What Are Our Values in Our Community?

Our VRE DEI Equi-Tea meeting was a thoughtful reflection of our community and what we value. We also had a safe space conversation about the shifts in our community, what we have experienced, and how that affects our school community.

Join in the conversation virtually by adding your three value words (1 week only). Let’s identify our values and strengthen them. Join us HERE to add your values!

Films Celebrating Black History Month

There's a lot of movie nights (and days) for our families these days, & as Black History Month starts off with Black Lives Matter at School, we would like to celebrate positive representation in the media for View Ridge Families to enjoy at home.

**Movies for Preschool-3rd Graders (G)**
Streaming Platform: Netflix
_Bookmarks: Celebrating Black Voices_
Age Rating: 3+ Common Sense Media

**Movies for 3rd-5th Graders (G)**
Streaming Platform: Disney +
_Akeelah and the Bee_
Age Rating 8+ Common Sense Media

**Documentary Movies for Adults & Older Kids**

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**Community & Information Resources**
Click here for a full list of resources.

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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
Community Resources

Streaming Platforms: Amazon, Hulu, Starz

**America to Me**
Age Rating: 13+ (Language) [Common Sense Media Reviews Article on 'America to Me']
For more movie recommendations, please see our website article

**DEI Equi-Tea Film Discussion: "What is Justice?"**

W 2/24/21 7pm Equi-Tea: What are Our Values in Our Community?

DEI Committee is hosting a safe space conversation in an ongoing series to build a community charter. This conversation honors the [Black Lives Matter at School Curriculum] on exploring the question "What is Restorative Justice?". Please watch the film [Just Mercy] (age rating: 13+ for violence, [Common Sense Media]) prior to the meeting to participate actively in the conversation. Streaming on HBO MAX, Amazon, and Hulu. If you would like to participate in the conversation, but do not have access to these streaming platforms, please contact dei@viewridgeschool.org

**About the Film:** A powerful true story about the [Equal Justice Initiative], the people we represent, and the importance of confronting injustice, Just Mercy is a [bestselling book by Bryan Stevenson] that has been adapted into a feature film.

**Dyslexia Webinar**

Join us for the webinar: Microsoft Accessibility Tools for Students (grades 3-12) with Dyslexia or Learning Differences on 2/9 at 4:00 pm or 2/11 at 7:00 pm. This FREE webinar is hosted by [Varsity Tutors]. For more details, click here.

**Hamlin Robinson Speak Series**

Join the Hamlin Robinson Schools Speaker Series as they cover a variety of topics related to dyslexia. The next session is on 2/11 from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - The Emotional Impact of Dyslexia on Students and Families. [Webinar Registration]

**Reminders, Updates, Etc.**

- **BIPOC & SpEd** listening circles; 2/3 3-4pm & 2/23 7-8pm; email viewridgedesi@gmail.com for link to join
- **Playcourt Survey**: please complete [HERE]!
- **If you need valentines** for your upcoming class party, boxes of valentines are available at Library Check-out.
- **Yearbook**: Submit your student’s photo for the yearbook to VRYearbook@gmail.com by 2/15; using subject line: student last name, first name, grade, and teacher
- **VRE Supply & Food Drives** continues. If you can't make it to library check-out to drop off donations, go [HERE] to purchase from our Amazon wish list.
- **U-Ravenna Co-op Preschool Sing-Along Party**: 2/3/21, 5:30-6:30pm. RSVP [HERE] to get the Zoom event link or visit uravennacoop.com
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.