

View Ridge Viking News

VIEW RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal:

Dear View Ridge Families,

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

Responsibility is the perfect Viking Value focus for June as students prepare to finish this school year strong and begin preparing for their next grade level. I am so proud of the hard work and effort students have shown on their end-of-year assessments, whether it's their Kindergarten assessments, iReady diagnostics, End of Unit assessments in math/ELA, or the big state assessments (SBA and WCAS). Well done, everyone! Our students (and staff) have truly embodied perseverance and responsibility!

Our View Ridge volunteers help with countless opportunities to support our students, staff, and families. We are excited to celebrate them alongside our student award recipients at our next Viking Pride Assemblies, (June 2nd 9:30 for grades K-2, 10:05 for grades 3-4, and June 9th at 9:30 for grade 5). Thank you, families! You help make View Ridge a great place to be and learn.

On Monday, June 5th from 5:30-7 p.m., please join us for our last open house on FUNdamental learning presented by our View Ridge staff. You will be able to visit your student's current classroom/grade level to hear about the big priorities they accomplished this school year AND their future classrooms/grade level teaching team to preview what the next grade level is all about! Each visit will come with some take-home items OR ideas to continue your child's learning through the summer that will have your family playing games, challenging your brains, and enjoying reading. During this

Summer Fundamentals event we will also host our Kindergarten Orientation for incoming Vikings! 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 88 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.

Tina Wood, Principal

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2022-2023 Student Calendar

June 2

- VRE Spirit Day-Favorite Color Day
- Viking Pride Assembly-Gades K-4

June 5

- Summer Fundamentals 5:30-7pm
- PTA Meeting 7pm

June 9

- Viking Pride Assembly-Grade 5
- Early Release-1pm
- PTA End of Yr BBQ 4:30 pm
- PTA Garden Fundraiser (Plant Sale)
- Book Fair-BOGO

June 16

- Learning Improvement Friday
- PTA Free Popcorn Friday
- 5th Grade Bridging 5pm

June 19

- Juneteenth-No School

June 20

- Field Day

June 22

- Last day of school
- Early Release 1pm



Our kindergarten teacher, Teresa Townsell, is retiring this year! Also, Elizabeth Booth (second grade), Marah Spiers (HC/ML/Recess Para), Lily Duncan (Special Education Para), Stephanie Marriott (Transitional Kindergarten) and Julie Scarlett (TK para), and Andrea Yee (Assistant Principal) 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 finish strong and make June the best month yet!

--Ms. Tina Wood Principal Kwood1@everettsd.org

From the Assistant Principal

Dear Vikings,

Thank you for making it such a year filled with learning and memories! I've appreciated all of the support and kindness this community has shown. With all the end-of-year responsibilities we each have at this time of year, take the time to reflect on everything your child has accomplished, look forward to what's ahead, and end the year strong! Here are a few of the highlights from the month.

Kindergarten Orientation: We are looking forward to welcoming our incoming Kindergarteners to View Ridge Elementary for Kindergarten Orientation *Monday, June 5 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.* during Summer Fundamentals. During this time, new families will be able to visit two examples of Kindergarten classes (from 6:00:-6:15p.m.) before hearing the Kindergarten Orientation presentation from our teachers (6:15-7:00p.m.). We look forward to meeting our new students!

Multicultural Night: What an *amazing* turn out! It was so great to celebrate and honor our authentic selves and learn about our roots. This was View Ridge's first time hosting a multicultural night and it was a success because of YOU. My deepest appreciation to everyone who helped to plan and who showed up to make it happen. What an opportunity to share artwork, play games, taste great food/ snacks, and connect with our community. Please consider completing [multicultural night feedback form](#) if you attended.

Having the night in May holds special meaning to me, as we wrap up Asian American and Native Hawaii / Pacific Islander (AANHPI) heritage month. However, as a first-generation born in the United States from a multi-lingual household, we must honor each other's cultures beyond a day or month and take the time to honor the unique qualities we each bring and raise each other's voices up. The diversity within the Asian cultural is immense. We must recognize that we are not a monolith while also being united. As the saying goes, we are the same, but different!

Safety: This month, we conducted a lockdown drill and had our final safety team meeting. As we come to the end of the year and the weather gets nicer, w it is still important to remember to follow our safety protocols and reflect on what can be tweaked next year so we are prepared. Please remember to continue to sign-in/ out and use a visitor sticker, pay attention to the crosswalks, and monitor your students once you've picked up to help keep everyone safe.

Attendance: Our students made it to another attenDANCE - congratulations! Please remember to communicate absences. Thank you to everyone who has been in communication. The turnout and response to our meetings helped us determine how we can better improve our attendance systems and ensure that we feel as if we belong and are being supported in coming to school.

-- Andrea Yee (ayee2@everettsd.org)



From the Viking Staff:

Classroom Planning for 2023-24 School Year



Please fill out the attached survey if you are a parent of a current K-4th grader to help us with our staffing and classroom placement plans for next year. You may submit your response via the [online survey link](#) or email your response to kreintegrado@everettsd.org.

