

# View Ridge Viking News

VIEW RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal:

Dear View Ridge Families,

I extend warm wishes for a Happy New year to all. Each year certainly brings its own opportunities and challenges, and my heartfelt hope is for 2024 to unfold with joy, health, and personal growth for everyone in our school community. Here at View Ridge Elementary, the start of a new year is a golden opportunity for our teachers and staff to promote student reflection, cultivate goal-setting skills, and foster a learning environment that fosters growth mindset and grit. This work spreads inspiration and motivation for all learners. I invite you to delve into conversations with your child(ren), exploring their hopes and dreams for the year 2024.

It is important for staff and families to work together in nurturing perseverance among our students, a key focus of our January Viking Value. We will be highlighting this value all month long, as well as revisiting our other Viking Values of Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, and Integrity across all school zones (classroom, restrooms, recess, lunch, arrival/dismissal) to promote positive and safe school expectations.

**Social-Emotional Learning Update:** In January, students will be continuing to build their social-emotional intelligence and skills. Not only will we revisit our PBIS expectations lessons, as described above, but we will be wrapping up our second unit in our Second Step curriculum which focuses on **emotion management** and launching our third unit on **empathy and**

**kindness.**

In our **RULER** Framework, we have been working on teaching kids to identify their mood on the **mood meter**. This month, we will be learning a new anchor tool—the **meta-moment**. Meta-Moments are a process for extending the time between the experience of an intense emotion and how we respond to that emotion, so that we can make better choices in the heat of the moment.

### RULER & The Anchor Tools



THE MOOD METER



THE CHARTER



THE META-MOMENT



THE BLUEPRINT

**RULER**

**Tina Wood, Principal**

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**2023-2024 Student Calendar**

**January 1**

- No School

**January 5**

- Learning Improvement Friday-  
2:15pm dismissal

- Viking Pride Assembly (Primary-  
9:30am; Viking Pride Assembly  
(Intermediate) 10:05am

**January 11**

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Assembly

**January 12**

- Learning Improvement Friday-  
2:15pm dismissal

- VRE Spirit Day-Cozy day  
- PTA Meeting 6:30pm

**January 15**

- MLK Day-No School

**January 19**

- Learning Improvement Friday-  
2:15pm dismissal

**January 26**

- Learning Improvement Friday-  
2:15pm dismissal

- Kid's Heart Challenge Kick off  
Assembly



**Assessment Update:** It's that time again! Students in grades K-5 will be taking the iReady diagnostic in Reading and Math this month. This will be the second diagnostic for most students, but the first time for our Kindergarteners. We encourage student's best work during the diagnostic, which is important because these results drive the instructional pathways the student will engage in for the rest of the year. The I-Ready Central Family Center has great resources for engaging in I-Ready lessons at home, understanding diagnostic results, and tracking student progress. You can find this resource here: <https://i-readycentral.com/familycenter/>. You can also ask your teacher for tips to help your child be most successful with iReady. We look forward to sharing your student's results with you in February!

As I mentioned last month, we are excited to welcome more students with our [boundary change](#) this year to include a new housing development (Four Corners). As of mid-December, no families have moved into the new development yet. We do expect families to start moving in and enrolling at VRE in January. (Current enrollment at VRE from Four Corners- 0 students).

We look forward to continued growth and collaboration in 2024! Thank you for your partnership and support!

--Ms. Tina Wood, Principal [Kwood1@everettsd.org](mailto:Kwood1@everettsd.org)

## From the Assistant Principal

Dear Vikings,

Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic winter break filled with joy and relaxation. As we dive back into the school routine, it's crucial to revisit our school expectations to ensure a positive and successful learning environment for everyone. At View Ridge, our core values, known as Viking Values, guide us in creating a community that fosters growth and respect. These values are Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Perseverance, and Integrity. This month, our focus is on **Perseverance**.

### Showing Perseverance at School:

Encourage your child to exhibit perseverance in their academic and social endeavors. This might include tackling challenging assignments, staying focused during class, and showing resilience in the face of setbacks. Remind them that learning is a journey, and effort is a key part of that process.

