

# View Ridge Viking News

VIEW RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

Dear Families,

There is a productive and noteworthy buzz here at View Ridge in the month of October, and it's not just due to the commencement of fall and bustling fall leaves blowing in the wind. The students are engaged in their learning with smiles on their faces as the 2018-19 school year is officially in full FALL swing! October brought our first all-school Viking Pride Assembly, which is our way to honor students. The staff at View Ridge had many students to celebrate, including 52 heroes and 46 scholars; and 66 parent "cheerleaders." These occasions remind me how proud I am to be the principal of a school whose community wraps around their "littles," empowering them to do BIG THINGS! Another thing that makes me proud about being a part of the View Ridge Elementary school community is that our school loves to give back to the community. In September, our school donated 2,219 pounds of peanut butter to **Feeding America** in honor of National Hunger Action month. That's over 20 pounds brought in per student (on average). I get tears in my eyes thinking about how many hungry children we will help have a lunch at school!

All of our students are working hard to be Viking Heroes and Scholars: **Respectful, Responsible, Kind** students who carry themselves with **Integrity** and practice **Perseverance**. This month, students are working on being RESPONSIBILITY heroes and scholars—by focusing on their jobs as students, with little or no loss of instructional time. This means students coming to school ready to learn, participating appropriately, and doing their personal best. This month's philanthropy project is SOCKTOBER. It's not too late, bring in some new socks to go to people in need at Everett's very own **Housing Hope**.

Let's make this a great month! Your PROUD Principal, Miss Tina Farias

### Summer Reach Challenge: The Results (by Mrs. Fleckenstein)

*This summer over 230 Viking readers participated in Everett's Summer Reading Challenge!*

With all this hard work, we were able to award some pretty cool prizes: EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS awarded 155 carabineer keychains and will publish 61 Viking names in the Everett Herald! In a surprising twist, Dr. Stewart surprised our top readers with additional kindle tablets. We were able to pull a total of 4 students who met 100% of their summer reading goal as the lucky winners!!!

**Congratulations to our Kindle winners :** Simon Cabana, Paige Wright, Juniper Rogers and Nolan McMains!

**View Ridge Reading Raffle** had even more winners! Some students were so lucky that their name was drawn more than once!

**Tina Farias**

Principal

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**Oct. 18**

Walkathon

Bus drills

**Oct. 19**

No school

**Oct. 26**

Learning Improvement Friday

Storybook Character Day

**Nov. 2**

Early dismissal 1:00

Pride Assembly @ 9:50

**Nov. 5-9**

Conference week –Book fair

Early dismissal 1:00

**Nov. 8**

Veterans' Day assembly @ 9:30

**Nov. 12**

No school-Veteran's day



**Lunch with Ms. Farias:** Simon Cabana, Julian Smith, Samantha Cleese and Noah McNaughton

**Lunch with Mrs. Reyes:** Kyla Petersen, Mackenzie Baldwin, Wyatt Creson and Samantha Cleese

**Reading Specialist for the Day:** Mackenzie Hansen and Alex Ballard

**Librarian for the day:** Megan McMains and Lucas Guadamond

This year we added something special to our Reading Raffle, a chance to give back! These raffle bags very full with students all wanting to use their hard work to give back. This says so much about our AMAZING School and its students!

**Book Fair (Books for you and books to donate to Seattle Children's Hospital):** Alex Ballard, Coleman Hawkey, Noah McNaughton and Carter Spain

**A pound of garbage removed from the ocean in your name:** Liam Wright, Jack Franklin, Matthew Wilson and Lucas Guadamond

**A soccer ball donated to a village in need in your name:** Liam Wright, Matthew Wilson, Carter Spain, Colette Burghdoff, Braeden Sanchez, Iysn Mack and Simon Cabana

**Thank you to all the staff members who sponsored summer reading prizes!** I am so very proud of each and every Viking Reader! I know there were many more than 230 students reading this summer. Incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> next year make sure to take those AR tests so we can celebrate your hard work! Incoming k-1<sup>st</sup> students log those minutes of reading and get them turned in! I would love to celebrate every one of our amazing students next fall!!! - Greta Fleckenstein, Reading Specialist

