From the Principal

Greetings Families,

Perseverance is a perfect value to have for the month of May as students are powering through, in a very thoughtful way, the state assessment. Students are taking their time, doing their best work, and even working in small groups to complete their assessments if they need more time! They should all be proud! Our teachers have also been a major support in getting students ready for this assessment to show what they know. We truly have an incredible staff at View Ridge that work diligently in service of students. They are advocates for your child’s success, they go above and beyond each day to support students academically, socially, and emotionally. We are lucky to have such a dedicated team to wrap around our students each day!

Our View Ridge volunteers help with countless opportunities to support our students, and we are excited to host our Volunteer Appreciation Tea for YOU! This event will be on Thursday, May 23rd at 4pm in the library. If you have volunteered in your child’s class, on a field trip, or for a PTA event, please join us 😊 You help make View Ridge a great place to be and learn.

On June 5, 5-8 p.m. at Angel of the Winds Arena our students will be participating in the annual Innovation Expo. Bring your family and enjoy the interactive displays from community organizations and booths from every school in the district. Each school’s booth will be different and showcase something the students are learning. Interactive community displays will highlight careers and career pathways from across our region. We hope to see you there!

On June 13, 5:30-7:15pm, please join us for our last open house on FUNdamental learning presented by our View Ridge staff. Take home some items to continue your child’s learning through the summer that will have your family playing games, exploring the outdoors and exploring the city of Everett. It is sure to be a fun time! On this day, we will also be hosting our kindergarten orientation to answer all your
burning questions about what kindergarten is really all about. We look forward to seeing everyone’s smiling faces!

As we wrap up an awesome school year, some Vikings we must wish farewell, as they are moving on to other opportunities and places. For starters, we have 103 talented and unique fifth graders moving onto middle school—and we wish them all the best as they continue their educational path to success. We must also say goodbye to a few of our staff. Our school psychologist, Connie Purdy, and our recess para, Sara Alex, are both retiring this year! Also, Suri Johnson (Developmental Kindergarten), Autumn Berlin (third grade), Julie Buchanan (fourth grade), Kelly Kauffman (fourth grade), Elise Hilyer (Resource Room), Corinne Teichgrab (Life Skills Para), and Jessica Hurckes (DK para) are leaving our school. Each of these educators has become a big part of our team and in the lives of our students. We wish them the best of luck and we will miss them greatly!

Let’s continue to make the month of May amazing and make June even better!

-Tina Farias, Principal  kfarias@everettsd.org  -Jennifer Reyes, Assistant Principal  jreyes@everettsd.org

Around the School, with Mrs. Atregenio, School Counselor

Seven Benefits of Using Routines with Your Kids (Adapted from Parenting.com)

1. **Routines eliminate power struggles:**
   Routines eliminate power struggles because you aren't bossing the child around. This activity (brushing teeth, napping, turning off the TV to come to dinner) is just what we do at this time of day. The parent stops being the bad guy, and nagging is greatly reduced.

2. **Routines help kids cooperate:**
   Routines help kids cooperate by reducing stress and anxiety for everyone. We all know what comes next, we get fair warning for transitions, and no one feels pushed around, or like parents are being arbitrary.

3. **Routines help kids learn to take charge of their own activities:**
   Over time, kids learn to brush their teeth, pack their backpacks, etc., without constant reminders. Kids love being in charge of themselves. This feeling increases their sense of mastery and competence. Kids who feel more independent and in charge of themselves have less need to rebel and be oppositional.

4. **Kids learn the concept of "looking forward" to things they enjoy:**
   Which is an important part of making a happy accommodation with the demands of a schedule. He may want to go to the playground now, but he can learn that we always go to the playground in the afternoon, and he can look forward to it then.

5. **Regular routines help kids get on a schedule:**
   Regular routines help kids get on a schedule, so that they fall asleep more easily at night.

6. **Routines help parents build in those precious connection moments:**
   We all know that we need to connect with our children every day, but when our focus is on moving kids through the schedule to get them to bed, we miss out on opportunities to connect. If we build little connection rituals into our routine, they become habit. Try a snuggle with each child when you first see them in the morning, or a "recognition" ritual when you’re first reunited: Rituals like these slow you down and connect you on a visceral level with your child, and if you do them as just "part of the routine" they build security as well as connection and cooperation.

7. **Schedules help parents maintain consistency in expectations:**
If everything is a fight, parents end up settling: more TV, skip brushing teeth for tonight, etc. With a routine, parents are more likely to stick to healthy expectations for everyone in the family, because that’s just the way we do things in our household. The result: a family with healthy habits, where everything runs more smoothly!

**From our Behavior Interventionist, Becky Wright**

As we continue to PERSEVERE in May I am looking ahead to June as the year comes to our final month. The Viking Value focus for the month of June is RESPONSIBILITY. Summer is a great time to talk to kids about being RESPONSIBLE and showing what it looks like. Raising helpful kids that have a good attitude and are proud of themselves can be done. Here’s a list of tips for raising responsible kids (adapted from www.care.com).

1. Start young.
2. Let them help you. Teamwork is precious time with your child.
3. Show kids the way to complete a task. Make responsibilities age appropriate.
4. Model responsibility and talk about it.
5. Praise them. Use specific praise (You hung your coat on the coat rack and I’m proud of you!)
6. Manage your expectations. Small children need time to develop their skills.
7. Avoid rewards. Save rewards for tasks that go above and beyond normal chores.
8. Provide structure and routine. Kids thrive on order. (Note: see Mrs. Atregenio’s article above)
9. Teach consequences. Let children experience consequences for being responsible.

