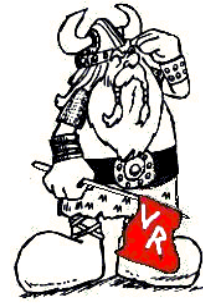


The Viking Voice

View Ridge PTA 7.3.50

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Who are we?

What "makes" our school? What do WE want for our kids when they are sent to a building nestled into a neighborhood for six and a half hours a day, 180 days of the year? Is what we want something that we should want? How do we know? How can we know?

Truth is, we won't always agree 100% of the time on what is best for kids--but yet we still do the best we can. When kids are in school, we are raising them together and because they present their whole selves to us, with all their young and developing knowledge, skills, emotions, and behaviors, we do the best we can in the moments we have them to guide, nurture, and teach them toward lives worth living.

The sad news from Marysville-Pilchuck only serves to highlight the fact that our work at raising kids will never be complete; it will always be fret with worry and uncertainty; bad things will always happen--despite a community's best efforts at prevention, proactive intervention, and safety, pain and suffering is inevitable. But this is not to mean we let those thoughts and feelings dominate our thinking or our world view. Instead, we strive to create a place in which school can be the best part of each child's day, every day they show up. It's not always easy to do but yet it can sometimes be as easy as a smile, a hug, or a fist bump!

Having served as the proud principal of View Ridge over the past 9 years, I can say this with certainty: we as a staff can never go wrong when students and their families feel that we care deeply for them--that we love them. For more than anything else, more than reading and math scores, more than curriculum and assessments, more than teaching strategies and school expectations and graduation rates, the thing that matters most is the human connection we make through relationships that truly make a difference. We're not always perfect at this because we are human and learners too. But, if I read our community correctly, I see this as a fundamental value that is almost universal. And it is why most View Ridge families, the overwhelming majority, truly love their school.

It is ONLY through relationships built on trust, safety, warmth, and love that can help our kids navigate through the unexpected and sometimes tragic events in our lives. Deep relationship fosters resiliency, and in the face of adversity, it is the resilient who



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear View Ridge Families and Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are already this far into the school year! Many exciting things are taking place at View Ridge and it is a great place to be!

I would like to thank our Room Parent Coordinator, Michelle Hartley, for hosting the Room Parent meeting in early October. Our Room Parents play a very important role in the classroom celebrations throughout the year.

We just wrapped up our Annual PTA Walk a Thon Fundraiser. A huge thank you to our PTA Co-Vice Presidents, Carrie Ellis and Jennifer Campbell, for their hard work in coordinating this highly successful event. Also, thanks to Amy Duffy, who was a huge help in prize delivery and handling the t shirt order. We would like to thank the following sponsors who supported our Walk a Thon: Screen Print NW; Growing with love Preschool and Childcare; Rockin' M BBQ; Erickson Furniture; Rental Properties NW; Dairy Queen- Evergreen Way; Evergreen Lanes; Coldwell Banker-Heather Burke, Realtor; Chalkboard House; Schmidt Family Chiropractic; Los Potrillos; Navi's Personal Chef; Soccer West; North Everett Little League; View Ridge Elementary Staff; Skate Deck; Corvus Construction; Hyrology Stand Up Paddle; Schmidt Advanced Dentistry; The Lenseigne Family. Our Walk a Thon helps us to sponsor many events throughout the school year, fund field trips & assemblies, provide teacher and classroom grants and so many more great things.

Kari Woodard has been working hard inputting PTA Membership forms. If you haven't yet joined our PTA, we welcome and encourage you to do so. You don't have to come to our monthly meetings (however we would love to have you) or volunteer if you don't want to, but it is a great way to show your support of our mission and stay informed of the activities we have happening throughout the year. Thank you, Kari, for your service!

Our Fall Book Fair just finished. Thank you to Leslee Hammer for once again organizing a fantastic team of volunteers and making sure the Book Fair went smoothly. We

Principal's message continued...

can take any life event, good or bad, and weave it into a life's tapestry of growth and meaning. When guided through even tragic events by loving, wise, and caring mentors in their lives, kids will learn, they will bounce back, they will endure--and they will do quite well. When you really think about it, this is the only way to be with our children. After all, the alternative is not acceptable.