### **Seeking Parent Help With School Garden (by Mrs. Davis and Ms. Townsell):**

Our students love going out to our Community garden! We can only keep it going with parent help. It is a district requirement that the ground surrounding the garden beds be maintained. We are in immediate need of a volunteer to mow the garden; a volunteer to weed whack around the beds and along the fence line; and a volunteer to weed the mulch in the picnic table and benches area. If you can help with these fall garden chores, please contact staff members Teresa Townsell ([ttownsell@everettsd.org](mailto:ttownsell@everettsd.org)), or Heidi Davis ([hdavis@everettsd.org](mailto:hdavis@everettsd.org)).

Then, as we move forward with plans for the next growing season, we will need continued volunteer support. If you would be willing to coordinate parent volunteers, or volunteer for one of these tasks in the spring, please let us know!

### **Run club (by Jennifer Reyes, Assistant Principal):**

Families, I am working with our district wellness coordinator to develop a before school run club for our students to start their day. If you are interested in supporting this effort for our students 1-2 days per week, please let me know. This will provide students an additional opportunity to be active and engaged in a structured activity before their day starts. Some intended benefits of creating this opportunity for our students is developing healthy habits, increased enthusiasm for school, decrease in tardies, and improvement in overall behavior. Thank you for considering being part of this implementation process. -Mrs. Reyes [jreyes@everettsd.org](mailto:jreyes@everettsd.org) 425-385-5491





**Family Attendance Guide**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this guide is to have clear and consistent expectations about attendance.

Research shows a strong correlation between regular school attendance and academic achievement. Our goal is to support our students and families, guided by tiered intervention to improve attendance, achievement, and life trajectory.

**ATTENDANCE COMPONENTS:**

Comprehensive school-wide activities will be designed to support the importance of attendance. Building signage, morning announcements, classroom and school-wide attendance incentives will be regularly incorporated into the program. View Ridge staff are committed to creating a positive accountability system in support of short and long-term improvements in attendance.

Connecting to the school-wide approach to discipline, PBIS promotes strategies intended to change the focus of our school’s disciplinary efforts toward positive reinforcement of expected student behaviors. Building positive relationships is our foundation. It will be daily, positive connection with peers and View Ridge staff that will help reinforce the student-school relationship and provide your student with an expanded support network. Families are included in this relationship building as well, partnership between school and home is a critical part of success.

Ongoing communication with classroom teachers and the attendance managers will support in identification of individual student attendance trends and concerns. Phone calls, letters, parent meetings at school, and home visits will be utilized to inform our families of their child’s attendance status and proactively encourage cooperation in support of progress. Emphasis will be placed on helping our families understand the importance of being to school on time, every day, and how a healthy home environment supports academic success. Look for these updates throughout the year in multiple formats.

Thank you for partnership and commitment in assuring your child has the best school year by being at View Ridge on time, each day, ready to learn!

Families can use this attendance tracker to help keep track of your child attendance. If your child is absent, please do not forget to contact the office.

**View Ridge Elementary School Attendance Tracker**

*A whole year has 365 days.*

*A school year has only 180 days.*

*That leaves 185 days to spend on vacations, doctor/dentist appointments, holidays, or other.*

**Keep track your child’s attendance:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>r</sup>	4 <sup>t</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>t</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
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## Delayed start or closed schools

If we have to cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:45 a.m., with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local 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

## 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 of the calls.

## Is your contact information up-to-date at school?

If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so we can reach you.

## Mobile app

Families can [download the district mobile app](#) to easily access student information, grades, attendance, lunch balances, borrowed library books, calendars and more! Translate notifications and app functions into the language you prefer.

## School performance report

Our school's performance report is available online on each school's website. More information is available on the [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website](#). Click on "State Report Card" and select Everett from the list of districts.

## Back-to-school safety reminders

It's helpful to talk with your child from time to time about staying safe and alert, especially when traveling to and from school. Here are just a few quick reminders:

- Walk with a buddy
- Be aware of your surroundings (cell phones and ear buds put away)
- Wait with a friend or adult at bus stops
- Report anything suspicious to an adult right away
- For adults, [stop for buses](#) when they have the stop arm out



