

View Ridge Viking News

VIEW RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal:

Dear View Ridge Families,

Thank you all for attending Spring Conferences this week and I wish you all a very happy Spring Break! When we welcome students back on April 10th, we will take time a little time to review our expectations so we can be ready to tackle rich content and essential learning standards as students prepare for the end of the year and their next grade level! It's truly a busy, but fun time of the year as students continue to grow and bloom just like spring flowers!

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA): Soon after Spring Break we will begin our spring Smarter Balanced Assessment testing for students in grades 3-5. The SBA is a standardized test, which means that the test is provided in the same manner as much as possible for all students. The SBA is designed to determine the student's level of understanding of the academic standards the students are learning in the classroom daily. Because the administration is standardized and based on grade level academic standards, we can look at SBA results across grade levels, schools, and districts, to better direct funding, professional development, and curriculum changes. SBA results are an important part of pursuing educational equity. On an individual student basis, the SBA provides another piece of evidence to help teachers better understand how to adjust their curriculum and instruction to help individual students meet grade level standards.

The testing window opens on April 11th and closes on June 9th. Students in grades 3-5 will complete the SBA Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) and Performance Task (PT) in both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Fifth graders will also take the WA Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS). Here is our testing schedule:

| Grade | ELA SBA | Math SBA | WCAS |
|-------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| 3 | CAT: 5/16 PT: 5/17-5/18 | CAT: 5/23 PT: 5/24-5/25 | NA |
| 4 | CAT: 4/18-4/19 PT: 4/25-4/26 | CAT: 5/2-5/3 PT: 5/9-5/10 | NA |
| 5 | CAT: 5/2 PT: 5/3-5/4 | CAT: 5/9 PT: 5/10-5/11 | 5/16-5/17 |

Tina Wood, Principal

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2022-2023 Student Calendar

April 2-7

- Spring Break-No School

April 13

- VRE Community Meeting 6pm

April 14

- Learning Improvement Friday

- PTA-Free Popcorn Friday

- VRE Spirit Day-Crazy Hair Day

April 21

- Learning Improvement Friday

April 26

-MOD Pizza Fundraiser for 5th Grade

Camp-All Day

April 27

- Spring Music Program (Grades 3-

5th) 7pm -Everett Civic Auditorium

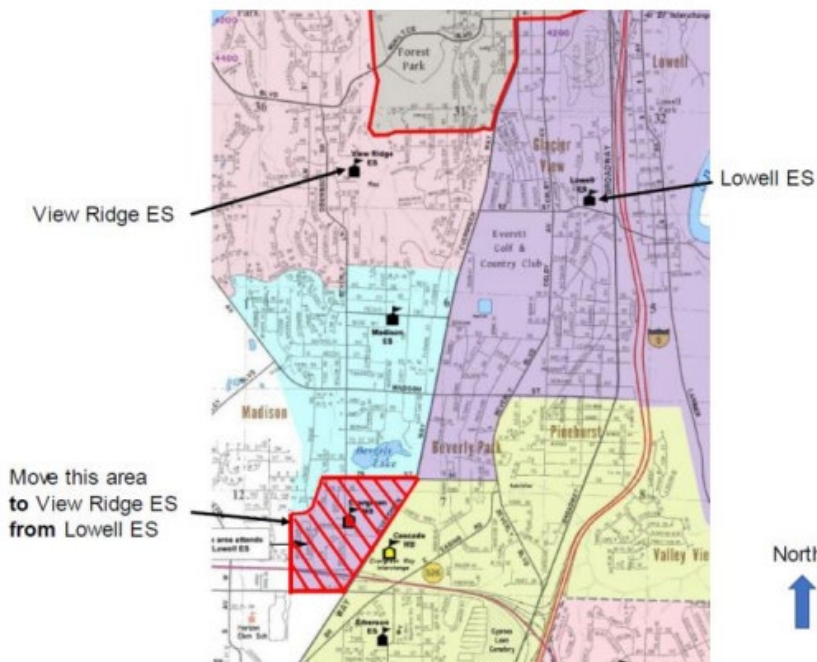
April 28

-Learning Improvement Friday



You may also reach out to your teacher about testing times specific for your class. Students are encouraged to get plenty of rest the night before testing and eat breakfast and lunch the day of. Students may use their own personal, wired headsets during testing. If you would like more information about the SBA and WCAS assessments, please visit the Everett Public Schools website: [SBA FAQ's](#) .