### Showing Perseverance at Home:

Parents play a crucial role in reinforcing the value of perseverance. Consider the following suggestions to promote this quality at home:

1. Homework Routine: Establish a consistent homework routine that encourages your child to complete assignments independently. Offer support when needed, but also allow them the opportunity to work through challenges.
2. Goal Setting: Help your child set achievable goals, both short-term and long-term. This can be related to academics, hobbies, or personal development. Celebrate their successes and discuss strategies to overcome obstacles.

Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these values both at school and at home. Together, we can help our students develop the skills and mindset needed for success.

Wishing you a resilient and successful January!

--Warm regards, Ms. Amy Soeun Lee, Assistant Principal



## From the Viking Staff:

### Office Corner

#### Changes to a student's daily going home plan:

Occasionally, you may need to change the plan of how your child is going home at the end of the school day. If this is the case for your family, we ask that a guardian **sends an email to the classroom teacher AND calls the school office at 425-385-5400 no later than 2:45 pm OR at least 45 minutes before school gets out when school dismissal is an Early Release or Learning Improvement Friday.** Please include the name of your student, their teacher, and the change of plan. Our office will then deliver this information to your student. This method of communication helps to support our staff with accurate dismissal information.

### 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](mailto: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.

### Library News with Ms. Peterson: [Kpeterson2@everettsd.org](mailto:Kpeterson2@everettsd.org)



We have three January Birthday Book Club celebrations: **Alex Carrera 1/14, Arlo Haile 1/22 and Avery Linton 1/31.**

**Shelf Elf:** Magnolia McNaughton is our December Shelf Elf of the month. Magnolia is a very responsible third grader. She eagerly checks out books to students and learned how to use the Destiny program quickly. She comes in after school and shelves books while waiting for her brother to finish his patrol duties. Thank you for also reading to our kindergarteners.

**WET BOOK ALERT:** Please help your child keep their library books safe and dry. Place library books in a quart sized Ziplock bag then carry them to and from school in a backpack. The average library bound hardback book retails for \$25 for replacement.





## PE Corner with Mr. Wheeler and Ms. King:

Happy New Years from team PE!

We wrapped up 2023 with multiple exciting opportunities for our Vikings. Our 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade students completed the **Let's Go Bike Curriculum**. It was wonderful to see so many students picking up the basics and deepening their ability to engage in safe practices while riding. Please stay tuned for more info regarding before and/or after school "extension" opportunities.

All students were also enthralled with our taekwondo presentation from Master Siwon Choi. He owns and operates Jungdo Taekwondo Academy in Everett. <https://jungdotkdonline.com/>

We will be kicking off this year by having students create their own fitness SMART goals that they will be working to achieve throughout January and February. Family participation with goal setting and healthy habits is encouraged!

## Coach's Corner with Mrs. Price



View Ridge will be hosting **Family Board Game Night on February 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:00 pm**. This free event is open to all View Ridge families and students. We will start with a community dinner. Bring your own dinner and enjoy it with other View Ridge families. Then we will have game time. You can bring board games of your own to play and share or borrow from a selection of games for all ages and skill levels.

## Community: Everett Public Schools and View Ridge Elementary are on Twitter:

Please follow us at [https://twitter.com/EPS\\_VRE](https://twitter.com/EPS_VRE) to see photos and updates of the amazing work being done here!







**@EPS\_ViewRidgeVikings @EPS\_VRE · Dec 6**  
 Congratulations to our Kindergarten teachers for being awarded a grant from Everett Public Schools Foundation! Our KK team will use the funds to purchase floor puzzles for their classrooms that will align with their monthly reading units. [@EPSF\\_WA](#) [@EPS\\_Regio2](#) [@EverettSchools](#)



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**@EPS\_ViewRidgeVikings @EPS\_VRE · Dec 5**  
 Mrs. Scott's Kindergarten class took flight today to their first country to learn about how people celebrate important holidays around the world. [@EPS\\_VRE](#) [@EPS\\_Regio2](#) [@EverettSchools](#)



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**@EPS\_ViewRidgeVikings @EPS\_VRE · 29s**  
 4th grade buddies visiting our Life Skills class during Circle Time. [@EPS\\_VRE](#) [@EPS\\_Regio2](#) [@EverettSchools](#)



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**@EPS\_ViewRidgeVikings @EPS\_VRE · 3m**  
 Last week, our 2nd graders had a virtual field trip to the Buffalo Bill Center of the West and learned about owl adaptations. [@EPS\\_VRE](#) [@EPS\\_Regio2](#) [@EverettSchools](#)



