

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Hello, View Ridge Viking Families!

It has been a great start to the 2016-2017 school year—packed with learning, fun, and fresh experiences. I have enjoyed welcoming our new families and staff into our community. While this is my first year as Principal here at View Ridge, I am lucky to know many of you. For those of you who don't know me, please say hello next time you're on campus or at one of our incredible PTA-sponsored events. I was the reading specialist at View Ridge from 2014-2016, and now I am so proud to be Principal!

The first month of school came and went so quickly, with some familiar practices and traditions, as well as some new practices. Our Open House the day before school brought in many students and their families to meet and greet our teachers and find out more information about how to get involved in our school and PTA. We've had several spirit days including Crazy Hair Day, Blue Fridays/Viking Fridays, and our first annual Back to School BBQ was a hit! We have also implemented school systems to keep our students safer and

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A Word from Your PTA Presidents...

Welcome back View Ridge Vikings! We cannot believe a month has already passed. Hopefully most of you were able to make our first ever Back to School Barbecue. We had a great turn out and hope to make this a new View Ridge tradition. Amanda and I were told that every PTA should have a goal for the year. Because we like a challenge, we have decided to focus on two new goals for this year's PTA. We plan to build a better sense of community, and we plan for the PTA to go green.

Regarding building a better community, our children go to school together but outside of that, we really don't know each other. We are looking for ways to build on this connection. The Back to School Barbecue was the PTA's first effort to strengthen that sense of community. We are bringing back Dad's and Donuts in October, and Mom's and Muffins in May and keeping the Family Dance on the calendar for later in the school year. Also the Carnival in June

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Getting to Know Me - Valerie Yob

Hello Viking students and families!

This is Valerie Yob, your new Assistant Principal for the 2016-2017 school year. I am so excited to have the opportunity to serve your community and am looking forward to getting to know you all!

I grew up in Southern California and at 17, I got the chance to live in Chile for 1 year as an exchange student. There, I learned Spanish and found a host

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Popcorn Friday

October 7

Free Family Movie Night

Friday, October 7

Get your spook on with Hotel Transylvania 2! Cafeteria opens at 6 pm. Movie begins at 7 pm. Concession sales benefit 5th Grade Camp.

School Picture Day

Wednesday, October 12

Get all spruced up and say cheese.

Book Fair!

October 24-28 Mon-Fri during Parent Teacher Conferences

Dads and Doughnuts

Thursday, October 27

Calling all dads! Come join us this morning for some yummy coffee and doughnuts.

Storybook Character Day

Monday, October 31

Come to school dressed as your favorite storybook character.

Looking Ahead:

Winter Music Program

Tuesday, December 6th
7:00-8:00 p.m.

First Grade Musical

Thursday, March 23th
7:00-7:30 p.m.

Third Grade Musical

Thursday, April 27th
7:00-7:40 p.m.

Fifth Grade Musical

Monday, May 15th
7:00-7:45 p.m.

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more comfortable. This includes our new arrival and dismissal procedures. By moving our primary morning line-up from outside to inside the school, along their classroom hallways, all of our students can be better supervised and stay dry! This gives our intermediate students more space to line up under the covered area outside. At dismissal, all students are being led to their pick-up destination by our staff, in order to ensure all students get to where they need to be in a timely and safe manner. At our lunches, students are spending about half of their lunchtime listening to stories, celebrations, and announcements. This “food focus” time ensures that students are concentrating on getting the nutrients they need to be successful learners (eating more of their lunch) as well as avoiding lunchroom disagreements or conflict. I just love being able to spend time getting to know your students in the lunch room each day, and enjoying a little bit of reading with them. If you have a favorite story (or maybe even a favorite song or guitar solo) that you’d like to share with our Vikings, I encourage you to let me know so we can have you as a guest during our lunches!

I know October will bring even more excitement and opportunity for our students and the school community. When working with staff this summer, I shared that one of our main focuses would be to develop even stronger partnerships with our families and the community. Without a doubt, a student’s success begins at home—through a family’s modeling and nurturing of their children. In order to keep View Ridge the robust school it is, I believe it is essential to have a strong community partnership. This doesn’t necessarily mean volunteering during the school day, although that is one big way to support our students. Partnership is also maintaining strong communication, reinforcing values, and taking care of the hearts and minds of our children. Our partnership together, for our students, is one of the strengths of View Ridge already, and one I hope will continue to grow. I look forward to working with you all more this year—and bringing your talents and skills to our students in an innovative and authentic capacity.

Let’s have a great year!

