

From the Principal

Happy New Year!

Dear Families,

I wish you all a very happy new year! I hope you were able to enjoy family, food, celebration, and warmth over the winter break. We have already experienced one snow day, which makes our new last day of school the 21st of June. I'm not sure if more snow is in the forecast, but it certainly is frigid outside! Please remind your child to dress warmly for recess and arrival/dismissal.

I missed our Vikings tremendously over the break and have loved reconnecting with each of them during my time this week in classrooms, the cafeteria, and the playground. I am so proud of their energy and commitment to our Above the Line behaviors. This week, many students will be recognized at our Viking Pride assembly as heroes for modeling excellence in one of our Above the Line virtues—responsibility. If your child is selected to receive a Hero award for this assembly or any future Viking Pride assemblies, you will receive an invitation to attend!

This week, students met our new assistant principal, Janet Gillingham.

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A Word from Your PTA Presidents...

Wow it's so hard to believe that Christmas is over, and a New Year started. We hope that you enjoyed your Winter Break. Before the break, we had our annual Holiday Store; many many thanks to all who helped make it happen, as well as our 5th grade fundraiser Wreath/Poinsettia sale.

We have many more fun and traditional happenings scheduled throughout the rest of the year. January will bring Pajama Day on the 6th, our next General Membership meeting on the 12th, Popcorn Friday on the 13th, and our next Movie Night on the 20th. Rounding out January will be Special Guest Day on the 25th!

When you join our PTA not only do you support our school and students, there are also quite a few perks on the side that you can receive with your card, for a complete list visit www.wastatepta.org. If you haven't joined yet it's not too late. Membership forms are available in the office, or our webpage.

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Accelerated Reader Program

View Ridge has been working to increase school wide participation in the Accelerated Reader program. Each month we are setting a school wide goal of participation. Each student should read and complete a comprehension test on at least one book! If we meet our goal we celebrate with a end of the month with a dance!!! The school really enjoyed our first celebration! Encourage your children to keep reading and share with you their involvement in

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Pajama Day

Friday, January 6

Come dressed in appropriate PJ attire for a fun day at school.

PTA Reflections

Wednesday, January 11th

5-5:30 pm Special Artists

5:30-8 pm Open House

Community Resource Center

3900 Broadway, Everett

98201

PTA Meeting

Thursday, January 12

Popcorn Friday

Friday, January 13

Martin Luther King Jr Day

Monday, Jan. 16

No school

Family Movie Night -

"The BFG"

Friday, January 20

School Cafeteria

Doors open at 6 pm. Movie begins at 7 pm.

Special Guest Day

Wednesday, January 25

Teacher Work Day

Monday, January 30

No school

Looking Ahead:

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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Ms. Yob, our former AP, was splitting her time between our school and Hawthorne. Due to some additional needs at Hawthorne, Ms. Yob will be working there full-time. While we are sad to say goodbye to Ms. Yob, we are excited for this opportunity for her to make an even greater difference at Hawthorne. I am so excited to welcome Mrs. Gillingham, as she brings with her years of experience as a principal for Everett Public Schools and a true commitment to students--their physical and emotional safety, well-being, and learning.

Education was Mrs. Gillingham's second profession. She worked 8 years as a high school English teacher. She then worked as an associate principal for 2 years at the high school level, as a middle school principal for 13 years, and as an elementary school principal for 1 year. She has two grandsons (a third and fifth grader). Mrs. Gillingham strongly values the partnership with parents in the educational process and welcomes communication with each of you!

January is the final month of our first semester, which means that Elementary Progress Reports will be prepared for each student at the end of the month. This will provide more information about how each student is doing in our core academic areas, in addition to behaviors that promote learning such as cooperation, self-direction, and attention to quality. Progress reports will be sent home on February 10, 2017. For more information, please reference our district website: <http://www.everettsd.org/Page/14476>

As always, thank you for all that you do to support our students. In appreciation of our partnership together as family, school, and community.

~ Your Principal,
Tina Farias

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Just a friendly reminder that for the most up to date information, please check out our school PTA website at www.viewridgepta.org and/or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/viewridgepta.

We couldn't do everything we do without our PTA members, you the parents, our amazing volunteers and the support of our school. If you are interested in helping out at an event please make sure to fill out your volunteer district form at www.everettsd.org/volunteer and let us know what you would like to help with.

Here's to a great 2017!

Your PTA Co-Presidents,

Amanda Cabana and Marie Jackson

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Accelerated Reader or as we call it, AR! Viking Readers rocked our Winter Reading Challenge. As a school we logged 105,411 minutes of reading, WOW!!!! Mrs. George and her 4th grade class were awarded a hot cocoa party for the greatest participation! 20 members of the classroom participated logging a total of 14,420 minutes of reading! WOW way to go Mrs. George's class! Thank you to all our Viking Readers who participated our Summer Reading challenge will be coming again this year and I am excited to see how many more readers each time participate and build their love of reading!

Thank you!

Greta Fleckenstein

BOYS ONLY READING

Ms. Eggink is looking for men to read to the "Boys Only Reading" group on Tuesday mornings. The reader would need to check in to the office no later than 8:55 in the morning and then come directly to the library. The reader would then be introduced to the boys and read from 9:00-9:10. The time commitment is a small one but the impact on the boys is HUGE!

If you are interested in being a reader, please email Ms. Eggink at keggink@everettsd.org or call her on the library phone at 425-385-5408.



After School Activities

Registration is still underway for winter after school programs. Limited spots for each program still available. Sign-ups are on a first-come, first-served basis; so get your form turned in ASAP. Registration forms and scholarship applications are available in the office. **January 20, 2017 is the final registration deadline date** for winter programs.