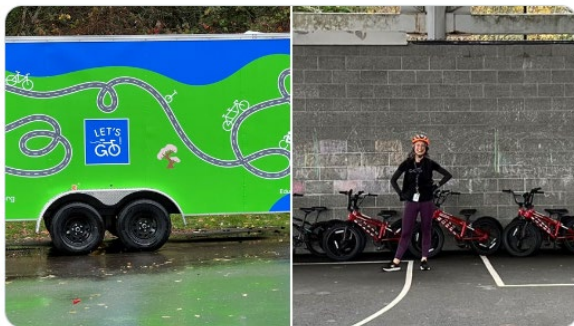
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**@EPS\_ViewRidgeVikings @EPS\_VRE · Now**  
 Our VRE Multilingual Learners shared positive words to uplift other! [@EPS\\_VRE](#) [@EPS\\_Regio2](#) [@EverettSchools](#)



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**@EPS\_ViewRidgeVikings @EPS\_VRE · 1s**  
 Ms. King lead the bike program for 3-5th grade PE students. They participated in biking safety curriculum and gained confidence to hopefully become lifelong bike riders! [@EPS\\_VRE](#) [@EPS\\_Regio2](#) [@EverettSchools](#)



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## 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 [board members online](#). You can also [watch past school board meetings](#) on the district's YouTube channel. Find out more about the district's two new board members on the [school board](#) webpage.

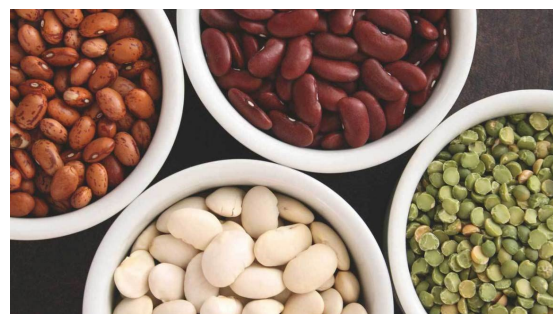
The Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) honors exemplary school boards that improve student learning and follow best practices of governance. Everett Public Schools Board of Directors has earned this honor for the eighth time this year for presenting exemplary evidence of ongoing professional development, addressing opportunity gaps and practicing governance that reflects the Washington School Board Standards.

## Harvest of the Month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you beans grown in the PNW! Be sure to give them a try this month in our black bean burger or vegetarian chili!

Did you know that there are over 40,000 different varieties of beans and they are an excellent of protein and fiber? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on the district [website](#).

I've "bean" thinking about you.



## Delayed start or closed schools

If we must [cancel school or delay the start of school](#), we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:00 a.m. (or sometimes the night before if it can already be determined) with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media, social 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

## 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](#) under the "Snow Routes" icon in the center of the page.



## Safety tip line

### 3 easy ways

Text or call  
855-637-2095  
1350@alert1.us  
<https://everett-wa.safeschoolsalert.com>



Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? **Report it!** You can talk directly with your school's office or you can call, text or email your concern. If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, call 9-1-1 immediately for authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods. Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.

## First semester ends soon

This is a reminder first semester ends February 1. Report cards and Elementary Progress Reports will be both online and mailed/distributed by February 16.

## Good Citizenship Day

Register  
to vote  
here.

Good Citizenship Day is observed on January 16. On that day, social studies teachers coordinate a voter registration event in each history or social studies class attended by high school seniors. Students who will be eighteen years of age or older by the time of the next general election will be allowed to register to vote online in the classroom. Paper registration will also be made available in the classroom.

Registering to vote is easy. Visit the [Snohomish County webpage](https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/2017/01/16/good-citizenship-day/) for details on the three ways you can register to vote or update your registration or scan the QR code. Students who are 16 & 17 years old can now pre-register to vote.