Boundary change: On Tuesday, March 28th, the board approved an adjustment to school attendance boundaries between Everett Public Schools' Lowell Elementary and View Ridge Elementary. This change will only affect the boundaries of an area on the west side of Evergreen Way between 75th Street SE and East Casino Road. This boundary change is necessary to move elementary students living in this area (currently 13 families live in this area), plus an estimated two hundred new elementary students that are expected to move into the 430 multi-family unit Four Corners housing development under construction on the old Kmart site, from Lowell Elementary School to View Ridge Elementary School. The development will be opened in phases over time over the 2023-24 school year and into the summer of 2024. In the presentation to the board, this [recommendation](#) was shared based on several considerations including the fact that Lowell Elementary School is over capacity and our school is under capacity. As the principal at View Ridge for the past seven years, I have seen our enrollment grow to almost 600 students and decline to about 470 students. With the region now growing again, I am looking forward to the opportunities that adding new families and students will bring to our school community. I also know that with change comes a lot of unknown, which can spark questions and even concerns. I am inviting all View Ridge community members to attend a meeting with me, our Regional Superintendent, Dr. Cathy Woods, and Executive Director of Facilities & Operations, Mr. Mike Gunn, on April 13th at 6 pm to discuss this change as well as to hear your hopes, questions, and concerns. I appreciate your partnership and support as we focus on building our community together.



--Ms. Tina Wood Principal Kwood1@everettsd.org



From the Assistant Principal

Dear Vikings,

March has been a busy a busy month for all! Here are a few updates as we welcome in Spring!

Attendance: We are so glad to see everyone here! Every day counts! Having your student here at school with their peers helps your child feel a sense of belonging and reestablish a routine both academically and socially. It is especially important after a school break. Please make every effort to have your child here and/ or continue to communicate absences even as we enter Spring.

Safety: We had a fire drill last month during the afternoon. It was a great opportunity to practice during a transitional period of the day, note any changes for the evacuation to be more effective, and reinforce the importance of why we practice and prepare. If you haven't already, talk with your child about the importance of preparing for emergencies at home and school. Thank you!

Recess: As the days get longer, we are excited that students get to enjoy the weather outside. This comes with more opportunities for students to interact and learn how to play together. Let's seize these opportunities for social-emotional learning. Our recess teachers work hard at problem solving, utilizing our school behavior matrix and strategies such as Kelso's Choice Wheel to identify small and big problems on the playground. Thank you in advance for your support!

Lost and Found: Please also remember to check the lost and found if you haven't already. All items remaining on March 31st will be donated.

Multicultural Night: We will be having a multicultural night on Friday, May 19th! We hope you can join us for food, community connections, and learning! Please contact Emily Chambers or our Natural Leaders consultant should you have any questions. We want to celebrate you!

-- Andrea Yee (ayee2@everettsd.org)

From the Viking Staff:

Office Corner with Ms. Kara & Ms. Torie

Classroom Planning for 2023-24 School Year



Please fill out the attached survey if you are a parent of a current K-4th grader to help us with our staffing and classroom placement plans for next year. You may submit your response via the [online survey link](#) or email your response to kreintegrado@everettsd.org.

Student name(s) and current grade(s): _____

Are you returning to View Ridge for the 2022-23 school year?

- Yes, we are!
- No, we are moving.
- We are not sure yet.

Please share any comments or notes that could be helpful in our planning for next year.



MOD Pizza Fundraiser for 5th Grade Camp



Skip the kitchen and head to MOD pizza to join View Ridge Elementary in raising funds for 5th Grade Camp Scholarships. For every purchase, MOD Pizza will give 20% back to VRE!

Location: 7909 Evergreen Way Everett, WA 98203

Date: April 26, 2023

Time: All Day

When you order at the restaurant, you can either **tell the cashier** you are there to support View Ridge Elementary or you can show them the [MOD Pizza Flyer](#) (either printed or digitally). If you want to order online through the MOD pizza app or website, please use coupon MODGIVES20 to participate in the fundraiser. Funds raised from MOD Pizza on April 26th will directly go towards 5th Grade camp scholarships.

Note: Orders placed at a different location or on a different date will not count.

Library News with Mrs. Post: kpost@everettsd.org



Thank you to all the parents that supported the Scholastic Book Fair by setting up and running the registers. The library appreciates you so much!