In loving memory of the students and families impacted by the tragedy at Marysville-Pilchuck High School (in other words, us all),

Mr. L
Proud Principal

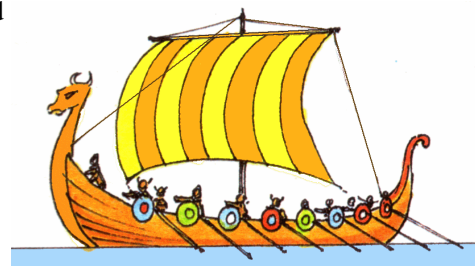
Post Script: I was fortunate to attend an event in Vancouver BC a few weeks ago that centered on the provincial commitment and effort being made by our neighbors to the north at raising kids with these social/emotional principles firmly a part of their school curriculum. Please visit my principal's blog linked to our school website for more information about their work!

President's message continued...

could not do events like these without the help of many volunteers and also our dedicated librarian, Kari Eggink.

Please plan to join us at our next PTA meeting. It will be held on November 13, 2014 at 7pm in the View Ridge Library. We will be reviewing Grant Requests and making decisions on how to spend PTA funds. As always, childcare is provided for View Ridge students.

Happy Fall!
Nancy Gilmore
PTA President



Watch DOGS In the House!



On Oct. 23, we had an AMAZING turnout of Dads of Great Students at our WatchDOGS Pizza Kickoff Event! We thank each and every dad, grandpa, uncle, or male friend (the DOGS!) who showed up--showed up to make a commitment to be a presence for their child at school during the year. WatchDOG dads need to complete an orientation AND be a registered volunteer with our school district before they can serve as a WatchDOG at school. If you missed the kickoff event and would still like to be a WatchDOG, please call us--we'll get you in touch with our school co-facilitator Angie James or our TopDOG Cris Larson to guide you through the process!



View Ridge Winter Music Program
Tuesday, December 2, 2014
7:00-8:00 p.m.
Everett Civic Auditorium

Art Docent Training: Artists Children Should Know

Attention Art Docents and View Ridge Teachers. Training will be held at the Schack Art Center on November 22nd from 8:45 am - 12:15 pm. Docents and Teachers please RSVP as soon as possible to Brandi Leathers (Art Docent Coordinator) at lbleathers@comcast.net



The Lost and Found rack is rather full and we want to get these things reunited with you! Please help us in the future by printing your students information in coats, lunch boxes, hats, etc. Stop by the lost and found rack or email Becky Wright at camandbeck@hotmail.com and she can try to help you!

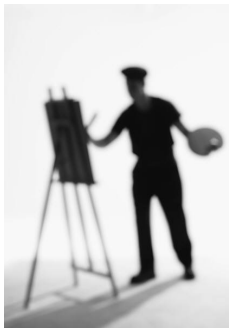
Learning Assistance Program Services:

Students at View Ridge Elementary school benefit from support through the Learning Assistance Program (LAP). The LAP program is designed to provide supplemental support to students who are identified as in need of additional assistance to meet Common Core state reading and math standards.

Your child may receive support through LAP throughout the year. We are continually monitoring our students' progress. If we identify that your child needs additional assistance with a skill or a concept, our reading specialists and highly skilled paraeducators may work with your child in his or her classroom following the teacher's instruction. Or your child might be pulled out of the classroom into a small group for a few minutes of review. LAP support is always a second dose of instruction in addition to what occurs in your child's classroom. The students receiving support vary from day to day depending upon what skill is being taught.

Please don't hesitate to talk to your child's teacher if you have concerns about your child's learning or questions about instruction. More information can be found on our District's website by navigating to this link: <http://www.everettsd.org/Page/17415>

EXPLORE THE ARTS!



Participate in PTA Reflections Art Program. Students reflect on the theme, create an original artwork and will be recognized. The 2014-2015 theme is "The world would be a better place if..." The deadline for entries is Friday, November 14, 2014 and can be turned into the office. View Ridge students are encouraged to complete and submit an original piece of art that reflects this year's theme. It can be created at home, in class or in a art workshop. However it is important that entries are original work and inspired by students personal interpretation of the theme. Entry forms can be found in the school office along with rules and regulations. If you have any questions contact Brandi Leathers at lbleathers@comcast.net or Michelle Hartley at danger_72@hotmail.com

Our annual walkathon was on the 23rd of October and it was a lot of fun! We want to thank the sponsors for making students in our school important. Thank you to the volunteers who organized, set up, cheered on, cleaned up and supported the event. I also want to thank anyone who made a donation to one of our students - your donation will fund many great events this school year.