Tina Farias, Principal

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and several other events throughout the year are more ways for you and your family to get to know your View Ridge Community. One of the ways you can help is by joining the PTA. The questions that I am asked the most is why should I join the PTA and what do they do for me. We have a very active PTA (Parent-Teacher Association). The PTA supports the school administration in several ways. When you fill out the parent volunteer form, you give us a group of volunteers to call on to help in the classroom, go on field trips, help with the Art Docent Program, read for Boys Only Reading, and help in many more ways. We also help to supplement school activities by offering after school activities and by hosting 2 Book Fairs with Miss Eggink.

Another goal of this year’s PTA is to “Go Green”. We are trying to have as many families as possible, provide emails to the PTA, so that we can send newsletters and flyers by electronic means and avoid creating unnecessary copies and costs. Out of the 574 students, we have already received over 287 email addresses. Thank you so much for your response. Please keep them coming.

We are excited about this school year. You can check out upcoming events on the new PTA bulletin boards inside the school doors. You can also check out the various committees and their chairs in this newsletter. If you are interested in helping, please fill out your volunteer form or contact that committee chair. Help us build a strong View Ridge community. Please join the PTA, “Go Green” (turn in your email contact form), and fill out your volunteer form so that we can contact you. Parents and Teachers, please join us at the next PTA meeting on October 13th. Thank all of you for your help, enthusiasm, and community. Amanda and I tell everyone that View Ridge is the best school in Everett and that is because of all of you. The kids will appreciate your time and effort.

Your PTA Co-Presidents,
Marie Jackson and Amanda Cabana

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family who is still dear to me after all these years. I studied Spanish and Business Administration, and then got my teaching credential from Chapman University. Over the years, I taught Spanish, Native Speaker (Heritage Speaker) and English Language Learner classes. In 2000, I moved with my family to Mexico City, where I taught 6th grade and then moved into administration. I served as the elementary school principal of a bilingual school for 8 years, which is what inspired me to return to younger children upon receiving my Administrative Credential in WA. I have worked for the past 6 years in Lake Washington School District teaching Spanish.

I have 2 daughters; Karina, who is 26 years old and is finishing up her degree in Interior Architecture, and Arianna, who is 22 years old and works as a Neuromuscular Therapist. They learned Spanish while we lived in Mexico City and are both able to speak as natives. We have always had pets and share our home with Jude, a Siamese cat, Eli, a 23-pound orange tabby cat and Mr. Banks, my darling little Westie-Poo. During my spare time, I love to ride my bike on the Sammamish River Trail, many times pulling Mr. Banks in a trailer behind me!

I would like to thank the many people with whom I've had the chance to chat already! This is an amazingly warm and connected community and I feel honored to be here. Please don't hesitate to contact me, whether it be for a concern, a celebration or just a get-to-know-you cup of coffee!

Little Free Library For Second Grade



Have you seen some of the “Little Free Library” (LFL) boxes around town? The idea is “Take a book. Return a book.” At these neighborhood book boxes, neighbors browse, take a book, and at some time replace the book with another book.

Ms. Townsell, one of our second grade teachers, has one at her house, “Tee Tee’s Cottage” at 3318 Rucker Ave., only a couple blocks north of View Ridge. Besides books for grown-ups, she keeps a shelf of books just for kids, ranging from board books to Middle School chapter books, with special books set out seasonally.

The families of View Ridge are invited to stop by her “Little Free Library”. In addition this year, Ms. Townsell is bringing her “library” to the second graders at View Ridge the first Monday of every month! The students in each of the classes will be invited to bring in a book to trade, although if they don't have a book to trade, they may still take a book.

Additional book donations from View Ridge families are gladly accepted. They may be dropped off on the porch of her house, or to her classroom. You may also join her Facebook page. (key words “tee tees cottage”). Happy reading!

Warm Welcome to all Newcomers and Military Families

Good evening all! I am wife to one of the sailors on the USS Sampson DDG 102, who, I don't know if you're aware of, arrived on Monday September the 26th. They aided alongside the USS Fort Worth, to recover the lost cockpit and data recorders for the Indonesia Air Asia Flight 8501. They also helped recover many of the bodies and aircraft debris that helped many families lay their loved ones to rest. They are homeport shifting as well as other ships have done so from the port of San Diego. Many children have obviously relocated (including mine), and I just would like to show my appreciation for these resilient children. I truly believe in the hard work and sacrifice these sailors and their families make everyday aboard the Sampson. We are looking forward to growing with this wonderful community, and the View Ridge family that we now have the privilege to be a part of.

Sincerely,
I. Piedra

GOING GREEN

If you are receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, that means we do not have an e-mail address for your student!



