

From the Principal

All Great School Years Must Come to an End...

Hello, View Ridge Families!

This time of year is always bittersweet for me. There is much buzz and celebration going on for the great things we've done and the relationships we've built, excitement around the summer months approaching, and some relief and sense of accomplishment around the hard work and energy we've all put in to having an incredible year! Each student has grown so much since they first walked through our doors last September—not only into taller little humans, but they've grown intellectually, socially, emotionally, and even musically. Each student has made my first year as principal whole-heartedly worthwhile and forever memorable; I have the best job ever! I know all of our staff would agree (and many would argue that they have the best job ever). So, thank you for sharing your phenomenal children with us each day. We truly strive to make a positive impact in their lives; and while they may not know it, they make a huge impact on our hearts each day. Yet, it's also a bit sad to know we're saying goodbye to friends and community members, at least for a little while. Some Vikings we must wish farewell, as they are moving on to other opportunities and places. For starters, we have 88 talented and unique fifth graders moving onto middle school—and we wish them all the best as they continue their educational path to success. We must also say goodbye to a few of our teachers. Vicki McDivit (first grade) and Lauren Naismith (counselor) are both retiring at the end of the year. Also, Janet Perera (counselor), Danielle Woolley (fourth grade), Kim Cox (first grade), Ira Siebert (4/5 HC), and Mark Hashimoto (fifth grade) are leaving our school. Each of these educators has become a big part of our team and in the lives of our students. We wish them the best of luck and we will miss them greatly!

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A Word from Your PTA Presidents...

Hello View Ridge Vikings,

May 31, 2017

Where has the year gone? We are entering our last month of the 2016-17 school year. The next few weeks are packed full of exciting events. Friday, June 2nd, is the View Ridge Annual Carnival beginning at 6 pm. Tickets can be purchased before and after school through Thursday.

Following the carnival, fifth grade students will embark on their camp adventure leaving early Monday, June 5th, and returning on Wednesday, June 7th. Fifth grade bridging is on Thursday, June 15th, at 6:30pm at View Ridge. Also, June 15th is the annual field trip for all safety patrol and mediators. This trip is a thank you for their yearlong service to the school. Thanks!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PTA Meeting

6:30 pm Thursday, June 8
Last meeting of the school year. All are welcome.

Innovation Expo

5-8 pm Thursday, June 8
Xfinity Arena
Exhibition of student science projects.

Hawaiian Day

Friday, June 9
Start your summer early and dress in your most colorful Hawaiian prints.

1:00 pm Early Release

Friday, June 9

Fifth Grade Bridging Ceremony

6:00 pm Thursday, June 15
Remember to submit your 5th grader's photos!

Field Day

Monday, June 19
We need volunteers for this fun day of sports and activities.

Last Day of School

Thursday, June 22
Early Release 1:00 pm



View Ridge Garden Help Needed

from Teresa Townsell and Heidi Davis

Have you had the opportunity to see some of our students out working in the garden? Any teacher may claim a garden bed for her class, and the range of activities is equaled by the enthusiasm of our gardening students. One teacher grows a garden for "Stone Soup"; another helps the children measure out and divide their garden into enough plots for each child to plan and grow plants of their choice; other teachers grow salad items for a Viking salad party.

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We are wrapping up this school year with many celebrations—we had seven Viking Pride assemblies where many parents joined in, gave away over 370 golden pencils of power to our scholars, and named over 220 students as Viking Heroes for living above the line! We have had great school-wide changes including the addition of great new staff, four full-day kindergarten rooms, a developmental kindergarten, a second robotics team, more extended day opportunities for our Learning Assistance Program (LAP) and English Learner (EL) programs, and academic growth in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics that I am very proud of! We developed a unique Mission and Vision for our school and are in the works of adopting our new Viking Logo! We've added some new staff committees and cadres and have increased parent voice and involvement in our Watch DOGS program, Natural Leaders, and several parent/teacher committees. And, as always, our PTA did amazing things including gathering the community for a welcoming and delicious BBQ, bringing in funds with our Walkathon and bag sale, helping our families show generosity to one another through Holiday Store, honoring loved ones during our Special Guest Day, celebrating our year with our Carnival—and so much more!

