

View Ridge Viking News

VIEW RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal:

Dear View Ridge Families,

Happy Fall! As we step into the beautiful month of October, I am thrilled to share some updates and words of appreciation to each one of you in our wonderful school community. First, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated team of teachers, support staff, and of course, our incredible students. The start of the school year is always a special time, filled with excitement and anticipation. In the past month, staff and students have been working hard to establish routines, build their classroom charters, and dig into rigorous learning experiences. As we bid farewell to September, our journey this academic year has clearly begun on a positive note! Our classrooms have buzzed with curiosity and learning, and our playground has been a great source for friendship and fun!

In September, our school and our district are focused on the value of RESPECT. We are looking forward to honoring our first group of Viking Heroes and Scholars at our Viking Pride Assemblies on October 6th. Each teacher can nominate 1-2 students for each award, and one deserving student will be honored at a district level for exemplifying RESPECT (Families—if your child is being honored with a Hero award, you will receive a personal call inviting you to the assembly). We will also celebrate other accomplishments within our school community during this first month including our attendance goals, our success during our Peanut Butter Drive for National Hunger Action Month, and other academic and social-emotional strides. We will learn more about our October focus which will highlight the school value of RESPONSIBILITY and the district core value of LEARNING. We will also hear about ways to help our school and greater community through our SOCKTOBER philanthropy drive as well as our annual PTA Walkathon! Let's make the month of October a time of continued growth, friendship, and joy. Together we will create memories that will last a lifetime and lay the foundation for a successful year ahead!

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). Currently, no families have moved into the new development, but we do expect families to move in later this fall and have students enroll at View Ridge (Current enrollment at View Ridge from Four Corners- 0 students).

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2023-2024 Student Calendar

October 6

- Learning Improvement Friday
- Viking Pride Assemblies (Primary 9:35, Intermediate 10:00)

October 9

- Parent Teacher Conference Letters will be sent home to families.

October 13

- No School/Teacher Workday

October 18

- Walkathon Day

October 19

- School picture day

October 20

- Spirit Day-Harvest Day
- Learning Improvement Friday

October 27

- Learning Improvement Friday
- PTA Free Popcorn Friday

November 1

- Vision Screening

November 13-17

- Parent Teacher Conference Week-
Early Release 1pm



View Ridge staff wish you all a wonderful October filled with warmth, learning, and a touch of autumn magic! Thank you for partnering with us!

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

From the Assistant Principal

Dear Vikings,

We are excited to introduce our school's new attendance initiative aimed at promoting regular attendance and punctuality among our young learners. Starting this academic year, every month, students who demonstrate outstanding attendance will be awarded a special "brag tag" as a token of recognition. The purpose of this initiative is to instill in our children the importance of attending school consistently and on time. Our goal is to encourage students to collect as many brag tags as possible by the end of the school year. We understand that good attendance is a crucial foundation for academic success, and we want to celebrate and appreciate the efforts of our young scholars who prioritize their education. By emphasizing the value of regular school attendance, we aim to create a positive and engaging learning environment where your child can flourish academically and develop important life skills like responsibility and commitment. We look forward to your support in this initiative and are excited to see the positive impact it will have on our students' educational journeys.

Warm regards, Ms. Amy Soeun Lee, Assistant Principal

From the Viking Staff:

Office Corner

Hello Viking Families!

Winter is coming our way which means fall/winter wear for our students. We ask that you please remind them or write your child's name on their sweaters, coats, or jackets so if they accidentally forget it, we can return it to them. Our lost and found bin is filling up again and we would like to make sure we can return lost items back to their homes. All items that are not collected and do not have names will be donated several times a year.

Picture Day is Right Around the Corner...

Students will be photographed by **O'Connor Photography Studio** on **October 19th**. If you would like to purchase your student's portraits, click below to pre-order their portraits today! [Link for Pre-ordering Photos](#)

You can also purchase by visiting their website at: www.oconnorphotographystudio.com and clicking on the View Ridge Logo. If you have any questions or need assistance, please give their studio a call at 1-800-993-4929.

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.



Dental Smile Check Program...

View Ridge Elementary has partnered with Community Health Center (CHC) for dental screenings. This program aims to promote dental health among students by conducting smile checks which are used to identify cavities and/or infections. "Having healthy teeth is an essential component of overall health and wellness. It enables children to enjoy a healthy diet, focus in school, speak clearly, be pain free and smile with confidence." On November 6th, all eligible students will be screened for these services. Please click [this link](#) for additional information as well as the needed consent forms needed to participate in this program.

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 vreattendance@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.



News from the Music Room...

Mark your calendars for these 2 upcoming music filled events!





PE Corner with Mr. Wheeler and Ms. King

Team PE is super excited to roll out a few exciting things this month. Our **Fall Running Club** will be kicking off on Thursday, October 5th at 8:30am! All students (and their parents/guardians) are invited. If your Viking is interested and hasn't received a permission slip, please have them get one while in PE. At the end of the month, View Ridge will be kick starting the **Let's Go in school bicycle and pedestrian safety program** for students in grades 3-5.