You can email yourviewridgepta@gmail.com with the information, or fill out a "Going Green" form from the school office. Please help the PTA "go green". Not only do you help with unnecessary waste, you can help us save money too.

WALK-A-THON - November 3, 2016

View Ridge PTA's largest, annual fundraiser is held each fall. Students collect pledges and on the big day the whole school walks around the campus as many times as they can, cheered on by parents, local sports figures, police, firefighters, and more!

Kick-off is on Sept 30 and you have from then until November 2 to get donations. Coupons can be brought back and prizes will be given starting the week of October 17th. For more info check out our website: <http://viewridgepta.org/Page/Programs/Walkathon>

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

PTA is excited to offer after school programs again to students this year. Fall session will begin on October 12th. We will be offering **FIT games and Music Exploration** for a six week session. We are working to bring back your favorite programs throughout the year, so stay tuned for future offerings. We will be looking for parent involvement to help check students in and out each day. *Without parent volunteers, after school programs couldn't be offered to our students.* Let me know if you are able to help! Limited scholarships are available for after school programs. Please contact Andraya Bustad-Hallgren at 425-330-8277 or andrayaleann@msn.com

PHOTOS PLEASE

Attention View Ridge Vikings!

Your PTA has a yearbook committee that is always in need of photographs. Please send any school related photos (classroom, field trips, school events) to Marie Jackson or Kelsey Baker before April 1st. The sooner we have the photographs, the better. Please don't wait. You can email photos to either of us or drop off a disk or jump drive (labeled with your student's name and class so it can be returned) in the office. Marie's email is anatel1969@comcast.net and Kelsey's is kcbaker4@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, please contact either of us. Yearbooks will go on Sale in January.



CALLING ALL CUB SCOUTS

Veteran's Day is fast approaching. Once again, Cub Scouts of View Ridge have been given the honor of conducting the flag ceremony during the November 10th Veterans Day assembly. This will take place during school hours.

If you are an active cub scout and are interested in participating in the flag ceremony, please contact Marie Jackson at anatel1969@comcast.net or call 425-512-1835 for more information. Also if you happen to play the bugle, please let me know. Thank you.

FALL BOOK FAIR

ARGH! Shiver me timbers! It is almost time for our annual Fall Scholastic Book Fair! I invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair to purchase books that your child will want to read.

Book Fair Dates:

Monday, October 24 through Friday, October 28, 2016 during Conference Week.

Shopping Hours: Monday-Friday from 8:45-9:10 AM; Monday 1:00-8:00 PM; Tuesday-Thursday 1:00-4:00 PM and Friday 1:00-2:30 PM

We would especially love to see you on October 27 when our school hosts Dads and Donuts! We are also looking for volunteers to help set up or work at the fair. If interested please sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/> or contact Ms. Eggink, our librarian.

We look forward to having you participate in our Fair, and remember, all purchases benefit our school.



View Ridge PTA Committee List

Contact at Yourviewridgepta@gmail.com

Officer / Committee	Chairperson
Co-Presidents	Amanda Cabana Marie Jackson
Co-Vice Presidents	Leslee Hammer Jen Brunni
Secretary	Tremayne Brown
Treasurer	Jayme Oyler
After School Programs	Andrea Bustad
Art Docent	Becky Wright Julie Stillwell
Back to School Social	Amanda Cabana
Big Give	Jennifer Marsall
Birthdays	Jen Brunni
Book Exchange	Tremayne Brown
Book Fair - Fall	Amanda Keith
Book Fair - Spring	<i>Open Chair Position</i>
Box Tops	Heather Richardson
Carnival	Corie Moosen Sarah Olson
Cultural Fair	Irene Piedra
Dad's Event	Michelle Hartley
Family Event	Angie Sievers Wendy Needham
Field Day	Tremayne Brown Kelsie Baker
Fifth Grade Ceremony	Marie Jackson Lana Danielson
Fifth Grade Fundraising	<i>Open Chair Position</i>
Fundraisers	Leslee Hammer
Bags / Walkathon	Jen Brunni
Garden	Teresa Townsell
Golden Acorn Awards	Aimee Wilson
Holiday Store Gifts	Jennifer Marsall Amy Duffy
Holiday Store Wrap	Erin Matthews
Home Run for Reading	Amanda Keith
Hospitality	Amy Maynard
Labels for Education	Kari Eggink
Legislative Rep	Megan Dunn Charity Edwards
Logo Sales	Amy Duffy Leslee Hammer
Lost and Found	Becky Wright
Membership	Amanda Cabana Becky Peterson
Mom's Event	Brian Cormick
Movie Night	John Witters
Newsletter	Christine Witters
Operation School Bell	Laura Naismith
Playground	Corbin Hammer
Popcorn	Jennifer Marsall
Reflections	Mikayla Schmidt
Room Parent Coordinator	Michelle Hartley
Skating Party	Torie Wagner Meghan Williams
Special Guest Day	Nancy Reece
Staff Appreciation	Aimee Wilson

