Co-President Welcome

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! Hard to believe that the school year is officially starting this Friday! While there are many unknowns, we are excited for some familiar routines and faces! More information will be coming in the First Day Packets, so please stay tuned. For now, enjoy the last few days of summer and the chance to be outside while the weather remains beautiful. Please reach out with questions, concerns, and if you need support. We're here!

Your PTA Co-Presidents,
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Updates & Information

- We are excited to announce that Jana Witt has accepted the open PTA treasurer position! We will officially vote her in at our first official combined general and board PTA meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 7-9pm.
- The PTA meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, 9/15 will now be a PTA meet & greet for all parents. This is a chance to put a face with names for your PTA. Please come join us! Future Zoom invitation in next week's OtterKnow.
- All in person PTA sponsored events are cancelled for the fall. This includes a rescheduled Pre-Loved Book Sale and our beloved Boo Ridge. We're thinking creatively for how to build our community virtually, please share any ideas that you have!
- Also, there will be no in-person afterschool enrichment for the fall. 6crickets.com has a variety of online options for families to explore.
- There will be a time for school materials pick up (i.e. curriculum materials, First Day Packets), similar to how the pick up was handled at the end of the school year. Stay tuned for details coming.

New Family Orientation

Mr. Roos and PTA co-president, Kathryn Lachenmaier, will host a new to View Ridge orientation for families on Zoom on Wednesday, 9/2, from 7-8pm. This is open to K-5th grade families that would like more information about View Ridge!

Please see Zoom invite below.
Kathryn Lachenmaier is inviting you to a scheduled meeting.

**Topic:** New Family Orientation

**Time:** Sep 2, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

**Join** from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: [https://kindering.zoom.us/j/94833787452?pwd=aDZib0lVMEdmZ3haT2x0c1pRMEVQsdz09](https://kindering.zoom.us/j/94833787452?pwd=aDZib0lVMEdmZ3haT2x0c1pRMEVQsdz09)

**Password:** Otters

Or iPhone one-tap:
- US: +12532158782,,94833787452# or +13462487799,,94833787452#

Or Telephone:
- Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):
  - US: +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 876 9923
  - Meeting ID: 948 3378 7452
  - Password: 856820
  - International numbers available: [https://kindering.zoom.us/u/acEo3MXOuf](https://kindering.zoom.us/u/acEo3MXOuf)

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Principal Coffee Hour notes from 8/25 (thank you PTA Secretary, Casey White)

- SPS will use Microsoft Teams for online presentations/meetings
- Seesaw for grades K-2 and Schoology for grades 3-5
- Walk-to-Math is advanced learning for grades 2-5
- Teachers back in their classrooms Thursday 8/27; Mr. Roos stated they will be working at rapid speed to get parents more information on classroom supplies/rosters by EOD Friday 8/28
- SPS will provide laptops and the order has been placed; however, there is now a backup/slow supply so TBD on when order will arrive and computers can be distributed
- No known changes to enrollment/staff at this time; Ms. Eckert is now 50% // splits time between Wedgwood Elementary; days at VRE will be Tuesday/Friday and every other Wednesday
- WA Kids & K Families will meet/have conferences the first week of school; dates still TBD.
- PE/Art classes will be provided; more info to come.
- Mr. Roos welcomes any questions and can be emailed at ejroos@seattleschools.org

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