The program is aligned with state physical education standards and intends to:

- Instill the joy of walking and rolling, while encouraging bicycling and walking as everyday transportation and recreation
- Increase safe behavior and decrease injury while walking and rolling
- Understand basic traffic safety and rules of the road
- Increase confidence on a bike and gain better bike handling skills
- Instill a sense of self-responsibility with regard to safety and respect for other street and trail users

If you have any questions, you can find information at <https://cascade.org/learn/lets-go> or please email us!

Library News with Ms. Peterson:

Scholastic Book Fair Dates: November 13-17th We will be open after school each day.



Birthday Book Club recipients: September Evelyn Day 9/19, Mariam Shimellis 9/19, Eleanor Brooks

9/22. October Jane Panasik 10/21, Hudsyn Noble 10/25, Ranger Van Ostrand 10/27, Julian Rosson 10/27 Rex Paterson 10/29 and Chloe Truby 10/31. Teacher recipients: Mrs. Albert and Ms. Burkhardt, Ms. Skoor, Mrs. Clark, Ms. Bonnie, and Ms. Lydia.

If you would like to have your child or their teacher receive a book dedicated in their name.

Forms available in the office.

Welcome New 2023-2024 Shelf Elfs

Fifth Grade: Ashmore-Kameron, Lillith R, **Gonzalez-Izzy G**, Valeriya A, **Springer-Ella S**, Kiku R, Amy R, Charlotte E, **Buitrago-Abigail K**, Mariah M

Fourth Grade: $\frac{3}{4}$ **Parks** -Lulu R, Caroline S, Genesa P, Calvin N, **Sulik-** Cicily M, Jemma H, **Bulger/Copeland-** Maggie M, Isaiah M, Hunter E, Melody M, **North-** Kaydan G, Samantha L, Violet H

Third Grade: $\frac{2}{3}$ **Brown-Ginny L**, **Hawkins-** Stellerjay P, **Petersen-** Abbey J

***First Shelf Elf meeting next Friday during school.

Counselor's Corner with Mrs. Atrengenio

Since school has started, I have spoken with a few parents who have very different ideas on how to parent. Usually, these ideas came from how they were parented when they were children. One might think that the other is "too soft", focusing exclusively on feelings, while the other is "too harsh", barking out commands and expecting compliance. Sitting down together as a couple and talking about how you were parented, as well as how you want your children to be raised honors both parents' perspectives and opens the door to honest communication. Once this has happened, together the parents can create their own philosophy for raising children.



Some things parents might want to discuss at this point are:

- What traits or qualities would you like your children to have as adults?
- How do you see your role in the family?
- What is your child's role?
- What responsibilities do you think parents have in raising independent, self-confident, happy children?
- What responsibilities should children have as a part of the family unit?

This type of in-depth questioning often brings parents closer together in their parenting philosophies. This in turn will help with clear messages given to children and reduce the overall stress level in the home.

Coach's Corner with Mrs. Price

Classes are off to a great start this year. Here's what students are learning in math and the big question for their reading unit this month:

Grade	Math	Reading
Kindergarten	Numbers 1-10, and Flat Shapes All Around Us	What do families do together? and How are animals different?
First	Adding, Subtracting, and Working with Data, and Addition and Subtraction Story Problems	When is something alive?
Second	Adding and Subtracting within 100, Measuring Length	What does it take to survive?
Third	Area and Multiplication	What happens when nature loses its balance?
Fourth	Fraction Equivalence and Comparison	Just how smart are animals?
Fifth	Fractions as Quotients and Fraction Multiplication	What is the power of the sun?

Community:

Future Seagulls!

Come to the Everett High Homecoming Game!

when: october 13th, at 7 pm

where: everett memorial stadium, south gate

you'll receive your very own blue and gold beads!

Sammy the Seagull will be there to take photos!




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!



Let's Connect

We would love to connect with you!

The first Let's Connect of the school year is scheduled for October 17 from 6-7 p.m. Learn how our strategic plan impacts the work at your school and what it means for your student. Each region will host this session for their school families and interpreters from prominent languages in our district will be on site.

LET'S CONNECT

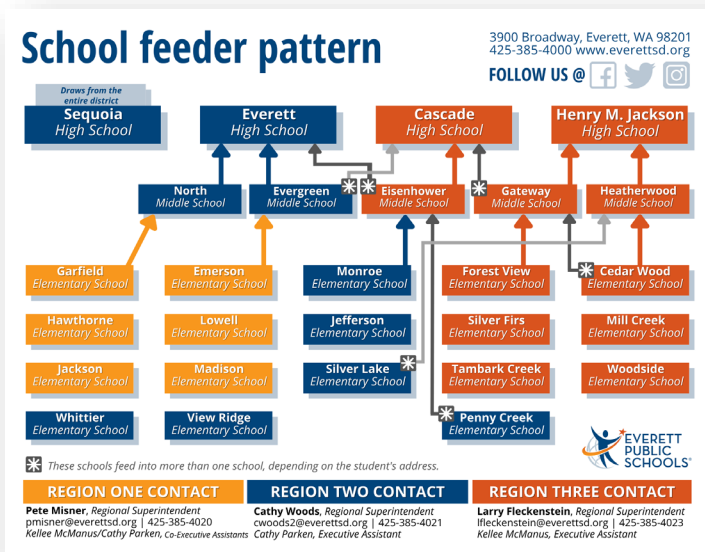
INSPIRE | ACHIEVE | THRIVE

Using the strategic plan as a framework, hear about the amazing work happening across the district and in our schools and provide feedback.