Committee	Chairperson
Student Directory online	Tremayne Brown
Teacher Rep	Vicki McDivit Kari Eggink
Volunteer Coordinator	Heather Richardson
Web Page	Cindy Holmgren Randy Clapman
Wellness	Lana Danielson
Year Book	Marie Jackson Kelsie Baker

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED ON OUR ADVOCACY PRIORITIES!

1. Read about issues and resolution:

http://www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/2016_Leg_Assembly.html and click on ISSUE PACKET

2. Join us for Legislative Assembly at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia on October 21st and 22nd.

This is when your PTA membership decides on what issues to focus on for the next two years.

Should we focus on closing the opportunity gap?

Do we continue to push to fully fund education?

Should we resolve to update minimum environmental standards to address lead in our water, and other issues?

Learn all about it here:

http://www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/2016_Leg_Assembly.html

3. If you can't make it, PLEASE vote online at

http://www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/2016_Leg_Assembly.html and click on ISSUE SURVEY. We need your voice to help us speak up for kids!

If you have any questions contact
sievers.angie@yahoo.com or
dunnmegan@hotmail.com

Also, don't forget to register to vote turn in your ballot in the general election! Information on the candidates for Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, the statewide school superintendent can be found on the candidate's websites or the Snohomish County voters pamphlet:

Erin Jones: <http://www.erinjones2016.org/>

Chris Reykdal: <http://www.chrisreykdal.com/>

DISTRICT NEWS

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 Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule. More information and resources for school closures or delays is on 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 you 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.

Is your contact information up-to-date at school?

Verify your contact information so we can reach you quickly.

School Performance Report - Our school's performance report is available online on each school's website. More information is available on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) website. Click on "State Report Card" and select Everett from the list of districts.

School 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 more help.

School breakfast prices increased by a quarter this fall.

New prices will be:

Middle and high schools - \$1.50

Elementary schools - \$1.25

ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2016-17

Everett Public Schools' Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program for three- and four-year-old children from families with limited income. ECEAP prepares children for kindergarten and provides family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the Washington State Department of Early Learning. The five ECEAP sites within our school district are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628.

Kids in Transition program in Everett Public Schools

The Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under federal McKinney-Vento legislation. Students who lack a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success and extra-curricular participation. We ensure homeless students have school supplies and provide tutoring or facilitate student participation in extended day or summer school classes. We help students participate in activities such as sports or clubs by paying required fees. KIT provides transportation for eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is feasible. Last year, Everett Public Schools served over 1,100 homeless students at some time during the school year. For more information, visit the KIT website or contact Amy Perusse at 425-385-4032 or aperusse@everettsd.org.

Nondiscrimination statement

The district shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, veteran or military status, the presence of any physical, sensory or mental disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a student with a disability. 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 – Becky Clifford, bclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250

Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201

Is your family prepared for an emergency?

Sign up for Smart911 to save time and possibly lives. Now you can provide 9-1-1 with the information they need to help any member of your family before an emergency happens. Seconds count when ...



- A child is missing
- There's a fire
- You experience a medical emergency
- There's an accident at home, or on the job
- You are in a vehicle accident

Seconds save lives. Sign up for Smart911 today.

Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone who may be experiencing bullying or harassment? Or perhaps heard a rumor about someone bringing a weapon or drugs to school? Report it! You can talk directly with your school's office or you can call, text or email your concern.

3 easy ways

- Text or call 855-637-2095
-  1350@alert1.us
-  <http://1350.alert1.us>

If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, calling 9-1-1 immediately will get authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods. Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.

Back-to-school safety reminders

It's helpful to talk with your child from time to time about staying safe and alert, especially when traveling to and from school. Here are just a few quick reminders:

- Walk with a buddy
- Be aware of your surroundings (cell phones and ear buds put away)
- Wait with a friend or adult at bus stops
- For adults, stop for buses when they have the stop arm out
- Report anything suspicious to an adult right away

Change to vaccination requirements

Students in kindergarten through 12th-grade now need 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or have a health care provider document that they have already had chickenpox. Review vaccination requirements for your child from Washington State Department of Health.

3 ways to stay in touch

At the bottom of any district webpage, you can sign up for InTouch announcements right to your email box about twice a month. You can also follow us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.