

View Ridge Viking News

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From the Principal

Dear Families,

Happy December! The holiday season is an opportunity to appreciate all the great things we have in our lives, learn about others, and give back to our community. We would like to thank you for the continued support you provide for your children with completing homework assignments, participating in before and after school activities, and assuring they arrive on time each day ready to learn.

We have many cultures represented here at View Ridge and we are grateful to have each student show up to school proud of who they are. This month has allowed students to share different ways they celebrate the holidays and learn about each others' traditions. In our Kindergarten classrooms, for example, students are "traveling" through our four classrooms to learn about what the holidays look like, sounds like, or even taste like in a different country (Mexico, Israel, Germany, and China!). A long-standing tradition that will continue on Wednesday 12/19 is the PTA Holiday Store. Students will be able to shop for gifts to give to their family members. These items have been generously donated by our community and we appreciated the support you have poured into this event to make it successful each year! On Friday, our Viking Family groups will enjoy music that represent a variety of cultures and traditions at our annual Sing Along led by our fabulous music teacher, Mrs. Williams.

Thank you, families, for always supporting View Ridge events, especially those that allow us to recognize the talents, hard work, and commitment that your child demonstrates throughout the year. We had a packed house at our annual View Ridge Music Concert; the Everett Civic Auditorium was filled with smiles, applause, camera flashes, and even tissues as many of us had tears in our eyes watching our students perform many favorites from the season as well as unique renditions that highlighted our Pacific Northwest community. At our last Viking Pride assembly, we had a record-breaking 77 family members who joined us in celebrating their child's success! Each month we recognize students for showing our Viking Values, for highlighting our diversity focus, and for meeting their goals in Accelerated Reader (AR), attendance, scholarship (Viking Scholar), and heroism (Viking Hero). These are just a few examples of how our families continue to engage in their child's educational journey. A goal we have at View Ridge is to strengthen this partnership and provide all students, staff, families, and community members an experience of respect, safety, equity, and collaboration. Our Customer Service Philosophy is: *We REACH and TEACH each student to cultivate life-*

Tina Farias
Principal

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Dec. 18

PTA Holiday Store

Dec. 19

Viking Family groups
Sing Along Assembly

Dec. 21

Learning Improvement Friday

Dec. 24-Jan. 4

Winter Break-school closed

Jan. 11

Pajama Day
Viking Pride Assembly
Learning Improvement Friday

Jan. 18

Viking Family groups
Learning Improvement Friday
PTA Family Dance

Jan. 21

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day--No school

Jan. 25

Learning Improvement Friday
End of First Semester

Jan. 28

Teacher Work Day--No School



long learning by ensuring an equitable, safe, and supportive environment. Next time you visit, please take a moment to provide your feedback by completing a quick customer service form from the office. Your insight supports our continuous improvement in our service model and in making our school a great place.

Our staff are committed to working together to support the intellectual and emotional safety of each student and are always looking for ways to collaborate with families to do so. We are committed to creating spaces that allow students to thrive. To help us communicate our strategies we have outlined the systems of support we offer here at View Ridge to support the behavioral, academic, and social/emotional needs of each student. Please see an example of our Systems of Support poster with Tier 1, 2, and 3 interventions used with our students, which is attached.

We wish you all a happy holiday season and a joyful new year. We look forward to closing out the week strong with our students and creating memories together. It is a pleasure working with your children each day and we hope you all get the opportunity to relax and recharge during break. See you in January 2019!

-Jennifer Reyes, Assistant Principal
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-Tina Farias, Principal
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Run Club:

We are excited to begin the before school run club for all View Ridge students! It will begin on Thursday January 17th from 8:30-8:55am. Students will gather on the field each Thursday until the end of the year, rain or shine! Participants will run around the marked course, and keep track of their laps. You are welcome to join your child for a morning run or volunteer time to support. Please review the document attached. Thank you to those who have already signed up! –Jennifer Reyes

Positive Behavior Interventions Systems (PBIS):

Our Viking Value for January is PERSEVERANCE. At school we will be working on goal setting as a way to practice perseverance. Students in grades 3-5 will apply this value to their math and ELA Interim Assessment Block (IAB) work in test talks with Mrs. Petersen, Mrs. Fleckenstein, and Ms. Farias. Students in grades K-5 will apply this value to goal-setting opportunities in their classroom including iReady goals, AR goals, DRA goals, and topic/unit test reflections. Ask your child about their goals! Here are some ways you can help your child practice perseverance at home.

1. Teach perseverance by example. Try new things and let your child see you struggle and yet keep going. Share stories of when you didn't reach a goal the first time but kept going.
2. Provide challenging kid activities, not easily achieved. Everything your child tries shouldn't be easy.
3. Remember it's okay for your child to get frustrated sometimes.
4. Offer praise and encouragement for your child's strong effort.
5. Set realistic age-appropriate challenges.

-Becky Wright
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Winter Reading and Math Challenge!

View Ridge is continuing the Winter Reading Challenge this year over break, and adding some fun Math Challenge components as well! The primary and intermediate classrooms with the greatest participation will be awarded a class hot chocolate party on Pajama Day. Turn your hot chocolate/snowflake log in by Tuesday, January 8th (Logs were sent home with students separately).

1. Read books you enjoy!!! Glue each marshmallow challenge you complete on the mug page. Aim to complete at least 15 challenges. You can complete one a day or double up on certain days!
2. Look at all of the fun Math inspired and STEM choices to choose from. As you complete each activity, glue it on the snowflake page. I hope to see a snow flurry going on! You can complete as many activities as you like each day!

-Greta Fleckenstein, ELA Coach
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-Marie Petersen, Math Coach
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From the Counselor:

Families, please take note of the two workshops being offered in January attached at the end of the newsletter. The topics, *Anger Workout* and *SMART goals*, are both timely and valuable. Each also have transportation, a children’s component, and a meal provided. If interested, please consider registering or calling the College of Hope as listed on the fliers. –Rhonda Atregenio

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Reflections Art Participation:

Thank you, Catie Rogers, for chairing our Reflections program. If you’ve been through our hallways, you know that art is one of the things that makes View Ridge such a beautiful school. Several students took their talents to work in our Reflections program. We received 5 great entries that were sent on to district. I have included them below so you can see beautiful they are. Thank you to our student artists: Kenley King, Hannah Campbell, Juniper Rodgers, Alli DeSelms, and Eleanor Gunkel!





Do you YouTube?

The district does. Search for Everett Public Schools WA to find all of our district videos. Miss a school board meeting? You can find videos of those meetings there too.



We're hiring para educators!

If you've ever wanted to help in a classroom, or lend your talents at a school, apply to be a classroom para educator! Para educators in Everett Public Schools provide instructional support to classroom teachers and ensure students with special needs have access to their learning. You're not available? Tell a neighbor or friend! This is your opportunity to have a huge impact on your community, one student at a time.

Look for the Employment icon on www.Everettsd.org to apply. If you're interested, please call Lauren Weeden, Director of Special Services for North Region Schools, at 425-385-5791.

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. This year, they were once again named a Board of Distinction. You can learn more about [board members online](#).

Freaked by too much Fortnite?

Hear from parents and students about the pitfalls and positives about the extremely popular video game at www.common sense media.org.

Help your student stay safer online through awareness and parent tips about this app and other games, movies and apps.



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