Tuesday, October 17 from 6-7 p.m.

Each region is hosting their own session.

More information can be found on your school's homepage.



Please see the school feeder pattern for each region's session and the graphic below to determine the schools in each region.

Region One: Lowell ES - Cafeteria

Region Two: Jefferson ES - Cafeteria

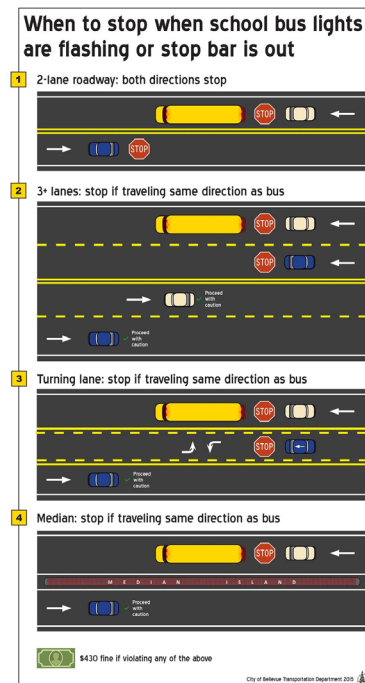
Region Three: Gateway MS – Cafeteria



Safety reminders

As mornings become darker and darker, drivers, please keep an eye out for students walking and waiting at their bus stops. Families, please have your students wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and the flashing lights and stop sign to be fully out before they cross the street. Here is great graphic showing when to stop for school buses, and if you are ever in doubt--STOP! Other safety reminders include:

- Students and parents should wait on the curb when waiting for the school bus, not off the curb or in the street.
- Do not stand in school crosswalks, obey crossing guards if present.
- Be focused and aware when walking in school parking lots. We encourage walkers to stay off their cell phones while walking. Dark mornings may make it difficult for drivers to see walkers.
- Bicyclist must abide by the same laws as drivers, which means they must stop for school buses when applicable.
- If possible, wear lighter clothing/coats or add something reflective on darker clothing.



High School & Beyond events

Everett Public Schools is holding High School & Beyond events this month.

Students and families will be able to connect with colleges, universities, trade schools and apprenticeships from Washington and other states. Washington-specific schools will be highlighted, including our local community colleges. The number of college and career representatives available to support our efforts continues to grow, and we are looking forward to providing access to these rich, personalized resources to our students and families.

To increase access to each unique school community, the three comprehensive high schools have collaborated to provide a customized format on three specific dates in October as follows:

- Cascade HS | October 4, 2023 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Gym
 - The college and career fair will take place during the curriculum night event
- Jackson HS | October 11, 2023 | 5:30-7:35 p.m. | Gym & Main Building
 - The college and career fair will be a stand-alone evening event with several break-out session options
- Everett HS | October 24, 2023 | 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (families are invited to attend from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) | Gym
 - The college and career fair will take place during the school day

Details will be available on each of the high schools' homepages. If a family is not able to attend their school's event on the designated date, they are welcome to attend the HS & Beyond event at one of the other two high schools.





Interpreters from prominent languages of each school will be on site.

GoFan ticketing for school sports and activities!



GoFan, a digital ticketing and promotional service designed for school sports and activities, is available to all community members for in-person or advanced purchase at Memorial Stadium and paid events at each high school. The service provides more access and visibility to the district's ticketed events by offering payment by credit card through their platform, allowing users to view and subscribe to upcoming events and empowering the district with various tools. In-person cash payments are still available, and students with ASB cards receive free

admission to sporting events.

The opportunity to pay by credit card at the ticketing window will reduce the amount of cash handling and prevent patrons from needing to leave for an ATM when they do not arrive with cash. There will be no direct cost to the district as GoFan charges \$1.00 + 3 percent as a convenience fee to the purchaser and all equipment required has been provided complimentary to each high school and Memorial Stadium. The equipment also utilizes cellular connectivity so it will require no additional infrastructure for implementation. By partnering with GoFan, the district will be able to increase accessibility to school events, increase participation and increase community involvement.

Did you miss a call from us?

If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail, email or mobile app 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 the calls. If messaging is still not being delivered, then you will need to update your contact information at your school. If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so they can update the system to be able to successfully reach you.



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- Everett Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of 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 and ADA Coordinator:**

- Chad Golden
- 425-385-4100
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• **Section 504 Coordinator:**

- Dave Peters
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