Student name(s) and current grade(s): _____

Are you returning to View Ridge for the 2022-23 school year?

- ☐ Yes, we are!
- ☐ No, we are moving.
- ☐ We are not sure yet.

Please share any comments or notes that could be helpful in our planning for next year.

Math Corner with Mrs. Petersen:

Math summer slide is a real thing for many students at all levels. This website shares 8 summer math activities that will help prevent summer slide in a variety of ways—board/card games, online apps or video games, outside activities, cooking, analyzing sports, and more. [Check it out!](#)

Another way you can support your child in math this summer is by focusing on fact fluency. No matter what grade level, all students are working towards basic fact goals for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and/or division. Not only is accuracy important but flexibility in their use of strategies to solve problems.

Here are some free websites that support the use of strategies to build greater understanding that can be transferred to bigger concepts and problems in the future.

- <https://www.mathfactlab.com/> (Addition/subtraction/multiplication/division based on parent input)
- <https://mathigon.org/multiply> (Multiplication—visual fact cards) --can purchase a set if your child likes them
- <https://www.iseemaths.com/games-resources/> (strategy games and cards for various levels)

PE Corner with Mr. Wheeler and Ms. King

We are getting excited to have anyone participate in Field Day on Tuesday, June 20th. If you are interested in volunteering for this super fun annual event, please stay posted for a sign-up genius that will be going out on the week of June 12th. We look forward to seeing you there! Also, the last day of Spring running club will be on Tuesday, June 13th. We've really appreciated the great turnout that we have had and would love to see you on our last two mornings. Go Vikings!



Library News with Mrs. Post: kpost@everettsd.org



One Day Only!!!! June 9th from 4-7 p.m. Come visit us in the cafeteria at the PTA BBQ/Plant Sale.

June Shelf Elf of the month- Congratulations fourth grader

Amelia Rudow. Amelia comes in every morning with a smile, eager to help. She effortlessly keeps the library organized and clean. A huge thank you to Amy for her Viking responsibility and kindness.



Birthday Book Club Members: William Timoll 6/3, Elise

Quartermann 6/6, Melody Peters 6/13, Jack Peters 6/28, Vincent Hernandez 7/25, Lily Zerkle 7/29.



The last day to check out books is June 2nd. Please help your child find their missing books. Overdue and fine reminders will continue to come until June 16th.

Library Book Fine Options:

- **Replace the book** with a new or used copy of the same book (if you had a paperback book, replace it with paperback. If you had a hardback book, replace it with a hardback book). **I recommend this option since it is usually easier for everybody!** If you order from a website, [email me](#) and let me know. I will clear the book from your child's account before I receive it. I know you are good for it! Here are some helpful tips:
 - o Call a used bookstore like Half Price Books and see if they have a used copy.
 - o Go to smile.amazon.com (with smile. Amazon, you can register View Ridge PTA so they can benefit from purchases you make) **OR**

Pay the fine (email me if you would like this option so I can create the fine. Once created, you can go to the district website and [MAKE A PAYMENT](#) for the cost of the book. If the book is found, a refund will be issued, which you should receive anywhere between 4 and 8 weeks (about 2 months). Please remember...if you find the lost book and return it in 90 days (about 3 months) of paying the fine, you will be issued a refund. If it is after 90 days, just keep the book...no refund will be given.

View Ridge Attendance Corner:

Regular school attendance is important, and we will work with you to ensure your child is present to benefit from an excellent education. If your student is absent or tardy from school, please email every day the attendance office at vreattendance@everettsd.org or call at 425-385-5405 to let us know the reason for the absence or tardy.



If email is not possible, and even if you leave a message with the school attendance line, please send a written note to the school office within 30 days after your student returns to school.



Community:

Everett Public Schools and View Ridge Elementary are on Twitter:

Please follow us at https://twitter.com/EPS_VRE to see photos and updates of the amazing work being done here!

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Our Kindergarten students enjoyed their field trip to the Lively Environmental Center. They enjoyed the outdoor learning center by going on nature walks, performing water testing and spending time getting to know the creatures in the soil and water.

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@EPS_ViewRidgeVikings @EPS_VRE · 20m

Our 1st grade students had a Viking Pride celebration because they showed their Viking values all year. Way to go 1st graders!

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@EPS_ViewRidgeVikings @EPS_VRE · May 19

Our school is so lucky to have amazing students and families. Thank you for making multicultural night a success!

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You Retweeted

Cathy Woods @EPS_Region2 · May 19

Multicultural night @EPS_VRE Another great event celebrating the wonderful and diverse community

Dr. Ian B. Saltzman and Everett Public Schools.WA

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@EPS_ViewRidgeVikings @EPS_VRE · May 8

Thank you so very much View Ridge Elementary staff for all that you do for our students everyday. Our PTA provided these delicious snacks & treats to everyone to enjoy! @EPS_VRE @EPS_Region2

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@EPS_ViewRidgeVikings @EPS_VRE · May 4

View Ridge Spirit day: May the 4th be with you!

