



View Ridge Viking News

VIEW RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Dear Families,

As June approaches, I am in disbelief over how quickly this year has progressed! This is the final newsletter of the school year!

I am so proud of all the hard work students have put forth in their learning this year. Third through fifth graders are wrapping up their state testing, and teachers are collecting evidence to complete all students' final progress reports, which we will mail home along with information about our required summer reading challenge.

As another great school year is just about in the books, our school is excited for summer and the school year ahead! Our wonderful teachers are excited to share ways that families can continue to have fun learning over the summer, and discuss expectations and opportunities for the 2018-19 school year. This fun family night, which we call **Summer FUNdamentals**, will start promptly at **6 pm on June 14th** for announcements and then break into teacher-led stations for your family to visit. Students will receive a "travel bag" that they can fill with learning resources and goodies at each station they visit. We will end the night with popcorn and ice cream! Hope to see you all there! –Miss Farias

Attention to Attendance

By Aleta Smoot, Assistant Principal

At View Ridge, we work hard to provide a warm, safe, and welcoming place for students and their families. All staff want to ensure our students feel connected and know someone notices whenever they miss school. We recognize a positive connection between school staff and families has an incredibly positive impact

Tina Farias, Principal

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May 24

Kindergarten Open House (7pm)

May 25

Viking Families
Learning Improvement Friday

May 28

No School (Memorial Day)

May 29

Highly Capable New Families Open House
(2pm)

June 1

Learning Improvement Friday
PTA Carnival (6pm)

June 8

Hawaiian Day
Early Release (1 pm)

June 13

Field Day

June 14

Summer FUNdamentals (doors open 5:45)

June 15

Learning Improvement Friday

June 18

5th Grade Bridging (7pm)

June 19

Early Release/Last day of school
Report Cards mailed home



on our students! Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school. Good attendance, starting in Kindergarten, will foster growth in high school, college, and in the workplace.

We are always looking for ways to improve our practice in order to support and inform families. We continue to offer **individual attendance conferences**. However, some of the new practices we have embraced include **weekly attendance meetings, group attendance conference** and **home visits**.

Weekly attendance meetings include the school counselor, the attendance clerk, and me (assistant principal). Our goal is to make note of students who are having recurring absenteeism. **Group attendance meetings** provide an opportunity for parents to discuss a student's absences and for us to share data about student success in relation to absenteeism. Additionally, the counselor, the teacher (when possible), and I will make home visits as a way to bridge the gap between school and home for students, families, and teachers.

The attendance rate is important because students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently. It's difficult for the teacher and the class to build their skills and progress if a student is frequently absent. As mentioned above, we want to have a positive connection with families and provide as much support as we can to ensure students are attending school.

Summer Community Support:

By Naomi Nanez, Counselor

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, many students and families begin to worry about having their basic needs - such as food, clothing, childcare, etc. - met during the summer months. If you yourself are in need **or** if you know of a student/family in need of support with accessing resources, please feel free to refer them to me! I'm more than happy to check in with students and reach out to families to help ensure they get connected to community resources as needed and feel prepared for the summer. I will also be providing information about community resources to share with families during Summer Fundamentals!

Calling all Viking Readers:

By Greta Fleckenstein, ELA Coach/Reading Specialist

The summer reading challenge is upon us!!! You will find student's reading challenge pamphlet in their progress report envelope which will be mailed home in June! Reminder that student participation is documented on their Progress Report. On our school website you can find the **AR Login link from your home computer for students to complete the AR tests necessary to meet their goal**.

***NOTE: Kindergarteners moving to first grade next year DO NOT use the AR program! Please record 30 Min. 5 days a week of reading to meet your goal!!! Students can take AR tests but minutes read will be required to meet the set goals.*



	District Incentives	Building Incentives
50% of goal met	Carabiner	10 Minute Garden Celebration and 5 raffle tickets
75% of goal met	Your name printed in The Daily Herald	20 Minute Garden Celebration and 10 raffle tickets
100% of goal met	Entered to win a Kindle	30 Minute Garden Celebration and 20 raffle tickets!