A **HUGE** thank you to the families that donated their gently used books to our library.

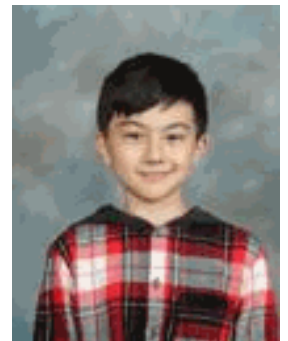
Shelf Elf of the Month for March Nolan Wahl



Nolan is a two-time Shelf Elf of the Month! Way to go Nolan, you are such a help in the library with your can-do attitude. Nolan comes in as a whirlwind; books fly onto the shelves in the right place, and he disappears as quickly as he arrives. Thank you for your dedication and always representing the Viking Value Integrity!

Shelf Elf of the Month for April Parker Pidduck

Parker is a 5th grader who also does not need direction when he arrives every morning. Parker turns on the library's technology, straightens and checks in books. Parker also checks out a few hundred books for himself throughout the year, being an avid reader. Parker truly represents the Viking Value Responsibility!



Birthday Book Club Members:

Aiden Hulsey 3/11, Caroline Scarlett 3/21, Ms. Garrood 3/29, Sean Ibarra-Torres 4/2, Jolene Curtis 4/3, Kaleb Zerkle 4/9, Quinn Smith 4/10, Emmett Shaw 4/19, CJ Prestesater 4/27, Kyla Petersen 4/29, Natalie Marinkovic 8/17 half birthday!



P.E. Corner with Ms. King & Mr. Wheeler:

Team PE is excited to be starting up our View Ridge **Running Club** on April 18th at 8:30am! We will be running (and walking) every Tuesday until June 13th and hope to see you there! All students interested in Running Club will need to fill out a permission form (please ask your teacher or get a slip in the gym). We are also excited to share that we just finished our first gymnastics unit. It was exciting to see so many students practicing new gymnastics moves, working on good form, and having fun! Volleyball has been another popular unit for many students. Students are becoming more proficient at bumping, setting, volleying, and serving the ball. After Spring Break, we will be kick-starting our nutrition unit. Have a healthy and active Spring Break Vikings!

Counselor's Corner with Mrs. Atrengenio:

Social media is an ever-changing creature that can bring rich, humorous and interesting ideas into our children's hands. It can also expose them to situations and concepts they are not ready for. Parents need to be diligent as to what their children are doing online, but many don't know how to evaluate the appropriateness of apps, video games, You-Tube channels, and more. The Website commonsensemedia.org is a place where you can find information about and ratings on all of these social media aspects and more. Check it out... You will not be disappointed!

View Ridge Attendance Corner:

Regular school attendance is important, and we will work with you to ensure your child is present to benefit from an excellent education. If your student is absent or tardy from school, please email every day the attendance office at vattendance@everettsd.org or call at **425-385-5405** to let us know the reason for the absence or tardy.



If email is not possible, and even if you leave a message with the school attendance line, please send a written note to the school office within 30 days after your student returns to school.

- Absences must be reported (by email or note) within 30 days after a student return back to school, not including Holidays or weekends, in order to have the absence excused. Emails or notes turned in past the 30-day timeframe will be accepted; however, the absence is not excused and will be coded as such.
- Automated attendance calls will be sent out daily at 10 a.m. If your student will be absent or tardy you must notify the office before 9:15 a.m. If it is reported after this time, you may receive the automated call.
- Please view the [Everett School District Attendance Procedure 3122P](#) for more information
- Did you have a medical appointment for your child, or they were sick, and you brought them to the doctor? If so, make sure to ask for a medical note from the provider. Email the note to the attendance office so those absences can be coded as a medical note excused absence.
- Please fill out a [Prearranged Absence Form](#) if your student will be going on vacation/traveling or will miss school for an extended period of time. As per district policy, the principal or designee may excuse up to five (5) school days.



Community:

Everett Public Schools and View Ridge Elementary are on Twitter:

Please follow us at https://twitter.com/EPS_VRE to see photos and updates of the amazing work being done here!

@EPS_ViewRidgeVikings @EPS_VRE · Mar 27 ...

4th Grade students investigated the interactions between land and water. They used these materials to investigate the water cycle and how the flow of water will impact earth's components.

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@EPS_ViewRidgeVikings @EPS_VRE · Mar 24 ...

