View Ridge OTTER KNOW
Tuesday, February 9th, 2021

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Calendar Items

Principal Coffee
T 2/9 9:15am

PTA General Meeting
T 2/9 7pm

Yearbook Photo Due (see below)
M 2/15

No School
Midwinter Break
2/15-2/19

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

Equi-TEA
W 2/24 7-8pm

Returning to In-Person Learning

There still remains a lot of uncertainty and confusion around returning to in-person for Special Education, Kindergarten and 1st graders this Spring. The late and lack of communication from the district is frustrating.

What is shared is posted on the following websites:

- In-Person Learning Plan
- In-Person FAQs
- Bargaining Update - SPS & SEA

PTA General Meeting

The PTA is holding its general membership meeting on Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00 pm. We will have updates from our committees and vote on Standing Rules changes. Please see our agenda (for 2/9/21) and plan to join us.

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join on your computer or mobile app
Click here to join the meeting

View Ridge Equity Update

Dear Families,

Our View Ridge equity and parent Equi-Teas have collaborated in planning over the past weeks to focus our curriculum this month on Black Lives Matter and Black History Month. Teachers have also added in their own lessons fitting each of their
Per teacher reports and through my own observations in the classrooms, the students were engaged in in-depth conversations around how black lives are impacted today and their innovation, excellence, brilliance, and joy.

Sincerely,
Paula Henn

PTA Budget & Fundraising

We’d like to share the following budget & fundraising items in preparation for the 2021-22 school year.

The annual PTA budget consists of three main areas:
1) Planned fundraising goals to both support events & school support for the 2020-2021 school year and funding for a staff contribution for the 2022-2023 school year.
2) Projected expenses to support school events & school support for the 2021-2022 school year.
3) A planned contribution to pay for additional school staff for the 2022-2023 school year. In March, the PTA submits a staffing contribution check for the 2021-2022 school year.

So that the PTA Board can understand the preferences of our community, please make your voice heard in our online survey HERE.

Got questions? First go HERE for more detailed information. Then please reach out to your PTA Co-Presidents.

Thank you,
Kathryn Lachenmaier & Megan Flaherty
VR PTA Co-Presidents

Basketball Afterschool Curriculum

Attention Parents: Are you looking for ways to keep your child active during distant learning? If so please visit this website for more information from Coach Stu at One on One Basketball.

Reminders, Updates, Etc.

- **Celebrating Black History Month**: Check out some great activities to do with your family at home
- **Valentines Day**: 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.

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