

## From the Principal

Hello, View Ridge Families!

I can't believe we have a little less than two months left in this school year! Students in grades 3-5 are working hard on their Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) and remembering to go slow and steady and show their personal best! After all, it was the turtle, not the hare, who won the race! I'm enjoying sharing high-fives, smiles, and positive recognition to our students! I know research shows that kids tend to grow a bit faster than during other times of the year, but wow—all our students, K-5, are demonstrating incredible learning and growth this spring, as they prepare to advance to the next grade. You should all feel so proud—I know I am!

I'm very excited to announce some of the work our school community is doing to better define what makes being a View Ridge Viking so special. Our leadership team began in summer to try to create our own unique vision and mission statement. This work was passed on to our Environment and Culture Team, which has staff and parent representation. Finally, our work was shared with the whole staff and PTA, and both statements are ready to be published! Next, we are working towards adopting a new Viking mascot. Submissions are due on May 15th!

Our vision at View Ridge Elementary is to ensure each student can thrive in an emotionally and physically safe environment. We strive to inspire all to be responsible, caring citizens and lifelong learners in our diverse and changing world.

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## A Word from Your PTA Presidents...

March 28, 2017

This year has flown by! It's hard to believe it's already the end of April. May will bring us, Mom's and Muffin's on the 11th in the morning (dad's please watch for volunteer links), as well as our General Membership meeting the 11th at 7pm (we will be electing our 2017-2018 officers at this meeting, as well as approving next year's budget), followed by Popcorn Friday on the 12th, and our 2nd Annual School Dance on the 19th (6-8pm).

As always, thanks go out to the committee chairs, that plan these events, and all of you who volunteer to make them a reality. We couldn't do this without you! As always it's not too late to join our PTA, forms are available in the office! Please remember that if you would like to vote for the officers or on the PTA budget you must be a PTA member.

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## 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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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Viking Pride Assembly

Friday, May 5 at 10 am

### Moms and Muffins

Thursday, May 11

8-9 am in the Cafeteria

Anyone who fills a "mom" role is welcome!

### PTA Meeting

Thursday, May 11

Find out what's happening at your school!

### Popcorn Friday

Friday, May 12

Freshly popped, yummy popcorn for everyone!

### Go West! - Fifth Grade Musical

Monday, May 15

7:00-7:45 p.m. in View Ridge Performing Cafeteria

### GLOW DANCE! Free event!

Friday, May 19

6-8 pm in the Gym/Cafeteria  
Be there or be square!

### Summer Fundamentals

May 25 at 6 pm

### Memorial Day

Monday, May 29

No school

### Looking Ahead:

#### Carnival

Friday, June 2

#### Fifth Grade Bridging Ceremony

Thursday, June 15

#### Field Day

Monday, June 19

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Our mission at View Ridge Elementary is to ensure each and every student has the opportunity and support to flourish in the 21st Century. We will collaborate as a community of learners to inspire one another. We're one big family; we're the View Ridge Vikings!

Be sure to mark your calendars for our next school-led evening/open house: Summer FUNdamentals. On May 25th at 6 pm we hope you and your family join us for a night of learning and resources to help students finish the year and launch them into the next! You'll find out more about our Summer Reading Challenge, work with our teachers on other fun summer learning ideas, and take home great resources for your child!

Thank you for all of your support and the part you've played in helping make this school community so strong—it's been such a treat in my first year as principal getting to learn so much about each of the students and their families! Here's to another great month of learning and growing together!

Tina Farias

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I am proud to announce that we have just completed a school wide coin drive benefiting "Clothes for Kids". Our school raised \$452.97. We are excited to make this an annual tradition.

Also just a quick reminder that carnival is coming up in June, please watch for volunteer links, and classroom announcements. This is a very fun event, enjoyed by kids and adults alike!!

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>

## View Ridge Cooks!

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](mailto:viewridgecookbook@gmail.com).

More details to follow soon. Start choosing your recipes now!



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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](mailto:ttownsell@everettsd.org).



## Field Day is Coming!

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.

It will be a great way to join together for our day of games and activities. Orders will be taken from the 1st of May to the 20th.

Shirts will be delivered to your student on the day of Field Day.



## MOMS AND MUFFINS



Calling all Moms!

Please join us for a morning of muffins, fun and socializing on **Thursday, May 11th** from 8-9 am in the View Ridge Cafeteria.

Anyone who fills a "mom" role is welcome!

Dad's please stay tuned for volunteer opportunities.

## View Ridge Go!

### School Carnival

6 - 9pm Friday, June 2nd

Tickets \$10/wristband or \$25/family - Pre-sales start May 30

Come join the fun at this year's carnival. All the same fun you've come to love including watermelon eating contest, food trucks, raffle baskets, cake walk, BINGO, inflatables, tattoos, carnival games, and book fair.

As the saying goes, "many hands make light work." If you'd like to volunteer to help with ticket pre-sale, sign up at:  
[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B45A4AF22AAFE3-carnival](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B45A4AF22AAFE3-carnival).

If you'd like to volunteer on the day of carnival, sign up at:  
[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B45A4AF22AAFE3-carnival1](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B45A4AF22AAFE3-carnival1)

Information for volunteer sign ups for class booths will be coming home soon with your child. Donations for raffle baskets are due May 26th.



## DISTRICT NEWS

### 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.

### Looking for a job?

#### Join us for the Everett Public Schools Job Fair:

May 24, 2017, 3 – 6 p.m. at the Community Resource Center, 3900 Broadway, Everett

Staff will be available to discuss position details for paraeducator, custodial, food and nutrition, trades (e.g., plumbers, carpenters, HVAC, etc.) transportation driver, school nurse and security positions. Bring a resume. Bring a friend.

### Student Art Shows

Everett Public Schools and the Everett Public Schools Foundation are pleased to announce the 19th Annual Art Shows. Art shows are open for public viewing from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Everett Public Schools Community Resource Center at 3900 Broadway in Everett. The **Middle School Art Show** will be open for public viewing **May 3-18**, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The awards reception will be Monday, May 15, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Resource Center. The **Elementary School Art Show** will be open for public viewing from **May 23 to June 6**.

### SAVE THE DATE – 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. The STEM competition is a favorite part of the event for many students and families. See the best student projects from around the district and hear what the students learned by doing them.

Want to participate? Do you have a student in grades 4 through 8 who loves science and science experiments, is interested in creating tools to solve problems, or strives to research answers to interesting science or math questions? If so, the Innovation Expo STEM Competition is a perfect opportunity for your child. Students in grades 4 through 8 can submit a project entry to their science teacher in one of three categories:

- Experiment
- Research
- Engineering Design

Selected projects from each class will be invited to enter the districtwide Innovation Expo STEM Competition at XFINITY Arena on June 8. For more information, refer to the 2017 Innovation Expo STEM Competition Handbook online and connect with your student's science teacher.

**Elementary School STEM Competition Handbook:** [http://docushare.everett.k12.wa.us/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-86540/2017 Elem Parent Innovation Expo Handbook.pdf](http://docushare.everett.k12.wa.us/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-86540/2017%20Elem%20Parent%20Innovation%20Expo%20Handbook.pdf)

**Middle School STEM Competition Handbook:** [http://docushare.everett.k12.wa.us/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-86541/2017 MS Parent Innovation Expo Handbook.pdf](http://docushare.everett.k12.wa.us/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-86541/2017%20MS%20Parent%20Innovation%20Expo%20Handbook.pdf)

### ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2017-18

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 or visit the district ECEAP website at <http://www.everettsd.org/Page/5962>.

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#### 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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