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Summer learning activities

Everett Public Schools looks forward to another successful year of summer learning. This year's theme is "Wild About Learning." Please check out the [Summer Opportunities](#) website for the following activities:

- Engage in each week's new science, math, reading and writing activities
- Read good books
- Participate in community library programs
- Access iReady for reading and math digital lessons
- Track your participation so next fall you can tell your teacher about your summer learning

Summer meals

Every summer when school ends, millions of children and teens are at risk of going hungry without access to the free or reduced-price meals they receive in school. The USDA's **Summer Food Service Program** (SFSP) provides free healthy meals to children and teens in communities with high rates of poverty. For more than 30-years, Everett Public Schools (EPS) Food & Nutrition Professionals have been serving summer meals to all children up to 18-years old. This year EPS will be partnering with a variety of new community organizations to offer free meals from July 5 – August 18. Check in with our [website](#) regularly to find out which parks, libraries, community centers will be providing complimentary meals all summer long.

Stay connected over the summer

We invite all Everett Public Schools families, students, friends, and community members to follow our social media sites including YouTube. On our main district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages, you will find emergency district communications, photos, videos, event postings, content highlighting students and staff and accomplishments.

Visit our social media directory at www.everettsd.org/socialmediadirectory to follow school pages, district pages, teachers, clubs, student groups and more. Stay connected with us to learn the latest news! We can't wait to see you there!

When does school end this year?

The last day of school this year is Thursday, June 22, and will be early release for all students. June 16 is the last day of school for seniors.

Graduation dates

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming high school graduations in June. Ceremony details will be shared soon from individual schools.

- Sequoia High School, June 15, 6 p.m. at Civic Auditorium
- Jackson High School, June 17 at 11 a.m. at The Angel of the Winds Arena
- Everett High School, June 17 at 3 p.m. at The Angel of the Winds Arena
- Cascade High School, June 17 at 7 p.m. at The Angel of the Winds Arena



Preliminary scores release

Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) preliminary scores will be coming soon and will be available in the online Home Access Center (HAC). These scores will be released by grade level once 95% of the grade level's results are in, to ensure scores are accurate and stable. Families will also receive a hard copy in the fall. Go to www.everettsd.org/SBAinformation to learn more.

- **How do I get the test scores?**

Under Quick Links, click [How to view SBA scores for instructions](#). If you do not have a HAC account or have questions, contact LMS@everettsd.org.

- **Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science scores**

These assessments are scored over the summer and will be available in the fall.



Music4Life

The Music4Life Everett Booster Club, which supports Everett School District's ongoing commitment to instrumental music across the district. These instruments are donated to Music4Life, refurbished by our repair partners and then distributed throughout the district wherever there's a need. If you have an instrument you'd like to donate, contact info@Music4Life.org or go to www.Music4Life.org to learn how to make a tax-deductible donation to support music programs in Everett Public Schools.

Stuff the Bus is coming!



With the support of our generous community, the Everett Public Schools Foundation is hosting its 14th annual Stuff the Bus for Kids school supply drive. This year the need is greater than ever. We need your help to deliver over **2,900 backpacks** to Everett Public Schools students and families this fall. Look for collection bins at local businesses during August and look for big yellow Durham school buses parked outside Fred Meyer in Mill Creek and QFC on Evergreen Way Aug. 11-13. For questions, please contact Kirsten Hansen at khansen@everettsd.org.

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 our website under the *Our Schools* tab around the last week of school.

Vaccinations for next year

Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations your child may need before they return next fall. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations as soon as possible and provide documentation to your child's school health room staff. Providing this information before the new school year will help you avoid getting calls and letters as well as the potential exclusion from school in the fall. As a reminder, students entering 7th grade usually require a Tdap booster before they can start school. More information can be found on the district's [immunizations webpage](#).



Kindergarten registration is open

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2023? Registration is open. You can complete enrollment forms for kindergarten [online](#)! A [step-by-step parent walkthrough video](#) is also available as a resource.

Family Resource Center

Everett School District's [Family Resource Center](#) (FRC), which is part of our Categorical Kids in Transition (KIT) Program, is celebrating the completion of its' first full school year in operation. The FRC mainly serves EPS families experiencing homelessness or housing instability, supporting them while they navigate the various social service programs in the community.

The FRC serves as a hub for a limited supply of donated basic needs items and provides a welcoming space for our students and families to receive support, have some basic needs met and connect to school and community resources. Families are identified and referred to the FRC by KIT building point people located in each school throughout the district.

Since its' inception, FRC staff has built valuable partnerships with many community agencies, which has helped to better serve Everett Public Schools' families. As of mid-May, the FRC has connected almost 200 families to community resources, 60 families specifically to housing services, supplied over 100 families with basic needs items (including clothing, hygiene items and diapers) and distributed over 1,000 pounds of food.

Please consider donating to help keep the shelves of the EPS Family Resource Center filled.

- View and purchase from the [list of needs](#)
- Donations ordered online can be shipped to: Family Resource Center c/o Hawthorne Elementary, 1110 Poplar St., Everett 98201
- Monetary donations can be made online at [Everett Public Schools \(intouchrecepting.com\)](#) select "Everett School District Office" under School and for now the activity auto populates with Family Resource Center



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