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**Message from the Principal**

**Happy November!** This is a month for acts of gratitude! **THANKS**giving is right around the corner! Our Vikings were working hard all month to exemplify our October Viking Value—**Responsibility**. Responsibility means taking ownership our learning and actions, doing the right thing at the right time, doing our personal best, and being organized and diligent. Viking Heroes for responsibility were recognized at our Viking Pride assembly on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have a team at View Ridge that works to improve our environment and culture at View Ridge. Last year, we updated our mission and vision, sought out a new Viking logo, and designed assemblies to involve more student voice and family involvement! This year, we are going to continue to rejuvenate our systems to be more positive and accessible to our students. Currently, this team is in the works to publish new and improved Viking Cards and school-wide values. We will continue to recognize more Viking Heroes--but we will revise our school-wide language to reflect the values and goals our students need to shine.

**Be on the lookout for more updates on living the Viking Way!**

Another new celebration that our school will be implementing has to do with maximizing our learning potential through attendance and punctuality. Research shows that students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently, more likely to graduate on time, and experience fewer disciplinary issues. Just like the summer slide, time away from school can take your child extra time to try to catch up! Ms. Nanez, our counselor, is working alongside our View Ridge team to implement a new program to celebrate students for consistently attending school and on time (not including excused absences and tardies, of course). We're also working to celebrate improvement made in this area, meaning that if a student is showing improvement in the number of days their on-time and in school they will be recognized. Please help by doing everything you can to ensure that your child is at school every day and on-time. Also, please try to plan vacations and appointments on scheduled time off.

I hope everyone takes time to express gratitude and thanks. November can be a wonderful time to enjoy the fall weather by snuggling with family. It's a time for food, love, and tradition. I am thankful to work in a school with such inspiring staff, supportive families, and unique students. Thank you to everyone in our community for all you do to help our students grow both here at school (as a WatchDOG, Volunteer, PTA member, Natural Leader, Parent/Grandparent/Guardian, etc.) and at home, and for trusting us to educate your child each and every day. You are so appreciated!

-Tina Farias

**Mark Your Calendar**

- November 3 —Movie Night
- November 9—  
Red, White & Blue Day
- November 9—PTA Meeting
- November 10—No school
- November 17—Popcorn  
Friday / Seahawks Day
- November 22—Early Release
- November 23 & 24—  
Thanksgiving Break
- December 5—Winter Musical
- December 14—Holiday Store

**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**MOANA**

**Snacks & drinks are available for sale (proceeds go to support fundraising for 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp).**

**View Ridge Walkathon—Recap**

*Thank you to all who participated and helped us reach our goal. We raised \$22,365.78!*

**What will the money raised be used for?**

- Assemblies
- Teacher grants
- Book fairs
- Carnival
- Special guest day
- Dad and Donuts



**A BIG THANK YOU to this year's Walkathon Sponsors:**

Altitude Trampoline Park , American Girl, Burgermaster, Cedar Springs Battlefield Live, Cheesecake factory, Cute gifts and more, Dairy Queen Evergreen Way,Doodlebug Sportz, E.C Hansen Remolding and Repair, Everett Downtown Storage, Everett Silvertips, Evergreen Lanes , Family Fun Center, Glacier Lanes, Hydrology Stand Up Paddle, Imagine Children's Museum, Kulits Orthodontics, Lombardi's, Paroba College of Cosmetology, Pellegrini Orthodontics, Schmidt Advanced Dentistry, Schmidt Blueberry Farm, Screen Printing NW, Traxx Indoor Raceway, Wire 4 Less.

## VIEW RIDGE ELEMENTARY PTA NEWS

[www.viewridgepta.org](http://www.viewridgepta.org)

**Membership is open all year**, if you haven't yet joined please do!! Help support View Ridge PTA, thanks to all who have already joined!

Our next **general membership meeting is Thursday November 9th** in the library. Social time 6:30pm meeting starts at 7pm.

We are still looking for someone to "chair" the following events:

- Box Tops,
- Cultural Event
- Field Day
- Legislative Rep,
- Lost and Found

If you are interested please contact Leslee at [lhammer5@yahoo.com](mailto:lhammer5@yahoo.com).



