**View Ridge OTTER KNOW**  
Friday, January 8th, 2021

Para versión en español, de favor contactarse a Shannon Otto

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**Calendar Items**

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### Schoolwide Food Drive!

The View Ridge Elementary Student Council is holding a schoolwide food and items drive to benefit the University Food Bank. Your donations can be dropped off in a marked bin at library checkout now through the end of the school year.

For information on which items are needed, check out this [link](#).

Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Jewett and Ms. Crossman

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### Martin Luther King Jr. Day Volunteer Activity

Join us for some community-building and day of service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 18th at 1:30pm. Meet at the inner playcourt to collect materials for a school yard clean-up. We will also honor Dr. King’s Legacy with an opportunity for community reflections and art on-site at the outdoor library, details coming. All are welcome.

For other ways to celebrate Dr. King while we are socially distanced, please check out the following:

- National Museum of African American History and Culture - The People’s Holiday celebration
- MLK Jr. Day of Service - Points of Light
- Northwest African American Museum King Day Celebration - January 18th
- King County Annual MLK Celebration - January 14th at 12:00
- United Way Volunteer Options

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### 2021 VRE Supply Drive Survey

We know that there are supplies that families need, but we want to make sure that we’re collecting the specifics for our community. In an effort to do that, we’ve created this survey to help guide our wish list of items. Please check any and all those that you need for your family and learner, or classroom. While we’ve tried to cover any and all possible needs, if there are things missing please let us know at the end of the survey. Thank you for your help.

This information will be shared with volunteers to help create our wish lists for our supply drives. If you would like to receive supplies, please contact our school’s counselor, Joyce Cho, or contact Sunshine Feldman for more information.

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**Administrative**

- Need to report an absence? [Send an email](#)
- Parent/Guardian Volunteer Form [Available here](#)
- You can also contact about volunteering [Sunshine Feldman](#)
- [Principal Meeting Notes](#)

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**Community & Information Resources**

- Click [here](#) for a full list of

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Community Resources

nurse, Pamela Altman.

Click HERE to complete the survey. The survey will be active until 1/15/2021.

Family Connectors University

SPS families are invited to sign up for the Family Connectors University (FCU) class designed to support you in Winter 2021!

The FCU class is a partnership between North Seattle College and the Family Partnerships Department at SPS. Here are some examples of topics we'll be covering:

- How to help your child with remote learning
- Social Emotional Learning ideas for home
- Becoming a supportive partner at your school
- Helping your child with literacy and math
- Talking to kids about race, racism, and antiracist actions

Classes begin Tuesday, January 12th and you will need to reserve your spot in advance. If you are interested in more information, see our full article.

Conquering Dyslexia Book Study

Parents and Educators, join us for a great opportunity with an international reading "rock star", Jan Hasbrouck.

This event, Conquering Dyslexia Book Study, is available at no charge and takes place over multiple Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is sponsored by multiple organizations including Seattle's ReadWA. This event is a great opportunity to learn about the science of reading. Click here to learn more.

SPS/SEA Interview Training

Interviews will begin soon for our new Focus teacher (grades 3-5) and our new principal.

Seattle Public Schools (SPS) and Seattle Education Association (SEA) offer virtual site-based interview training. If you are interested in serving on an upcoming interview team for a SEA represented position in Seattle Public Schools, you must attend this training. SPS/SEA site-based interview trainings are open to all administrators, certificated and classified employees, as well as parents, students and community representatives.

Trainings are held virtually once a month on Tuesdays from 4-5:30 pm. For more information and to register, see the article on the PTA website.

Updates, Reminders, Information, Etc.

- **LIBRARY**: Starting this week, library's checkout will be every week! Please visit on Tuesday: 3-5pm; Wednesday: 11:15-1:30pm; Thursday: 3-5pm. Contact Ms. Young with questions.

- **iPad Cases**: If you received an iPad from the district, cases are now available. You can pick them up during
OTTER KNOW SUBMISSIONS

The Otter Know is published during the school year once a week on Tuesday, with an Otter Know Update on Friday if needed. Articles for the Otter Know are due the Thursday before the Tuesday publication. Articles can be sent through the website, or to the Communications Committee.