Additionally, the Coding class will **not** be able to take place without a parent volunteer able to help out each week with each program. We are still looking for help with Taekwondo on Tuesdays, art on Wednesdays, and computer coding on Thursdays. Please contact Andraya Hallgren if you are able to participate as a parent volunteer for PTA after school programs: andrayaleann@msn.com or 425-330-8277



Save the Date!

Art Walk and Silent Auction to support Art Docent Program February 9th 5:00-7:00 PM

Each class will be auctioning off a collaborative art piece. Walk the halls to see art by our amazing View Ridge artists. Come out and support our Art Docent Program.

~ Becky Wright - Art Docent co-chair

PTA General Membership Meeting

Please join us at the PTA general membership meeting. The meeting will be held **Thursday, Jan. 12th, with social time at 6:30 and starting at 7pm at our View Ridge Library.** We would like to ask 4th grade parents attending the meeting to bring a small "snack" food to share for our social time. At this meeting we will be looking for volunteers for our Mid-Year Financial Review, our Nominating committee for next years board, and also for volunteers for Special Guest Day coming soon. I hope to see you at the meeting!

~ Amanda Cabana - PTA Co-President

2016-2017 National PTA Reflections Program - "What Is Your Story?"



Kudos and great work from all our View Ridge students that participated in the 2016-2017 National PTA Reflections Program. Three of our artists have qualified to move on to District Council! Entries were judged on how well the student used his or her artistic vision to portray the theme

"What is Your Story?" with originality and creativity. The Everett PTSA council invites you to view this great artwork and join us in honoring all the participants in this year's contest.

Celebrate the ARTS! January 11th, 2017

5-5:30 pm for Special Artists Participants

5:30-8 pm Open House to All

Everett School District Community Resource Center
3900 Broadway, Everett 98201

FOCUS DAY 2017

January 16, 2017 | Capitol Building, Olympia

Have you registered yet?

Focus Day is intended to serve as a focal point for WSPTA's legislative advocacy. We know that the best advocacy programs are year-round. It's a day of training, education, meetings with legislators, and other activities that help members engage directly in the legislative process.

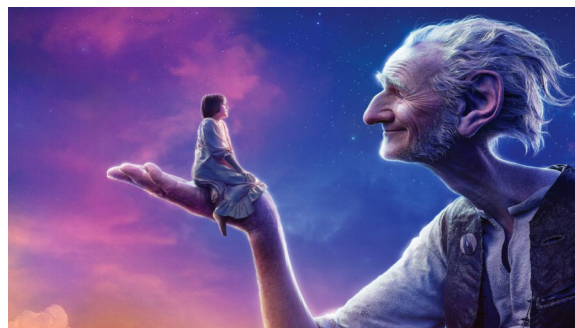
T-Shirt and Lunch Offer

Register by January 9 to reserve/pay for a boxed lunch and to receive your free t-shirt at Focus Day. Full registration closes January 11.

Key Takeaways:

Meet and hear from Barbara Martin, WSPTA President, and your other elected state board members. Hear from Governor Inslee and his view on education funding in the new budget Rally! Rally! Rally!

Meet your legislators Listen to the new Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chris Reykdal, and his top priorities for his first 100 days in office



PTA Family Movie Night - The BFG Friday, January 20

School Cafeteria

Doors open at 6 pm. Movie begins at 7 pm.

Join us for a special screening of "The BFG" in celebration of Roald Dahl's 100th anniversary.

This event is always free, always fun.

DISTRICT NEWS

Kindergarten registration begins this month

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2017?

If “yes,” these three dates are really important:

Jan. 16, 2017 – Get kindergarten registration materials online, or,

Jan. 18, 2017 – Get paper copies of kindergarten registration materials at elementary school offices

Jan. 23, 2017 – registration begins at all 17 district elementary schools

Which school will your kindergartner attend?

To find out, click on School and Route Finder under the Parents tab, or call the transportation office at 425-385-4144.

January is School Board Appreciation month

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. You can learn more about the new board members online.

Smarter Balanced Assessments

Because Smarter Balanced Assessments are such an important topic for families, the link to everything you ever wanted to know about these tests is in the Quicklinks section on the district home page.

Support for students in temporary or inadequate housing

If your family is in a temporary or inadequate living situation due to a loss of housing or a family crisis, your child may be eligible for certain educational rights and services. If you lost your housing and now live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, camping ground, temporary trailer, on the street, doubled up with family or friends, or in another type of temporary or inadequate housing, your child might be able to receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Act. The McKinney-Vento Act may be able to provide support through transportation so that your child can continue enrolled in school, or through access to programs and services so that your child can participate fully in school.

Please contact your child’s counselor or Amy Perusse, McKinney-Vento Facilitator, aperusse@everettsd.org, 425-385-4032, for more information.

Prepare for bad weather - How to find emergency school schedule information

See Safety and Emergencies page under Parents tab on district website for full details and other resources.

- **FlashAlert.net:** You can subscribe to receive notices at the same time those notices are sent to media outlets, or you can bookmark this site to check for a listing of regional school emergency schedule information.
- Media news reports (Media gets information from FlashAlert)
- District website: www.everettsd.org
- District information line at 425-385-4636
- Blackboard Connect* calls, emails and text messages made to families beginning as early as 5:45 a.m.
**Please be sure your contact information is current at your school.*
- Program impact chart outlines how various school programs and activities are impacted when school is cancelled or starts late.

No announcement means schools are on a regular schedule.

Snow routes are online! School drop off and pick up locations may change in an emergency situation. If your child rides a bus to school, please become familiar with the **snow route information** on the district transportation department’s webpage.

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

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