READING RAFFLE PRIZES!!! Where will you put your raffle tickets?

- Lunch with our Principal, Ms. Farias! (4 student winners)
- Lunch with our Vice Principal, Mrs. Smoot! (4 student winners)
- Librarian for the day! (2 student winners)
- Reading Specialist for the day (2 student winners)
- \$20 vouchers for our October Book Fair (4 Student winners)

75% School Wide Participation gets View Ridge recognized by the district!!! Help show how much we LOVE TO READ!!!!

Happy Summer 

Natural Leaders Celebration:

Natural Leaders serve as multi-cultural bridges between students, families, communities, and schools. Our district and school is working to grow this program to provide more involvement and appreciation for the diversity that enhances our school. This year, we have had several NL events, most recently, our Books Before Bedtime event which encouraged a love for reading (and hot chocolate!). If you have participated in Natural Leaders this year, your family is invited to celebrate with other parent leaders and families in the district:

Natural Leaders' End-of-year Dinner and Dance!

Friday, June 1, 6-8:30 p.m.
 Community Resource Center
 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201

Childcare provided at the event.
 RSVP online at <http://bit.ly/NaturalLeaders2018> or call
 Sandra Mejia at 425-293-6552 by May 23.

Sponsored by Everett Public Schools and Penny Creek Natural Leaders



When does school end this year?

June 19 will be the last day of school. Students will be released from school 2.5 hours early on June 19.

Summer Reading Program *(editor: please include*

attached picture for your level – elementary, middle, or high school)

Everett Public Schools looks forward to another successful year of its summer reading program. We are partnering with Everett Public Library and Sno-Isle Libraries again this year. Watch your school's website for details about this summer's reading program. Students will receive incentives for reaching their reading goals, and schools that have at least 75 percent of their students reach their reading goals will be recognized by the district.



Graduation dates

Ceremonies for each of the four high schools are coming soon!

- Sequoia High School June 14, 6 p.m. at Everett Civic Auditorium
- Cascade High School, June 16 at noon at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Everett High School, June 16 at 7 p.m. at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Jackson High School, June 16 at 3:30 p.m. at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena

Stuff the Bus is coming!

A partnership coordinated by the Everett Public Schools Foundation with community organizations and businesses has become an annual effort to gather backpacks and school supplies to help our students in need start the year prepared. Last year, more than 1,900 students received backpacks filled with school supplies, and the Foundation has the same goal this year. Look for collection bins in businesses during the month of August and Durham buses parked outside local businesses **Aug. 17-19**. Each item collected helps prepare a student with the tools needed to learn.



Vaccinations for next year

Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations your child will need before he or she enrolls next fall. Students over the age of 11 entering 6th grade require one booster dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine before the first day of the 6th grade. Students entering high school require two varicella vaccines before the first day of high school. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations this school year and report them to the school nurse or office staff at your child's school. We'll track that information in the school database, which will help you avoid getting calls and overdue letters in the fall.



SBA scores are coming soon

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) scores will be available for all families and students this summer in the online Home Access Center (HAC). Families will also receive a hard copy in September. Find tools for parents to understand those SBA scores on the [district assessment website](#).

How do I get the test scores?

[Instructions are online](#). If you don't have an account or have questions, contact LMS@everettsd.org.

Innovation Expo June 6, 5-8 p.m.

Students and families will enjoy seeing and interacting at booths from every school in the district at this year's [Innovation Expo](#) June 6, 5-8 p.m., at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena. Each school's booth is different and showcases something the students at that school are learning.

The STEM competition is a favorite part of the event for many students and families. See the best student projects from around the district and hear what the students learned by doing them.



School supply lists

Looking to get a jump start on next year's school supplies this summer? You can find the school supply list on your school's website under *Our School* around the last week of school.

Summer meals

Did you know that many students in the district qualify to receive free summer meals thanks to a federal grant? Summer meals are available July 5 through Aug. 23 at select locations and times. Please find more details and an application on the [Food and Nutrition Department website](#).



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

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- Title IX Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
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