**POPCORN FRIDAY IS  
NOVEMBER 17th**

**Themed Dress Days:  
Red, White and Blue Day—Nov 9  
Seahawks Day—Nov 17**

### **Dad's and Donuts**

Thank you to all the special men that were able to attend this vent. Also a huge thank you to **Safeway on 75th and Evergreen** for helping to provide the donuts and fruit for Dads and Donuts this year.



## View Ridge Holiday Store

Seasons are quickly changing and View Ridge is getting ready for the annual Holiday Store! **The holiday store is set for Thursday, December 14.** We welcome you to be a part of this great experience through your donations of both new and gently used items that you are ready to part with; our shop depends entirely upon your donations! Please no clothing, food or stuffed animals. There is a box in the office to drop it in and we will collect on Fridays. We are also always appreciative of any cash donations that you would like to make so that our elves can go shopping for some extra items that are needed. We generally lack in the teen and dad department. Besides donations and shopper elves I am looking for people who can help me during the next few weeks to collect, sort and count donations as well as set up the store and shut it down the day before (12/13) and the day of (12/14). If you can help please call [425-530-5915](tel:425-530-5915) or email [krissyfultonadventures@gmail.com](mailto:krissyfultonadventures@gmail.com). Thank You!

## Gift Wrap Needed



We need your donations of thick holiday wrapping paper, gift bags, bows and tons of tissue! There are donation boxes in the office for holiday supply. We will be looking for volunteers for holiday wrap soon! Mark the date on your calendar December 14! Contact Erin Matthews with any **Holiday Wrap** questions [ea01978@hotmail.com](mailto:ea01978@hotmail.com)

## Wreath and Poinsettia Sales

**Wreath and Poinsettia Sales are coming!** This traditional fundraiser helps support 5th grade camp and also supports local family businesses!! We work with family owned **Stadium Flowers** who in turn work with local growers and suppliers to provide us with wonderful wreaths and poinsettias- quarantined! They are perfect for the holiday season and will arrive before Thanksgiving to ensure you enjoy them for as long as possible! Information letters and order forms were sent home already. We can make special arrangements for large orders for delivery or pick up times. This is perfect for your home, office or even hostess gift. If you are interested in a large order please let us know and we will make it easy!!



**Order forms and payment for poinsettia sales are due Nov 7th and delivery will be Nov 21st.** Please make checks out to **View Ridge PTA** for poinsettia sales

Please contact Michelle Hartley if you are interested in helping out! [Danger\\_72@hotmail.com](mailto:Danger_72@hotmail.com)

## "Boys Only" Reading is coming back and is on a new day!

"Boys Only" Reading will start up on **Friday**, November 3. Boys are invited to come to the library on Friday mornings beginning at 8:45 a.m. to read books, take AR tests and listen to a story read to them. Boys will be given a snack and a cup of water for their enjoyment. Boys must be in the library by 9:00 to hear the story. If you would like to volunteer to be a guest reader or know someone who might like to read, please email our librarian, Kari Eggink, at [keggink@everettsd.org](mailto:keggink@everettsd.org).

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## Message From Your School Counselor Mrs. Nanez!

### October was National Bullying Prevention Month!

View Ridge staff is working hard this month to increase student knowledge about bullying and spread awareness about ways to prevent bullying from happening here at school. Families can support this work by talking to their students about bullying. Remind students about the importance of reporting bullying to a trusted adult either at home or at school!

### What is Bullying?

- Bullying is when someone is being hurt either by words or actions on purpose, usually more than once, feels bad because of it, and has a hard time stopping what is happening to them
- Bullying can happen anywhere. It can occur in your neighborhood, while going to school, at school, and while on-line.

### Bullying can be:

Physical

- hitting
- pushing and shoving
- fighting
- tripping
- yelling at someone
- making rude gestures
- taking or breaking another person's things

### and/or Emotional:

- name calling
- making fun of someone
- laughing at someone
- leaving someone out on purpose
- starting rumors or telling lies about someone
- sending mean messages on a computer or cell phone
- trying to make someone feel bad about who they are

### Steps to prevention happening at View Ridge:

- Anti-bullying posters around school
  - Adult recognition of positive, kind behavior
  - Classroom presentations about bullying prevention and ongoing class discussions about friendship, empathy, and bystander interventions
  - Mix it Up Lunch where students are challenged to sit with someone new and get to know them
  - Individual and group counseling for at-risk students
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## Support View Ridge Elementary Every Day



Did you know that **Amazon** will donate **0.5%** of the price of your eligible purchases to **View Ridge PTA** whenever you shop through their **AmazonSmile program**? Simply use (and bookmark!) this link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-1095591>.