Our first and second graders really "Popped" at our musical, The Popcorn Parade. Thank you, Mrs. Williams, for filling our school with talented singers, proud families, and yummy popcorn treats to boot!

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@EPS_ViewRidgeVikings @EPS_VRE · Mar 15 ...

The Kindergarteners made a community and community workers that they can utilize through imaginative play. We love to see these minds strengthen and grow!

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@EPS_ViewRidgeVikings @EPS_VRE · Mar 4 ...

Our PTA Bingo Night was a hit! The best part was bringing the community together to raise money for our fifth grade camp!! @PtaView

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@EPS_ViewRidgeVikings @EPS_VRE · Mar 2 ...

Our Kindergarten students focus on strengthening their reading skills during literacy stations. Love to see the determination!

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@EPS_ViewRidgeVikings @EPS_VRE · Mar 2 ...

Our teachers spent the afternoon continuing to learn together at their Math Staff Extension.

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Kindergarten registration is open

Will your child be **5** years old by August 31? You can complete your child's online enrollment for kindergarten. An easy and quick process as detailed in the [step-by-step parent walkthrough video](#) available in multiple languages on our website www.everettsd.org/kindergartenenrollment.

Enrolling early will ensure invitations to your school's kindergarten events and participation in [Everett Ready](#), a transition-into-kindergarten program offered for one week in August to all enrolled kindergarteners.

EPS offers the following **Choice Programs** beginning in kindergarten—early enrollment is recommended as space is limited. Click on the links to receive additional information on the programs:

- [Lighthouse Cooperative](#) – Housed at Jefferson Elementary School
This K-5 program features standard district curriculum with an overlay of parent involvement via weekly classroom volunteering and support for enrichment activities such as field trips and parent-led specialty lessons.
- [Dual Language Spanish Immersion Program](#) – Located at Emerson Elementary School
Students are immersed in the Spanish language and culture with the majority of instruction being in Spanish. Priority will be given to students within the Emerson Elementary school attendance area. If a high number of students apply, a lottery will be conducted to select students.
- [Port Gardner Family Partnership K-12](#) – located on Sequoia High School Campus
Port Gardner K-12 is a parent partnership program, where parents/guardians are the primary educators of their children. Our program is a blend of on-site classes taught by certificated teachers, and remote classes taught by parents/guardians in the home.

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your student to kindergarten!

Easy access with district app

There is an app for that! Download and log into the district app with your LMS password to access your student's info quickly and easily, including grades, assignments and more. Set your delivery preferences for notifications from your selected schools and district. Quickly access contact information and connect with the press of a button. Customize the app to view the schools and feeds that you care about most, all in your native language. Your home for district and school communications. Simply the fastest way to be informed.

Learn more at www.everettsd.org/MobileApp.

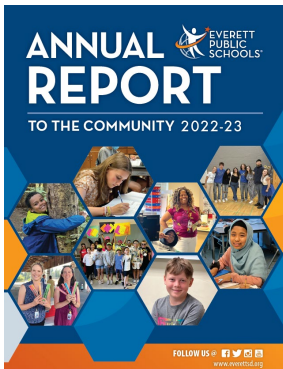




2023-24 calendar available

Our 2023-24 student calendar is available in English and Spanish. Visit the district’s website under announcements on the homepage to view details.

Annual Report available online



The 2022-23 Annual Report to the community is available [online](#). Everett School District serves over 20,000 students in 28 schools and is the twelfth largest school district in the state. The report provides information about our school district, schools, staff members and students and is designed to provide parents and community members with important demographic, budget, facility and student achievement data.

Additional information about our schools is available at the [Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction](#).

Thank you, volunteers!

April 17-21 is Public Schools Volunteer Appreciation Week, which provides a yearly opportunity for schools and families to honor and highlight the powerful contributions parents and caregivers provide at school and home to support student success.

We are grateful for the support our school community volunteers have given to support student success. Your help matters. Thank you so much.



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- sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual
- orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or
- service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth
- groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints
- of alleged discrimination:

• **Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer:**

• Kevin Allen
 • 425-385-4100
 • KAllen@everettsd.org
 • PO Box 2098
 • Everett, WA 98213

• **Section 504 Coordinator:**

• Dave Peters
 • 425-385-4063
 • DPeters@everettsd.org
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 • Everett, WA 98213

• **ADA Coordinator:**

• Randi Seaberg
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