



## Jefferson Elementary School Newsletter

OCTOBER 2019

### CALENDAR

Sep'30- Oct'4 Mtn School 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes

02... Health Screening Kdg – 3<sup>rd</sup>

04... SPIRIT WEAR sales – before school  
> P/T Conferences Oct. FRIDAYS after 1pm

08... JPG Meeting – 5:00 PM

15-17... Book Fair: Before & After School

17...KDG Parents: Pre-Conference mtg. 5-6 pm

> Book Fair FAMILY NIGHT: 5:00 – 8:00 pm

> Evening Conferences: 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 pm

18... SPIRIT WEAR sales – before school

25 JPG Costume CARNIVAL – 5:00 - 7:00pm

29... Student Picture RE-TAKES

Nov. 4 ..Parent Academy, MVHS 6-8pm

### ALL FRIDAYS - Early Dismissal

Start: 8:30 AM Dismissal: 1:00 PM

**Every** Friday that school is in session, MVSD elementary students are dismissed 2 hours early. Lunch is served before dismissal. ALL bus routes remain the same just earlier.

NEW OCTOBER LUNCH & BREAKFAST  
MENUS ARE ON J.E.S. WEBSITE:

<http://jefferson.mountvernonschools.org/>

## Jefferson Elementary School Student/Parent HANDBOOK

Is on the school website with other resources.

<http://jefferson.mountvernonschools.org/>



Sweat Pants

(All sizes)

3<sup>rd</sup> grade sponsor



**PLEASE READ:  
IMPORTANT  
MESSAGE**

According to State Law, **Oct. 31, 2019** is the last day that students out of compliance with immunizations are allowed to attend school this year. If you have not ensured that your child's immunizations are up to date, please do so immediately.

Greetings Eagle Community,

It has been great getting to know all the new faces and reconnecting with students we have known for years. It has also been a pleasure to get to know our new families at Jefferson. We are all learning new ways of doing things and this takes time. So please bear with us as we teach kids and parents the "Jefferson Way".

Conferences are coming up in the month of October. We have Friday afternoons scheduled for conferencing. During conferences, we will discuss goals for the year as well as what we have observed in the short time your kids have been in school. To prepare for a conference, think of what you want to know about your student at school. Some starting questions could be "How does my child get along with other students in class? Do they interact appropriately with others in unstructured settings? What is my child's current level of academics? What do you see as reasonable goals for my student this year? What can we do as a family to help support our student at home and create a partnership with the school?" Of course, you may have other questions too that will help start this conversation.

The greenhouse is finally becoming a reality! The builder, David Gilmore, is progressing towards completion and knows we are excited to put it into use during the winter months. The greenhouse will provide opportunities for projects involving all curricular areas, please watch for winter gardening ideas to share!

Thanks for all you do to support your students and make connections at Jefferson. Together we make a great team that encourages each student to become the best learner they can be.

Sincerely,

Tim Newall,

Principal Jefferson Elementary School



## IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

School attendance is a primary focus for Mount Vernon School District. The district's goal is a 100% graduation rate. Classes at Jefferson begin at 8:30 a.m.

### THREE WAYS TO REPORT A STUDENT'S ABSENCE:

- 1) Give the school office a **signed & dated note** with planned absence dates. Information needed on note: **Student's Full Name, Teacher/Grade, Reason for Absence, Dates of Absence and Parent/Guardian Signature.**
- 2) **Call the school office**, (360) 428-6128, the day of absence and send a **signed & dated note** to the office with dates of absence when student returns.
- 3) A parent/guardian may **email Jefferson Attendance** by going to Jefferson's website: <http://www.jefferson.mountvernonschools.org>. On the Home page of the website, scroll down to **SCHOOL LINKS** and click on **Report Student Attendance**, this will open an online absence report form.

**Please DO NOT email teachers with attendance information.**

If a student's absence is not reported to the school office by 10:00 am on the day of absence an automated call will go out to parent/guardian.

## Evening Community Support Centers



Centers are open. MVSD students are welcome **Monday - Thursday**. Tutors, computers and Wi-Fi are available to help students with homework, projects and other academic needs.

- ☺ **Kulshan Creek Station (Blue House)**  
Intersection of N. 26 St. & Kulshan Ave.  
4:30pm to 6:30pm

## Counselor's Corner!

Hello, Jefferson Parents & Guardians;

It's so exciting to have the school year underway. We are enjoying seeing students learning, making friends and being part of the Jefferson community. The Mount Vernon School District has a goal of 100% graduation. In order to do that, students need to be at school every day. There are some changes to the school's processing of tardies and excusing absences even from parents. Establishing the habit of coming to school impacts your children academically, socially and emotionally. Thank you! **Heidi Hixson, Counselor** [hhixson@mvsd320.org](mailto:hhixson@mvsd320.org) 428-6128 ext. 22005

**NOTE:** The J.E.S. **STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK** as well as a link to **COUNSELING** is on the school website Home Page, left column: [www.jefferson.mountvernonschools.org](http://www.jefferson.mountvernonschools.org)



## MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

Jefferson Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade students had the opportunity to go to Mountain School again this year in early October.

From North Cascade Institute website:  
*Mountain School is a nationally recognized environmental education program offered by North Cascades Institute in cooperation with North Cascades National Park. Mountain School students come to the North Cascades with their school class, teacher & chaperones to learn about the ecosystems, geology and natural and cultural history of the mountains. Mountain School gives young people an experience they will remember forever.*



## GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS

JPG is collecting *GM Box Tops for Education* again this year. There may be some collection methods changing sometime soon but for now, Box Tops will be collected in classrooms.



## READING SUPPORT

There will be staff in Jefferson's cafeteria before school, 8:15 – 8:25 am, to read with students.



## KEEP SCHOOLS SAFE

Report an incident of bullying, harassment, vandalism, guns, weapons, or safety issues.

Report via text.  
Report via web.  
Report via email.  
Report via phone.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

**Wed., Oct. 16 ~ Thurs., Oct. 17 ~ Fri., Oct. 18**

BEFORE SCHOOL W/Th/F: 8:05 - 8:25 AM

AFTER SCHOOL W/Th: 3:00 - 4:00 PM

**Family Evening – Thursday, 5:00 to 8:00pm**

Link to Online Shopping Site:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/jeffersonelementaryschool132>

Come to Our  
**BOOK FAIR!**

SCHOLASTIC

JPG Family Evening

## COSTUME CARNIVAL

Ticket sales start at 4:30 pm.

Friday, October 25 ~ 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

COME OUT FOR A TERRIFIC EVENING OF FAMILY FUN!



**GAMES**

**FOOD**

**LOTS of FUN!**