*AmazonSmile is just a different portal to the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Start using it today for our school!*

### Label for Education is Ending This Year.

The Labels for Education program is drawing to a close. If you have any labels from Campbell's soup or other qualifying products, please send them to our librarian, Kari Eggink, by December 1, 2017. If you have any questions, you can email Kari at [keggink@everettsd.org](mailto:keggink@everettsd.org).

We are going to have the Apple Cup contest Nov 1st - Nov 15th, Cougars vs Huskies. Please send in Boxtops in a bag with your teacher's name on either the sheet that's sent home or the bag it doesn't matter. Also please review the expiration date to make sure they are still valid. **We thank you.**



### 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](mailto:cstolz@everettsd.org), 425-385-4106 | Title IX Officer – Randi Seaberg, [rseaberg@everettsd.org](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org), 425-385-4104 | 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, [rballbach@everettsd.org](mailto:rballbach@everettsd.org), 425-385-4063 | ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, [bclifford@everettsd.org](mailto:bclifford@everettsd.org), 425-385-5250. Address: 3900

### *Nov. 13-17 is American Education Week*

American Education Week gives Americans a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. Read more about the creation and history behind American Education Week online.

### *Accepting Highly Capable nominations until Dec. 1, 2017*

Find forms and more information and evening information events on the Highly Capable website. Referrals are for students currently in grades one through four for winter testing, which will take place in January 2018.

### *The mobile app is here!*

Everett Public Schools just launched a mobile app to make it easier for parents and students to connect with their schools. Download the free app for easy access to:

- grades and test scores
- staff directory
- bus route information
- checked out library items
- school and district calendars
- communications preferences
- attendance and class schedules
- customized social media stream
- and much more!

For more information or download the “Everett Public Schools” app from your phone’s app store. We’re excited to put this information in the palm of your hand.

### *Bond and levy planning*

Enrollment in Everett Public Schools is up and grew to about 19,900 students this fall. Snohomish County is the second fastest growing county in the state and Everett Public Schools continues to experience the highest growth in the county. Many district schools are already at or above capacity and 115 portables have been added to school sites over the years to help address growth. Growth will continue across the region in the coming years, and the district will grow by more than 1,600 students by 2026. The need for additional schools and classroom space to manage this growth is critical, especially at the high school level. Without a new high school, enrollment at Jackson High School will exceed 2,300 students by 2021 and 30 portables will be required by 2026.

The board is also considering a Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy to renew the four-year levy that expires in 2018. The state does not fully fund education, and the levy would provide funding for educational programs and resources to support student learning, including Special education, before- and after-school programs and interventions, safety and security, athletics and activities. Additional information is available on the [district website](#). The board is expected to make a decision at its Nov. 21 meeting.

### *Tips to help kids and parents in digital age*

*The Daily Herald* shared an article from *The Washington Post* about things you can do at home to help keep your kids safe and healthy in a digital world: <http://bit.ly/1RWx3if>. Find out what Everett Public Schools students learn about digital citizenship on the district [Learning Management Services website](#).

### *Capital projects updates*

The district is hard at work on many projects approved by voters in April 2016. In September, staff rolled out computing devices to five schools as part of the district’s first phase of its 1:1 technology initiative. Students at Everett and Sequoia high schools and Garfield, Lowell and Monroe elementary schools now have individual access to technology. The rollout will continue to supply devices and training to several schools each year until all schools are 1:1.

### *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, typically around 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:

- check your email or phone for district messages;
- listen for media announcements;
- view the district’s website at [www.everettsd.org](http://www.everettsd.org);
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts; or
- call our district information line 425-385-4636.

### *Did you miss a call from us?*

If missed a call from your school, please first 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?*

If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so we can reach you.

### *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 website](#). Click on “State Report Card” and select Everett from the list of districts.