This summer, I have just a few requests to ask View Ridge Families. Number 1: Read together. Whether you're reading the same book together, taking turns reading, or reading different books independently at the same time, reading is the number one way to prevent the summer slide and to attain knowledge—and doing it together as a family makes it more meaningful. Moreover—this will help with this year's Summer Reading Challenge! Number 2: Do things outside together! Go outside with your family—whether it's to play Frisbee, go to the park, drive to Seattle for the Zoo, or take a trip—spending time learning about our world and staying active together leads to healthier lives and healthier relationships! Number 3: Cook/eat together whenever possible. Having dinner as a family together means more time to talk to one another—cooking together raises the quality even more! Finally, number 4: Tell each other "I love you." Summer time can be busy and bring more independence among one another. Never forget to hold each other close and tell each other how important they are to you!

Thank you for all of your support and the part you've played in helping make this school community so strong. I hope to see many of you at our Open Library on Tuesdays over the summer, or if not then, at our Open House on September 5th! I love being a part of this team and I'm so looking forward to another great year!

~ Tina Farias

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Field day will take place on Monday, June 19th. The entire school will turn out for this fun filled day of activities. Watch for requests for volunteers. We would love to see you there! Finally, the last day of school is Thursday, June 22nd, which will be a half day early release.

As we close this year, we would like to thank everyone who has made this year a success. Since this year marks my last year of 12 here at View Ridge, I would like to give everyone a huge thank you and I will miss all of you. Remember that I am just down the street at Evergreen and will always be available to assist the View Ridge PTA. I still say this is the best school in Everett. All the best!

Your PTA Co-Presidents,
Marie Jackson and Amanda Cabana

**After School Activities**

PTA would like to thank all of our parent helper volunteers who helped with after school programs this year. Without volunteers, we could not offer all of these enriching activities to our students! We look forward to another great year of activities for the 2017-2018 school year as well.

PTA is also excited to bring FLY (Foreign Language for Youth) back to View Ridge next year! We will be offering Spanish for all grades on Mondays from 3:35--4:45pm. Classes will begin in October and run through the spring. Classes are limited to 10 students, so pre-register today to secure your spot! **Register before June 30th and received a \$25 discount** on tuition (\$25 deposit required). Sign-ups available at: <https://www.foreignlanguageforyouth.org/viewridge>

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We are looking for parents interested in helping with weeding in our school garden. There are weeds, in particular dandelions, that have invaded the chipped areas. (Staying on top of the weeds is too big a job for our student gardeners.) Would you be willing to take on a garden bed, or two, to keep the base of the gardens weed free; and, work in the chipped pathways to pull weeds?

How about helping to build and fill a few more garden beds; or, restack concrete blocks to form a garden bed? We have a grandpa and grandma gardener who would welcome the help. They also, would like to lay ground cover and begin to cover the front half of the garden with chips. These two are a dynamic duo, but this really is too big a job for only two people. We can give you a key so you may work in the garden in the evenings, or on the weekend. Or, you can arrange your time to work with other volunteers; we can help make this happen. If interested, please contact second grade teacher Teresa Townsell, ttownsell@everettsd.org.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS: House Bill 1046

Contact your state senator and thank him for his support of House Bill 1046!

HB 1046 would continue the practice of using statewide high school assessments in English Language Arts, Math, and Science for federal accountability purposes, but would remove the requirement to pass these assessments to graduate.

This bill aligns with WSPTA's resolution 18.13, which states that the association will oppose any efforts to use a single indicator for making decisions about individual student advancement, such as grade promotion, high school graduation, or entrance into specific educational programs. Unfortunately for thousands of students each year who have met all the other district graduation requirements, passing this single test or tests determines whether they receive a diploma.

Our students deserve an academic system that is both rigorous and equitable; a single assessment requirement for graduation is neither. Please contact our State Senator John McCoy (John.McCoy@leg.wa.gov) and thank him for his support of House Bill 1046.

The school year is ending but the legislative session continues, stay in touch with the PTA website and advocacy page!

Megan Dunn, Legislative Co-chair



Field Day is Back!

