Calendar Items

DEI Committee Listening Session
W 2/3 3-4pm
T 2/23 7-8pm

View Ridge Tour
Th 2/4 7pm

Yearbook Photo Due
M 2/15

No School Midwinter Break
2/15-2/19

Equi-TEA
W 2/24 7-8pm

Black Lives Matter Week

Black Lives Matter at School Week is this week! Click HERE for a letter to learn about why and how View Ridge is participating in Black Lives Matter at School Week!

We Need Volunteers!

We have a variety of open positions we are looking for volunteers:

- **Library**: Helping to re-shelve library books (limited to adults only who have completed their volunteer training and have updated volunteer paperwork with SPS).
- **Hospitality chair**: 1) Coordinate welcoming items for teachers and staff as part of going back to in-person school. 2) Help provide ideas and guidance for Room Parents and parents to support staff during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-May 7.
- **Nomination committee**: Meet 1-2 times virtually to help generate possible candidates for PTA open positions for 2021-2022 school year. Help with communicating with parents in the community.
- **Co-Treasurer**: The ideal candidate would be comfortable with Quickbooks and Excel Spreadsheets (or open to learning) and have an extra 1-2 hours or so a week (some weeks are 2, others are a few minutes). You would be on a team of 3 people helping manage our PTA budget, reimburse teachers, and reconcile bank statements.

Supply Drive

There's still time to donate items to our View Ridge Supply Drive! Critical items are headphones, keyboards and other tech supplies listed on our Amazon wishlist.

If you have any questions about the supply drive please email Genny. If you can't make it to library check out, you can also donate to the Eckstein Community Pantry this coming Saturday, 2/6 at Eckstein from 10am-12pm, in the west parking area, 30th Ave. NE and 75th St NE.

Also, please contact Joyce Cho for any supplies you may have already requested off of our recent supply survey. Our View Ridge students get first pick!
Community Resources

Calling All Dental Employees!

Do you have sample toothbrushes (both adult and child sized), toothpastes, and floss to donate to our supply drive? We'd greatly appreciate these donations for our community! They would need to be individually wrapped and familiar brands. Thank you! Please contact Genny Costin to donate or bring to the supply drive donation bin at Library Check Out.

Listening Session Regarding SPS Budget & Transportation

Seattle Council PTSA will be hosting a listening session for Families of Color and non-English speaking families to explain how the SPS budget shortfall may impact transportation services and to listen to families’ feedback. Session set for W, 2/3, 7:30-8:30pm. Please pre-register HERE.

DEI Information on our PTA Website

Come check out all the great resources that June Nho Ivers, Shannon Otto, and the DEI committee have put together for our community on our website. They have been working tirelessly behind (and in front of) the scenes to bring activities and resources to our fingertips. THANK YOU for helping our community to both grow and learn.

VR PTA DEI Committee information
Anti-Racist Resources

Let's Celebrate Black History Month

Check out some great activities to help celebrate Black History Month in your home, thanks to June Nho Ivers and Kathryn Lachenmaier, located HERE.

Kindergarten, New Student & Open Enrollment

Enrollment is open for Kindergarten and new students. Open Enrollment for School Choice runs February 1-19. For more information please see our article on the PTA website.

Reminders, Updates, Etc.

- **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
- **Student Council Food Drive** continues. Please bring your donations to the library check out at playcourt.

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