

# View Ridge Viking News

VIEW RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal

### Halfway Point!

Hello, View Ridge Families! We had such an amazing first semester, and now we are officially halfway through the school year. Can you believe it?!?

Since our year is halfway through, it's a good time to stop and reflect on how we're doing as a school. Feedback from families and students impacts the decisions we make as a staff. It helps us know which practices are worth celebrating and continuing, as well as any areas that perhaps we need to rethink or strengthen so that we can better serve our community.

For the ninth year, Everett Public Schools will be administering the Educational Effectiveness Survey (EES) through the Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE). This is a critical element in our ongoing efforts to engage parents, students, and staff in the school improvement planning process. The survey is based upon the nine characteristics of high performing schools. There will be several opportunities for you to participate—at tables during our March PTA events (Book Exchange, Movie Night, PTA Meeting, Skate Night, and Special Guest Day) and during conference week. Please take some time (it should only take about ten minutes) to share your thinking by taking this survey during these events or at home (a link is provided on our webpage, or paper copies will be an option). Your feedback truly makes a difference!

This year, each participant will get a raffle ticket which can be used to enter your child in a drawing for a 20 dollar gift to our School Book Fair which is open during conference week. If you complete the online version at home, just send a note with your child's name saying that you completed the online survey at home! The winner will be announced on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> during morning announcements and will be able to go on their shopping spree that day! The link to access the online version of the survey is also provided here: <https://www.research.net/r/eps-parent-2018>.

## From our Librarian, Ms. Eggink:

### Boys Only Reading:

**Tina Farias**  
Principal

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***Feb. 23***

Learning Improvement Friday

***March 2***

Learning Improvement Friday

***March 9***

Learning Improvement Friday

***March 16***

Learning Improvement Friday

***March 23***

Early Dismissal 1:00

***March 26-30***

Early Dismissal 1:00  
Conference week

"Boys Only" Reading is held on Fridays this year. Boys from all grade levels are invited to come into the library beginning at 8:45 am. When they come into the library they can chose a small snack and a cup of water. Then they can check out library books, take AR tests, or read and share books. The library doors are closed at 9:00 when a guest reader comes in and reads to the boys. Ms. Eggink, our librarian, is always looking for men to come and read. This year we have had a variety of guest readers including Jesse O'Dunne, librarian from Everett Public Library, Brian Webber, former View Ridge librarian, Ray Stephenson, former mayor of Everett, Mr. Needham, Mr. Engler and Santa and Mrs. Claus.

If you would like to read to the boys, please contact Ms. Eggink at [keggink@everettsd.org](mailto:keggink@everettsd.org).

### **Open Library:**

Our library is open Monday-Thursday from 1:01-1:18. Students are invited to come down to the library to checkout library books, take AR tests or to talk with Ms. Eggink about book recommendations. Students do not have to wait until their library day to return books and check out new ones.

## **From our Assistant Principal, Aleta Smoot**

### **Events worth Noting:**

We have some great opportunities on the horizon for students and families. The **Staff Art Show** highlighting the work of the artists who work in our schools. Display dates are starting February 26 through March 22, 2018. The masterpieces can be viewed during the hours of 7:30am to 4:30pm at the Community Resource Center. A flyer can be picked in our front office at View Ridge.

**How we Learn Today** - Students grades 4-12 and their families are invited to learn the benefits and opportunities available through social media and digital tools with international speaker **JEFF UTECHT AND HIS EDURO TEAM**. This event will foster an understanding that learning happens in many different places including digital ones; the balance of online and offline learning is important; and learning is going to look different in the coming years. This event will take place on Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 6:00pm –8:00pm at the Community Resource Center, 3900 Broadway, Everett WA 98201. For more information, call 425-385-4020. Or, a flyer can be picked in our front office at View Ridge.