THANK YOU!
Jen Campbell

Thank You!

Want an easy way that you can help? Here it is!

The Art Docent program needs some EASY supplies that anyone can bring in. We need the following items...

- ** Newspaper
- ** Cool Whip containers w/lids
- ** Cardboard type Egg cartons
- ** Yogurt Cups
- ** Paper towel rolls
- ** Frozen meal trays (Small)

There will be a box in the office for the month of November for collecting these. If you have questions please contact Brandi Leathers at lbleathers@comcast.net



Holiday store wrapping!

We have a bunch of presents to wrap and we could use your help. We will be collecting Gift Tags, Gift bags, Tape dispensers, tape refills, gift wrap, ribbons and bows.



It's time to start bringing in your donations for our Holiday Store. Every child at View Ridge will be able to shop for their immediate family members living with them for just \$1.00. Our store depends on donations from families, so we need your help.

Starting Monday, November 3rd please drop off your new or gently used items to the office or in the morning before school in the drop off area. Suggested items would be toys, games, sports items, books, home décor, puzzles, holiday items or other treasures you find. We need items for babies, kids, teens, women and men. No clothing items please! If you have questions please call Amy Duffy at 425-508-0365.

UPcoming EVENTS

November 7 75 minutes early release
November 11 Veterans Day - No School



November 13 PTA MEETING
November 14 75 minute early release
November 21 75 minute early release
November 26 Early release for Thanksgiving break
November 27-28 Thanksgiving break



December 2 Winter Musical Program
December 5 75 minutes early release
December 12 75 minutes early release
December 12 Holiday Store
December 19 75 minutes early release
December 22-Jan. 2 Winter break

Winter Break



THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO LEAD THESE EVENTS. THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR THOSE THAT WANT TO HELP. FILL A BLANK OR SIGN UP TO HELP WITH AN UPCOMING EVENT.

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~ Box Tops	Renee Olson	
~ Escip	Becky Peterson	
~ Labels for Education	Kari Eggink	keggink@everettsd.org
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Hospitality		** COULD BE YOU **
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Teacher Representatives	Kari Eggink	keggink@everettsd.org
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Yearbook	Marie Jackson	anatel1969@comcast.net

District News

Remember to vote Nov. 4, 2014.

Accepting Highly Capable nominations from Oct. 27 until Dec. 1, 2014

Find forms and more information on the [Highly Capable website](#). Nominations are for winter testing, which will take place in January 2015.

Understanding your student's growth percentiles

Students in grades 4 through 10 who have taken at least two years of state assessments will receive an individual growth report. Watch this 10 minute video to interpret your child's Student Growth Percentile Report. <https://vimeo.com/109261893>

Free research-based tools to help stop bullying

The National Association of School Psychologists has a concise, well-documented resource, *A Framework for School-Wide Bullying Prevention and Safety*: www.nasponline.org/resources/bullying/Bullying_Brief_12.pdf

Stopbullying.gov has lots of bullying prevention information and strategies. There are training modules, PowerPoints, toolkits, videos, resources, state-by-state laws and policies, suggestions about how to talk about bullying with your kids and much more.

Delayed start or closed schools

If we have to cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning after 5:45 a.m. with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media and post the message on our website. **If there is no announcement about Everett Schools, school is on the regular schedule.**

To see more information about preparing and resources for school closures or delays, see the district website under the *Parents* tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please listen for media announcements, view the district's website at www.everettsd.org; or call our district information line 425-385-4636.

Parent communication system messages

Did you miss the last recorded call from us? If you would like to hear the most recent recorded calls made to your home phone, dial 1-877-737-5291 (1-877-REPLAY1) from the phone on which you receive your calls. You will hear a list of the most recent recorded messages sent to your home; select the message that you would like to hear.

Did you miss a call from us?

If missed a call from your school, please check your voice mail or your email for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all of the calls.

