Family Evening: Student Hours: 3/21 ... 5 - 8:00pm 8:05 - 8:25am After school to 4:00pm



# J.C.S. TALCHT SHOW Friday, March 8th

This performance is for the student body. Additional audience space will be very limited. We ask that you call the office in advance if you need to attend.

## 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! [See February JJ on JES website for Dr. Seuss week dress-up schedule.]

## You are invited to check-out the Little Free Library at J.E.S.

We are excited to be the stewards for the Jefferson Elementary Little Free Library, # 84010, on behalf of our students and our community! The way it works is simple:

- We initially stock the LFL with a variety of good quality books that we hope will interest our students
- Students and families stop by and take whatever catches their fancy
- Students and families return and bring books to contribute
- ➤ LFL books are always a gift never for sale!

Little Free Library is a movement started by **Todd Bol of Hudson** and **Rick Brooks of Madison** in 2010, and has grown to include little libraries in most states and dozens of **Countries**.



## PLEASE WASH & RETURN BORRWED 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!!** 



### **CHAPPERONES NEEDED!**

**Spring field trips:** Teachers will soon be looking for field trip chaperones! The school office has volunteer applications if you are willing to assist, they are also available on the school website. Please submit an application or check on the status of a current application well before the field trip date. MVSD volunteer applications need to be renewed every three years.



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.