



Jefferson Journal

Jefferson Elementary School Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2019

CALENDAR

- 3.. Daylight Savings Ends /Fall Back 1 hour
- 6.. 2nd grade VIP - 8:05am in cafeteria
- 8.. Veteran's Day Assembly – 9:00am/gym
- 11... Veterans' Day Holiday
- 12.. JPG meeting 5:00pm
- 28 & 29.. Thanksgiving– No SCHOOL
- ALL FRIDAY'S 1:00pm EARLY DISMISSAL
- DECEMBER DATES:
- 9... Hi-Cap Night
- 17... Winter Program: Performance times
 - 9:30am: Kdg – 2nd grades
 - 2:00pm: 3rd – 5th grades

Winter BREAK: Dec. 23 – Jan. 03



Daylight Savings Time Ends:
Fall back 1 hour ~ 2:00 A.M.
Sunday, Nov. 3

2019 PARENT ACADEMY

Monday, 11/4 ... Resource Fair, in MVHS cafeteria 6-8 pm.

Classes: Week of Nov. 12 – Dec 11
English / Spanish / Russian / Mixteco

Parent Academy classes provide information on Academic Standards, Grades/Credits, Attendance, Discipline, School Expectations, Growth Mindset, How to Help Your Child Succeed, Graduation & Getting Ready for College.

For more information or to register, call Maria Valerio at (360) 428-6128.



Giving Tree Donations
NOVEMBER: FOOD
(Non-Perishable)

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 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,

Dear Eagle Community,

It was pleasure seeing so many of you at conferences. By collaborating with each other, we give our kids their very best chance of success in school. This joint effort should not change as the school years go by. Of course, if there are concerns that arise as the year goes on please do not hesitate to contact the teacher me. If you notice things are going well, give a shout out to the teacher. A positive word or note goes a long way and a kind word is always timely.

Every year we ask parents to take a survey from the Center for Educational Excellence (CEE) to get your perception about the work we do. While I know many of you are new to Jefferson, your insight into how we operate is important to us. The survey may be accessed at <https://www.research.net/r/mountvernon-parent>. The survey closes on November 15, 2019. If you have not had a chance to take the survey, please do, your opinion is valued. We review this information as a staff and adjust our school improvement plan according to the data gathered from the survey. Fourth and fifth grade students will be completing the student survey in the next couple of weeks.

We are continuing to teach rules and procedures. We understand this will be a long process; many of our kids have patterns engrained into their behaviors from other schools. We are working on what it means to act like a 'Jefferson Eagle'. When I was at Mount Baker Middle School, I could always tell which kids came from Jefferson because they were well mannered and prepared for school. This is our goal for all of our students.

Have a great November. Enjoy your time with family and as always, I'll see you around the campus.

Tim Newall

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Happy Thanksgiving

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 11
until December 6, 2019.

(360) 419-7182 • English

(360) 419-7184 • español

Monday–Friday / 1:00–5:00 pm

Donate online at 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.

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

What is Bullying?

Verbal	Physical	Mental
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name calling (put-downs) • Gossiping (spreading rumors) • Threatening • Making fun of others: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teasing ○ Mocking ○ Gesturing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hitting • Punching • Pushing • Tripping • Damaging Property • Stealing • Intimidation with physical gesturing • Manipulation of belongings or person to invite others to humiliate or cause physical harm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusion • Spreading rumors • Cyber bullying <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facebook .. Twitter ○ Texting Phone ○ Instagram .. YouTube ○ Photos • Ignoring • Relational Aggression

Differences between Problems

Bugging	Conflict
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nobody is getting hurt • Not always happening on purpose • Annoying or bothersome action • Not personal at one student (whole class also experiences it once in a while) • You are taking steps to avoid this person due to frustration, however not long term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nobody is having fun • There is a possible solution to the disagreement • Equal balance of power • Can happen over and over again • Can have the same people involved • You are taking steps to avoid this person due to anger, not long term
Mean Moment	Bullying
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happening on purpose (fun is one-sided) • In response to a strong feeling or emotion • Isolated event (no pattern of behavior) • Different people are involved • You are taking steps to avoid this person due to anger or mistrust, not long term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happening on purpose (fun is one-sided) • Happening over and over again • Same people are involved • You were hurt (body or feelings) • Unequal balance of power • You are taking steps to avoid this person due to fear long term

CEE Parent/Surveys are available on the school website in English, Spanish and Russian. We appreciate your feedback. <http://jefferson.mountvernon.schools.org/node/282>



It is the wet time of year! ... and this fall has been especially rainy. There is a lot of soggy ground and standing water on the play areas. Students come in regularly with wet clothes and shoes. Our supply of dry clothing to lend out is very limited so we are encouraging parents to pack a change of clothes in your student's backpack for playground emergencies!

If you have spare sweatpants/shirts and socks, we are happy to receive these items to loan out as well. It is hard for kids to concentrate if they are wet & cold

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.mountvernon.schools.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.



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