Website = tools for you

The website has tools to make your life easier. Sign in to: Customize a personal profile in *MyView*

- Add your student's school and teachers' calendars to your calendar view
- Filter calendar items by category
- Export calendar items to your personal calendar
- Access *Grades & More*, lunch menus and staff contact information from the home page

Find directions and maps to event locations listed on the calendar. If you are a parent or guardian authorized to have Web access to your student's records, you can sign in to the website using the same login and password you use for online grades to customize *MyView*. Need a login or not sure if you have access? Contact LMS@everettsd.org for help.

Student opportunities and activities on the Web

We post approved fliers from community organizations on the district website. From the *Parents* tab on the home page, select [Student Opportunities](#) to view the fliers listed by category. If you do not have internet access, copies are available in the school office.

Electronic fliers extend the time community information is available, reduce paper waste, printing costs for organizations and the sorting and distribution work done in schools.

Everett Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are: **Affirmative Action Office** – Carol Stolz, cstolz@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106 **Title IX Officer** – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104 **504 Coordinator** – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063 **ADA Coordinator** – Kristine McDowell, kmcdowell@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250
Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201

·VIEW RIDGE ELEMENTARY PTA·

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS YEAR A SUCCESS FOR EVERY VIEW RIDGE STUDENT!

- The View Ridge PTA coordinates volunteer efforts and raises funds for school activities and programs that enrich the educational and social experiences of all View Ridge students.
- **These activities and programs would not be possible without the support of our volunteers!**
- There are volunteer opportunities to fit everyone's schedule and even ways to help from home.
- If you have any questions, please contact any PTA representative or write a note on the back of this form.
- Several of the volunteer opportunities below require a current volunteer application to be on file with the Everett School District. To apply online or check your status, go to <https://jobs2.everett.k12.wa.us/winocular/volunteer/>. It is a quick and simple process! Once approved, applications are valid for three years.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME AND TALENT TO BENEFIT ALL OF OUR STUDENTS!

·VOLUNTEER INFO·

NAME(S) _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

STUDENT & TEACHER'S

NAMES: _____

I would like to help in the following areas:

Please send in completed form with your student or directly to the View Ridge office at your earliest convenience.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES	ONE TIME OPPORTUNITIES
<input type="checkbox"/> Help in the school library <input type="checkbox"/> Serve popcorn to students on Popcorn Fridays <input type="checkbox"/> Help plan and set up after school programs for students <input type="checkbox"/> Help plan and assist with wellness-related activities and events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Family Fit Night <input type="checkbox"/> School Garden <input type="checkbox"/> Be a classroom Art Docent or assist with art lessons <input type="checkbox"/> Serve as a Legislative Representative for the PTA <input type="checkbox"/> Be on a general volunteer list to help as needed	<input type="checkbox"/> Bake or buy cookies for Fall or Spring conference week <input type="checkbox"/> Assist on picture day or during vision/hearing screening <input type="checkbox"/> Work a shift at the Fall or Spring Book Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Help plan or staff a school-wide Walkathon <input type="checkbox"/> Help plan or staff a school-wide Family Movie Night <input type="checkbox"/> Plan or assist with the Dads morning event <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Reflections Art Program and/or workshops <input type="checkbox"/> Shop for or sort gifts for the Holiday Store <input type="checkbox"/> Help set up or tear down the Holiday Store <input type="checkbox"/> Wrap gifts on the day of the Holiday Store <input type="checkbox"/> Plan or assist with Special Guest Day <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with the used Book Exchange night <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on the first financial review/audit committee <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with the Aquasox Home Run for Reading program <input type="checkbox"/> Plan or assist with Staff Appreciation Events <input type="checkbox"/> Plan or assist with the Moms morning event <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on the planning committee for the School Carnival <input type="checkbox"/> Set up or clean up the day of the Carnival <input type="checkbox"/> Set up or take down the Buy One-Get One Book Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on the 5 th Grade Bridging ceremony committee
<p style="text-align: center;">AT HOME OPPORTUNITIES</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Edit or contribute to the monthly school newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Develop and/or support the PTA website <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with compiling the student directory <input type="checkbox"/> Contribute to the school yearbook <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with community grant writing or fundraising <input type="checkbox"/> Trim and count box tops to earn cash for our school	