**Snohomish County PUD 2018 Art Contest** - Snohomish County PUD invites you to use your artistic talents and creativity to design a poster to show us where you see the Snohomish County PUD in your community. All students K-12 who live in Snohomish County are eligible to enter. Entries must be received by **5:00pm Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. All art work should be mailed to Jenni Lamarca at Snohomish County PUD, P.O. Box 1107 Everett WA 98206-1107 or hand delivered to the PUD at 2320 California St. Everett (Attn: Jenni Lamarca) Up to 12 entries will be selected, with each winning artist receiving **\$50**. Winners will be notified by April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and will also be recognized at an April 2018 PUD Board of Commissioners meeting.

Contest ideas and rules can be found at <https://www.snopud.com/Education/contestcamp/artcontest.ashx?p=1427> or contact Jenni Lamarca at 425-783-8292. Or, a flyer can be picked in our front office at View Ridge.

## **FREE learning tools for your entire family**

Did you know that with your parent LMS user name and password, you have access to a powerful resource provided also to students and staff with their district logins? Hoonuit (formerly Atomic Learning) is a key partner in our dedication to providing the highest quality technology training resources.

Our subscription to Hoonuit includes:

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Go to [www.atomiclearning.com/login/everettsd](http://www.atomiclearning.com/login/everettsd) and log in with your district username and password. Need a login and password? Email [LMS@everettsd.org](mailto:LMS@everettsd.org).

## Kindergarten registration begins this month

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2018? Registration begins March 5, at all 17 district elementary schools. Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, click on *School and Route Finder* under the *Parents* tab, or call Transportation at 425-385-4144.

## 20th annual student art shows

Everett Public Schools, in partnership with Everett Public Schools Foundation, is pleased to display the work of student artists at the Community Resource Center. See the art on display during regular business hours (7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or during a reception.

- High school Art Show: April 10-26, reception on April 24
- Middle school Art Show: May 3-18, reception on May 14
- Elementary school Art Show: May 23-June 7, viewing only

## Classified Employee Week

March 12-16, help us recognize the important work classified staff does for schools and students every day. We encourage you to say thank you to office staff, crossing guards, paraeducators, maintenance staff, bus drivers and the many other classified staff who help schools and the district function smoothly.

## Bond and Levy update

The Feb. 13 election results show a **55.3** percent vote for the district's [Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy](#), and a **55.4** percent vote for the [Capital Bond](#).

To pass, the Replacement Levy requires 50 percent plus one, and we surpassed that percentage by about 5.3 points as of Feb. 16. It is heartening to see a majority of voters are aware of how important Replacement Levies are to quality education for our communities' children.

For school Capital Bonds to pass, they must secure a SUPER majority, or 60 percent plus one, of voter approval. The results show the Bond down about 4.6 percent. There are some votes yet to be counted. Depending upon how many voters submitted ballots late last week, and how they voted, the Capital Bond approval percentage could go up. You can be certain we will be closely watching the ballot counts later this week, and what impact those counts have on the bond approval rate. By the time you are reading this, the results will be certified.



Whatever the results, I extend a big, heartfelt thank you to the hundreds of volunteers and staff who made telephone calls, waived signs, pressed doorbells, put up signs, signed and mailed postcards, maintained web pages, designed mailers, made community presentations, made staff presentations, made PTA presentations, answered emails, returned phone calls, raised funds, donated funds, wrote letters to the editor, wore buttons, and spent countless hours involved in the election process. I especially thank the Citizens Committee co-chairs, Caroline Mason, Angela Steck, Michelle Nims, and EEA president Jared Kink for the remarkable leadership, planning, organizing, and persistence that makes such a huge difference in a community-wide effort like levy and bond elections.

Thank you as well to thousands of voters who cast ballots supporting the Levy and the Bond. Your majority support of schools and students is truly heartening to all of us who work daily with our nation's future.

Our community's support of schools has produced very positive results over the decades. We have one of the state's highest graduation rates, and we are making progress to close the education gap among diverse groups. This board and district have a documented track record of fiscal accountability and are committed to that accountability, transparency, and stewardship of these public funds. Members of the board, who contributed huge amounts of time to make the ballot measure decisions, and the entire district are grateful for our community's past and present support of schools and of students. We are committed to our responsibility of ensuring the highest quality education for each student.

Dr. Gary Cohn  
Superintendent



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**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