Field Day is back again this year on **June 19th**. This year there will be a special Field Day T- Shirt available for purchase for just \$5 for students. Shirts will be delivered to your student on the day of Field Day.

Please volunteer your time and make this event happen. Look for the sign up coming soon!

It will be a great way to join together for our day of games and activities.

"Boys Only" Reading

Our last session of "Boys Only" Reading will take place on Tuesday, June 6 beginning at 8:45 in the library. Our guest reader that day will be the **mayor of Everett, Ray Stephanson**. I hope that many of our boys can join us that day.

Special thanks to Marie and Teddy Jackson for helping me get ready every week! I am looking forward to seeing all the boys back again next year!

Kari Eggink, Librarian

A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to **Bugsie Productions** for THE most spectacular music experience at our Neon Glow Dance. If you or someone you know is looking for the ultimate DJ, you must contact Craig!



<https://www.bugsieproductions.com>

View Ridge Cookbook!



The PTA is pleased to announce a new project. "View Ridge Cooks... From our Family to Yours". We will be asking our View Ridge Families for a piece of their family history through their tried and true recipes. You can contribute recipes along with your photos to **viewridgecookbook@gmail.com**. Or hand into the office. Start choosing your recipes now!

DISTRICT NEWS

When does school end this year?

June 22 will be the last day of school. June 21 will be a regular full day. Students will be released from school 2.5 hours early on June 22.

When will school start in the fall?

The first day of school will be Wednesday, September 6. You can find the year-at-a-glance calendars on the district website.

SBA scores are coming soon.

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) scores will be available for all families and students this summer in the online Home Access Center (HAC). Families will also receive a hard copy in September. Find tools for parents to understand those SBA scores on the district assessment website.

How do I get the test scores?

Instructions are online. If you don't have an account or have questions, contact LMS@everettsd.org.

Stuff the Bus is coming!

A partnership coordinated by the Everett Public Schools Foundation with community organizations and businesses has become an annual effort to gather backpacks and school supplies to help our students in need start the year prepared. Last year, more than 1,800 students received backpacks filled with school supplies, and the Foundation has the same goal this year. Look for collection bins in businesses during the month of August and Durham buses parked outside local businesses Aug. 11-13. Each item collected helps prepare a student with the tools needed to learn.



New attendance procedures

Please provide written notice of your student's absence by using the newly added attendance email address on the school home page. If you leave a voicemail with your child's school, please also provide a written note or email within 30 days of your student's first day back to school.

Summer Reading Program

Everett Public Schools looks forward to another successful year of its summer reading program. We are partnering with Everett Public Library and Sno-Isle Libraries again this year. Watch your school's website for details about this summer's reading program. Students will receive incentives for reaching their reading goals, and schools that have at least 75 percent of their students reach their reading goals will be recognized by the district.



Innovation Expo June 8, 5-8 p.m. at Xfinity Arena

Students and families will enjoy interacting with displays from community organizations and from every school in the district at this year's Innovation Expo. Each school's booth is different and showcases something the students are learning. School booths will highlight projects or demonstrations related to 21st century skills, this year's Expo theme.

Graduation dates: Graduation ceremonies for each of the four high schools are coming soon!

Everett High School: June 17 at noon at Xfinity Arena
 Cascade High School: June 17 at 4 p.m. at Xfinity Arena
 Henry M. Jackson High School: June 17 at 8 p.m. at Xfinity Arena
 Sequoia High School: June 15 at 6 p.m. at Everett Civic Auditorium

Summer school registration is open!

Registration materials are now online. Summer programs for high school students include opportunities to strengthen the skills and knowledge required for the district core expectations, repeat courses, extend their interests in academic areas, and take new courses. Tuition-based summer programs will be offered for students through Online High School and at Cascade High School. Elementary and middle school summer programs are available for specific students who need academic support.

VACCINATIONS

Attention fifth-grade parents: Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations that your child will need before he or she enrolls in the 6th grade next fall. Students over the age of 11 entering 6th grade require one booster dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine before the first day of the 6th grade. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations this school year and report them to the school nurse or office staff at your child's school. We'll track that information in the school database, which will help you avoid getting calls and overdue letters in the fall.

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:
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