**PE News:**

Field day is going to be here before you know it! Thursday, June 20th, students will participate in our school’s field day! Please have your students dressed appropriately to participate outside for approximately 1.5 hours. Sunscreen, tennis shoes and a water bottle may be a good idea! This year we are fortunate to have Everett Parks and Rec, as well as, Everett Youth Soccer Club joining us with activities!

We also could use your help! If you would like to volunteer, three time slots will be available. Sign up for one or all! We need your help to make field day a success. Sign-up times will be between 9:30 and 2:50. PTA will be sending out a sign-up genius link to sign up to help us on this FUN-FILLED day!

Hope to see you there!

Ali Rollings & Torrey Wheeler

**From our Reading Specialist, Mrs. Fleckenstein**

Calling all Viking Readers!

Summer reading supports students in maintaining their current reading levels, helping them enter the next grade level prepared! Above all, however it is about building their confidence and passion for reading! Reading with your children, reading the same book all together as a family or even listening to an audio book on long summer drives provides you each with a common experience to discuss and enjoy.

Everett School District’s 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. Each student will have a personal goal of reading minutes (incoming kindergarten - incoming first grade) or AR test points (incoming 2nd-5th graders) to document their hard work! READERS... MEET THOSE GOALS!
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**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. Reyes! (4 student winners)
- Librarian for the day! (2 student winners)
- Reading Specialist for the day (2 student winners)
- A book for you and a book to give (Seattle Children's Hospital) from our October Book Fair (4 Student winners)
- Help clean the ocean (4 winners each removing 1lb of garbage!)
- Soccer balls for a village (4 winners giving 8 soccer balls)

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

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**From our Math Specialist, Mrs. Petersen**

Our school district is offering two math learning opportunities this summer!

*Calendars* for the months of July and August will be put into your child’s progress report folder. Each day has an idea for a fun math activity your child can complete to keep math alive over the summer. Some examples are going for a walk and looking for different shapes in your community, calculating time based on your schedule, talking to your child about how math is a part of your job, doing a puzzle, cooking measurements, and much more. Activities are based on grade level, so should be a review of concepts already learned.

*Access to i-Ready* will continue to be available over the summer. Students will continue the learning path based on their most recent assessment. There are four domains: Number Base 10, Operations and Algebraic Thinking, Geometry, Measurement/Data. The program’s goal is to fill gaps and work on areas of most need. Students listen to a lesson with modeling, then complete a practice. After that, they may complete another practice. If they do well, another lesson will begin and so forth. Using this program is a good way for kids to continue their learning in math over the summer and close the gaps that may exist as they enter the next grade level. The program is designed for a total of 30-45 minutes a week for the greatest success. Please let me know if you have any questions!

1. [www.everettsd.org](http://www.everettsd.org)
2. Click on the tab labeled students. The STUDENT TOOLS will automatically show up.
3. Scroll until you see the i-Ready button and click.
4. Students will sign-in using their school ID number.

*Check out these websites for good math practice over the summer:*

- [mathplayground.com](http://mathplayground.com)
- [prodigy.com](http://prodigy.com)
- [mathpickle.com](http://mathpickle.com)
- [bedtimemath.org](http://bedtimemath.org)
- [factmonster.com](http://factmonster.com)
- [abcya.com](http://abcya.com)
When does school end this year?

June 21 will be the last day of school and it is a full day with a regular dismissal time. Reminder: Friday, June 7, students will be released 2.5 hours early and Friday, June 14, students will be released 75 minutes early.

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.

Stuff the Bus is coming!

With the support of our generous community, the Everett Public Schools Foundation is hosting its 10th annual Stuff the Bus for Kids school supply drive. Last year the Foundation delivered over 1,900 backpacks to students. This year they have requests for over 1,800 backpacks filled with school supplies. Look for collection bins at local businesses during the month of August and look for big yellow Durham school buses parked outside Fred Meyer in Mill Creek and QFC on Evergreen Way Aug. 16-18.

URGENT NEED: The Foundation needs 700 high school backpacks. To purchase and donate a backpack and other preassembled schools supply kits, they have partnered with Supply All Kids, or you can contact Kirsten Hansen at khansen@everettsd.org.

Vaccinations for next year

Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations your child will need before he or she enrolls next fall. 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.

Do you have a personal exemption for Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)? That exemption may not be valid for next school year due to a new state law. Learn more on the Washington State Department of Health’s website.

Summer school registration is open!

Registration materials are now online. Summer programs for high school students include opportunities to strengthen the skills and knowledge required for the district core expectations, repeat courses, extend their interests in academic areas, and take new courses. Tuition-based summer programs are offered for students through Online High School and at Cascade High School. Elementary and middle school summer programs are available for specific students who need academic support.
Summer Reading Program

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.

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 children qualify to receive free summer meals thanks to a federal grant? Summer meals are available July 8 through Aug. 15 at select locations and times. Find more details on the Food and Nutrition Department website.

Change to assessment requirements

The Washington State Legislature recently passed a bill creating multiple ways to meet required graduation assessments. School districts administer the Smarter Balanced Assessment in both mathematics and English language arts (ELA) to all 10th graders. Passing each of these assessments is the first “pathway” opportunity among multiple ways to fulfill the assessment requirements for graduation. Students identify their pathway in their High School and Beyond Plan. Students in the class of 2021 and beyond must still earn 24 credits to obtain a high school diploma.

For a complete list of graduation assessment requirement options, please visit the district graduation website under the Students tab.