Dear View Ridge Families,

We made it through a super semester, and are now excited to continue teaching and learning during our second semester! In fact, we have hit our 100th day of school, which is another reason to stop, reflect, and celebrate.

At View Ridge, we love celebrating students. As part of our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), positive acknowledgement is key in student success. Over the first semester, we celebrated 57 RESPECT heroes, 55 RESPONSIBILITY heroes, 56 KINDNESS Heroes, 54 INTEGRITY heroes, and 56 PERSEVERANCE heroes! WOW!!! Thank you to those families who have helped us celebrate our inspiring students by attending our school-wide assemblies (297 to be exact) and/or by celebrating with students at home and displaying their certificates proudly. We will be highlight one of our five values, again, each month during our second half of the school year to give students another opportunity to practice and model our five Viking Values. February is KINDNESS Month! Then, March is all about R-E-S-P-E-C-T! Please integrate these Viking Values in your own home!

Also, part of our PBIS systems is celebrating our students for their effort and achievement in writing and mathematics. In fact, this past semester we awarded 252 shiny, gold pencils to our Viking Scholars! IMPRESSIVE! Scholarship will be a focus for our students even more so during our second semester. Some students (those in grades 3-5) will be preparing for their big state test this Spring. All students (K-5) are working on demonstrating achievement and readiness for their next grade level. This is a time for sharpening our school’s tools for academic preparation, rigor, readiness, and intervention. This is a time our school, and all schools in Everett Public Schools, is calling T-8! Just like NASA prepares for a successful take-off, our students will be preparing for take off! Our school will utilize the T-8 Launch theme to motivate students along the natural course of this learning progression and journey! More information will be provided in our school communications, website, and Twitter around our school’s T-8 work! Let’s make this month STELLAR! -Ms. Tina Farias
**Attendance Update:**

We look forward to seeing your child at school each and every day. Regular school attendance is important, and we will work with you to ensure your child is present and benefiting from our teacher’s collaborative practice and intentional planning in providing quality education. Washington State measures each school’s improvement rating based on student proficiency and student growth, but also by student attendance rates. At View Ridge, attendance rates are indeed an area for growth! Our most recent Washington State Improvement Framework report (2018-19) shows that only 88.6 percent of our students attended school regularly. Thank you for your support in meeting our attendance goals.

If your child is going to be absent, please report your child’s absence by calling or emailing the school in advance or as soon as possible. If you email your child’s teacher, please include the attendance email as well, so that we are all on the same page. Thank you for your continued partnership!

- **Attendance Email:** VREAttendance@everettsd.org
- **Attendance Line:** 425-385-5405
  
  If you leave a voicemail, please provide a written note or email within 30 days of your student’s first day back to school.
- If you need assistance or if you would like recommendations on how to help ensure your child’s regular school attendance, please contact your child’s teacher, Mrs. Atregeocio, Ms. Farias, or Mr. Arnold

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**From the Assistant Principal (by Mr. Arnold):**

**Watch D.O.G.S.:**

Dads of Great Students is an important program here at View Ridge. We are grateful to all the men who come and serve our kids. They love having you at school. This is a call to any dad, grandpa, or uncle interested in becoming a WATCH DOG who hasn’t become one yet. We can use your support, so please contact Torie in the office. She will help you become one of our great Watch DOGS.

**Educational Effectiveness Survey:**

It’s that time of year—We are starting the process of administering the Educational Effectiveness Survey (EES). This survey will provide our staff and leadership valuable information and feedback about our school environment. The survey is given to all parents, staff, and students in grades 4 and 5. Our window for the Survey is February 20th through April 3rd. Parents will be able to fill out the survey online (linked to our website) or on paper (a copy is attached). If your child brings a survey, their teacher will give them a raffle ticket for a chance to win a 25-dollar shopping spree at the Spring Book Fair!

The survey questions were developed by the Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE), a Bellevue, Washington-based educational research firm, in collaboration with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for Washington State. This survey has been used with over 750,000 educational stakeholders in the Western U.S. This survey is formative, not evaluative. There is no “final score” that indicates “good” or “bad.” The data from the survey will be used to stimulate improvement conversations with staff and leadership.

The context of this survey is primarily the individual school building. There are some “district” level items, and these will specifically reference “In this district...”. Each building will receive their building-level reports and the district leadership team will receive district-level summary views. You may be asked to fill out the survey for different schools if you have children in middle school and or high school. The survey is confidential and anonymous. No personal identifying information is attached to the responses. CEE protects the confidentiality of each respondent and does not disaggregate into groups smaller than 10.

We thank you in advance for participating in the Survey.

