View Ridge OTTER KNOW
Friday, February 12th, 2021

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Calendar Items

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

Eckstein & Hale Food Sites OPEN during Midwinter Break

Eckstein and Nathan Hale food sites will continue to be open next week Tuesday - Friday 11:15am-1:15pm for food services. 33 additional sites will be open over break.

Sites that are CLOSED next week, 2/15-2/19, are: Bryant, Olympic View, Hawthorne, TOPS, Aki Kurose, Northgate, and Rox Hill. For more information Click Here.

View Ridge Otter Fund

Our annual fundraising campaign, the Otter Fund, is coming up in early March. Your support is more critical now than ever before. Please consider how you can contribute your time, talent, or treasure. More info here!

SPS 2021-22 Budget Update

Next school year, Seattle Public Schools will have a $69.8M budget shortfall due to several factors, including limits on how much money SPS can collect through our educational levies and state formulas that determine the amount of funding Seattle receives for transportation and other critical programs. The School Board has been hosting a series of meetings to determine SPS budget priorities and how to address the gap.

Learn more about projected budget shortfalls and the proposed 2021-22 reductions, including Option School transportation.

Joining the PTA is Tax-Deductible!

Did you know that membership dues and donations to your PTA are 100% deductible? Yes, you can get a tax deduction for joining and contributing to the mission of your PTA!

If you need a list of your contributions for 2020, please email president@viewridgeschool.org.
Racial Equity Support Line

The Racial Equity Support Line is a service led and staffed by people with lived experience of racism. They offer support to those who are feeling the emotional impacts of racist violence and microaggressions, as well as the emotional impacts of immigration struggles and other cross-cultural issues. This line is available weekdays from 10am-7pm, PST; 503-575-3764; website link

Celebrating Diversity

REPRESENTATION MATTERS is a film recommendation series for families and parents to expand their media at home. This Friday, February 12 is Lunar New Year and we are celebrating the year of the Ox. This month's movie recommendations:

- Over the Moon, Finding O'Hana, Babies, & Minari

For more information please click here.

MoPOP Education Program Opportunities

The Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP) is currently offering virtual education programs in an effort to help support the community. Virtual offerings include:

- Livestream Workshops: students explore museum content, participate in discussions, and collaborate on curriculum-linked activities, all in real time.
- Homeschool Programs: Open to any families learning from home!
- Virtual Student Clubs: A chance for students to connect while remaining safely apart.

Explore their free online educational resources at here or https://www.mopop.org for a full list of our education offerings.
• **Celebrating Black History Month**: Check out some great activities to do with your family at home
• **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 Friday before the Tuesday publication. Articles can be sent through the website, or to the Communications Committee.