You can sign  
up today, it's  
easy! Scan this  
QR code:



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#### Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer and ADA Coordinator:

• Chad Golden  
• 425-385-4100  
• [CGolden@everettsd.org](mailto:CGolden@everettsd.org)  
• PO Box 2098  
• Everett, WA 98213

#### Section 504 Coordinator:

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La Asociación de Directores Escolares del Estado de Washington (WSSDA) honra a las juntas escolares ejemplares que mejoran el aprendizaje de los estudiantes y siguen las mejores prácticas de gobernanza. La Junta Directiva de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett obtuvo este honor por octava vez este año por presentar evidencia ejemplar de desarrollo profesional continuo, abordar las brechas de oportunidades y practicar una gobernanza que refleja los Estándares de la Junta Escolar de Washington.

## Cosecha del mes

¡Este mes, el Departamento de Alimentos y Nutrición le ofrece frijoles cultivados en el PNW! ¡Asegúrate de probarlos este mes en nuestra hamburguesa de frijoles negros o chili vegetariano!

¿Sabías que existen más de 40.000 variedades diferentes de frijoles y que son excelentes ricos en proteínas y fibra? Obtenga más información consultando el folleto de la Cosecha del Mes en [el sitio web del distrito](#).



## Inicio retrasado o escuelas cerradas

Si debemos [cancelar la escuela o retrasar el inicio de la escuela](#), usaremos nuestro sistema de comunicación con los padres para llamar en la mañana, generalmente alrededor de las 5:00 a. m. (o a veces la noche anterior si ya se puede determinar) con un breve mensaje sobre el motivo del cierre o retraso. También utilizaremos los medios locales, las redes sociales y publicaremos el mensaje en nuestro sitio web. Si no hay ningún anuncio sobre las Escuelas Públicas de Everett, la escuela sigue el horario regular. Más información y recursos para cierres o retrasos escolares se encuentran en el sitio web del distrito en la pestaña Padres.

En casos de inclemencias del tiempo u otras emergencias, por favor:

- revise su correo electrónico o teléfono para ver los mensajes del distrito
- escuchar los anuncios de los medios
- ver el sitio web del distrito en [www.everettsd.org](http://www.everettsd.org)
- ver las cuentas de [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) o [Instagram](#) del distrito

## Las rutas de nieve están online

Los lugares para dejar y recoger a los estudiantes en la escuela pueden cambiar en una situación de emergencia. Si su hijo viaja en autobús a la escuela, familiarícese con la información de las rutas de nieve en [la página web del departamento de transporte](#) del distrito debajo del ícono "Rutas de nieve" en el centro de la página.

## Línea de consejos de seguridad

¿Usted o su estudiante tienen alguna preocupación acerca de que alguien esté sufriendo intimidación o acoso? ¡Reportalo! Puede hablar directamente con la oficina de su escuela o puede llamar, enviar un mensaje de texto o un correo electrónico con su inquietud.

Si hay motivos de preocupación sobre la seguridad en un camino designado hacia la escuela, llame al 9-1-1 de inmediato para obtener ayuda rápida y autorizada. Tenemos asociaciones sólidas con las autoridades locales que comparten nuestro interés en escuelas y vecindarios seguros. La seguridad de los estudiantes es una prioridad para todos nosotros.

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Trabajando juntos, podemos ayudar a que nuestros vecindarios y escuelas sean lugares propicios para que los estudiantes aprendan y crezcan de manera segura.

## El primer semestre termina pronto

Este es un recordatorio de que el primer semestre termina el 1 de febrero. Las boletas de calificaciones y los informes de progreso de primaria estarán en línea y se enviarán/distribuirán por correo antes del 16 de febrero.

## Día de la buena ciudadanía

**Register  
to vote  
here.**

El Día de la Buena Ciudadanía se celebra el 16 de enero. Ese día, los profesores de estudios sociales coordinan un evento de registro de votantes en cada clase de historia o estudios sociales a la que asisten los estudiantes del último año de secundaria. Los estudiantes que tengan dieciocho años de edad o más para el momento de las próximas elecciones generales podrán registrarse para votar en línea en el aula. La inscripción en papel

también estará disponible en el aula.

Registrarse para votar es fácil. [Visite la página web del condado de Snohomish](#) para obtener detalles sobre las tres formas en que puede registrarse para votar, actualizar su registro o escanear el código QR. Los estudiantes de 16 y 17 años ahora pueden preinscribirse para votar.

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QR code:



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• de perro guía entrenado o animal de servicio, y ofrece igualdad de acceso a los Boy Scouts y a  
• otros grupos de jóvenes especificados. El empleado mencionado a continuación ha sido  
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