Thank you, Mr. Arnold
From the Viking Staff:

Counselor’s Corner (by Mrs. Atregenio):

Anxiety and depression are becoming more and more prevalent with today’s students and adults. To help better understand these challenges, as well as gain skills and techniques, please consider attending the free, Understanding Anxiety and Depression, 5 week group at Verdant Community Wellness Center. This group begins Feb. 25th and runs through March 24th. Registration is necessary, so please refer to the attached flier and call to reserve your place soon!
Join the Birthday Book Club (by Kristie Post, Teacher/Librarian)

**February Birthdays:** Gary Weston 2/6, Owen Gardner 2/19, Aiden Petersen 2/25.


**Parent Pick-Up Procedures (by Ms. Ipsen):**

As we know, the beautiful Pacific Northwest has a lot of rain. No one likes getting rained on (or snowed on), so rainy/snowy days tend to extend the Parent Pick-Up car line. Increasingly, some parents are making choices that are unsafe for our students. Please remember these rules when coming to pick up your student in a vehicle:

1. **ALWAYS** stay in your car. A staff member will bring your student to you if they don’t come on their own.
2. **ALWAYS** pull forward as far as you can so we can get as many cars into the “safe pick up” zone as possible.
3. **ALWAYS** remember that the safety of our students is the #1 Priority.
4. **ALWAYS** use the crosswalk if walking your student to your correctly parked car in the lot.
5. **NEVER** park in a Fire Lane (curbs are painted red); even for “just a minute”.
6. **NEVER** double park behind other cars in the parking lot. The parking lot is not a designated pick-up area.
7. **ALWAYS** remember that we are all in this together and the rules are meant for everyone.

The only “safe pick up” zone is the long sidewalk along the West side of the building. We ask that you follow the directions of our staff as they manage the very busy line. No one should be entering a car in the area where the curb is painted red.

We do our best to get you reunited with your student in a timely fashion. When parents follow the pick-up rules, the line moves faster.

Thank you for keeping all of our students in mind – it matters!

**Community:**

**Everett Public Schools and View Ridge Elementary are on Twitter:** We are excited to join Everett Public Schools in the use of Twitter to share photos and updates of the amazing work being done here and to promote the learning and community events at View Ridge. Please follow us at [https://twitter.com/EPS_VRE](https://twitter.com/EPS_VRE)
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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.

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- Internet Safety
- Career Skills training for personal career advancement
- Completing a FAFSA training for college planning
- Access for staff, students and their families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- More than 50,000 step-by-step technology tutorials.

Go to www.atomiclearning.com/login/everettsd and log in with your district username and password. Need a login and password? Email LMS@everettsd.org.

Kindergarten registration begins this month

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2020? Registration begins March 2, at all 18 district elementary schools.

Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, go to our school search page here, or call the transportation department at 425-385-4144.

Classified Employee Week

March 2 - 6, help us recognize the important work classified staff does for schools and students every day. We encourage you to take a moment and 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.

22nd 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.

- Elementary school Art Show: February 25 – March 20, viewing only
- High school Art Show: April 6-24, reception on April 15
- Middle school Art Show: May 4-28, reception on May 27
High school summer internships

Summer 2020 will be year two of Everett Career Link, a partnership between the City of Everett and Everett Public Schools which offers high school students internship opportunities. Last summer, 50 students completed the Everett Career Link 90-hour summer internship and received high school credit. These students were hosted by employers representing 29 worksite locations. An overview of last summer’s program can be found below and you should expect more information about the summer 2020 program to be available soon.

Questions about the program can be directed to each high school’s Career Specialist or Career Connected Learning Internship (CCLI) Facilitator at each school. The CCLI Facilitator at JHS is Daniel Mills (dmills@everettsd.org), at CHS is Bree Youngberg (byoungberg@everettsd.org) and at EHS is Tammy Price (tprice@everettsd.org).
Calendar update

On January 28, 2020 the school board approved the 2019-20 school calendar update. We’ve had three snow days, so the last day of school has changed. As of today, the last day of school is June 18 (keeping in mind this date is subject to change).

Go to www.everettsd.org for updated At-a-glance and student art calendars, English and Spanish versions.

Harvest of the month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you broccoli grown in the PNW! Be sure to give it a try this month by choosing our broccoli salad or roasted broccoli menu option.
Did you know that broccoli is an excellent source of so many vitamins and minerals like Vitamin A, K and folate? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at https://www.everettsd.org

Brocc and Roll!

Remember to register to vote

By registering to vote, either in person or online, you are able to exercise a basic democratic right.
1. In person -- You may register to vote or change your registration at Snohomish County Elections, 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, 1st Floor, Admin Bldg West.
2. Online -- If you have a valid Washington state driver's license, you may register with the Secretary of State quickly and easily online. You may also download a voter registration form in several languages from that site.
To learn details about elections, visit the Snohomish County Elections website.

Daylight savings time begins March 8

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on Mar 8, 2020 than the day before. There will be more light in the evening.
Also called Spring Forward, Summer Time and Daylight Savings Time.
Do not miss out!

Our school is using Peachjar to send flyers home electronically.

Just go to the front page of our school website and click on the Peachjar Eflyer button to check it out. You do not need to login to receive or view school eflyers.

No action is required on your part. You should have already received a welcome email from Peachjar that includes a username and password. This is provided to give you the opportunity to manage your account and flyer delivery preferences. Don’t worry if you’ve forgotten your password, you can reset it at any time.

This system is used exclusively for distribution of school-approved flyers. Your email address will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

Update emergency contacts

Please call your school if your phone number or emergency contact information changes at any time during the school year. This is the contact information used by the Everett Public Schools automated phone system in emergencies and to share important school information with families.