



View Ridge OTTER KNOW Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Calendar items

PTA Meet & Greet
Tuesday, 9/15/20, 7-8pm via Zoom

Kindergarten Curriculum Night
9/17, 6:00-6:50pm

1st - 5th Curriculum Night
9/22, Time TBD

Principal Coffee Hour
Tuesdays at 12pm

Administrative

Need to report an absence?
[Send an email](#)

Parent/Guardian Volunteer Form Available here

You can also contact [Sunshine Feldman](#)

Community & Information Resources

Click [here](#) for a full list of **Community Resources**

From Your PTA Co-President

It was great to see so many familiar and new faces at the school material and device pick up! I know it filled my heart to see school staff and my children's classmates and their parents! As we've logged in and started this past week with our third grader and Kindergartener, I keep reminding myself, "deep breath in, deep breath out". We're not alone as we attempt to find yet another new balance to this unbalanced and ever changing (yet also staying the same) act of parenting during a pandemic.

2020 is certainly one doozy of a year and I want to remind all of you, that you got this parents!

Kathryn Lachenmaier
VRPTA Co-President



Why Join the PTA?

The PTA is an important part of View Ridge, especially this year. Made up of the Executive Board (think: president, treasurer, etc.), parents (you!) and teachers, the PTA connects all of us at View Ridge. Did you know that the money we raise through our PTA helps to support programs such as our librarian, counsellor, and weekend food backpacks? Your PTA membership helps give money and supplies directly to View Ridge teachers and students.

Register HERE today: <https://www.memberplanet.com/packetview/viewridgepta6-15-345/membership>

TONIGHT! PTA Meet & Greet for ALL FAMILIES Tuesday, 9/15, 7-8pm

Please join us for a PTA Meet & Greet TONIGHT, 9/15, from 7-8pm.

This is for **ALL** families, new, familiar, and wondering about the PTA and View Ridge Elementary. No, we're not going to ask you to volunteer. Okay, we might mention our current openings, but we really want to meet YOU and tell you why we think our View Ridge community is so great!

This will be a chance to put a face to the names of your PTA and connect with other parents. As we would normally see each other in the hallways at school, this will be a nice way to get to know each other.

We will have a short time to share current concerns and questions; while we might not discuss them all, they will be addressed at a later time. We would love to see you there!

Time: Sep 15, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://kinderinq.zoom.us/j/97358590488?pwd=cmExemtJN3BwaHdOLzRKbVZsbklPQT09>

Password: Otters

Or **iPhone one-tap** :

US:+12532158782, 97358590488# or +13462487799,,97358590488#

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

International numbers available:
<https://kinderiq.zoom.us/j/abnDQ6zGpB>

Additional Updates & Information:

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- Kindergarten Curriculum night is this Thursday, September 17th from 6:00-6:50pm. The PTA 2020-2021 calendar included in the First Day Packet had two times on it by mistake. Our apologies for any confusion!
- Are you having technology challenges? Yes, me too! So, you're not alone! The district has many resources available online to help, though as we transition to this school year, there are going to be some things to figure out together. Reach out to your teacher, reach out to another parent; don't know another parent, reach out to a PTA team member. If you don't have a district device, reach out to Mr. Roos asap at ejroos@seattleschools.org
- Best source of district information for technology during remote learning: https://www.seattleschools.org/district/calendars/news/what_s_new/technology_for_remote_learning
- The district sent an emailed notice about verifying student information in the Source. If you have verified your student's information online, you do not need to complete the paper form entitled "Seattle Public Schools Emergency Information and Student Release Form" (i.e. the first page to the stapled pages of paperwork).
- To turn in paperwork from the First Day Packet (i.e. large manila envelope that you picked up with your student's school materials), you can:
 1. Scan and email it to: viewridge@seattleschools.org
 2. Take pictures of completed paperwork and email it to: viewridge@seattleschools.org
 3. Mail it to:

View Ridge Elementary School
ATTN School District Forms
7047 50th Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98115

Girl Scout Dads & Daughters Troop (Grades 3-5)

Girl Scout Troop 680 is a great opportunity for your daughter and a parent! We are one of the largest and oldest troops in the area with a ton of unique opportunities for girls and their adult. We have two dad leaders and parents in the troop are a mix of moms, dads, and other adults. We have scouts from throughout the northeast Seattle area. Normally we meet on Tuesdays at Bryant Elementary from 7-8:15 pm when school is in session. This fall due to COVID-19, we'll be meeting remotely every other week.

As a troop, we have fun working together on STEM activities, learning about women in leadership, doing community service projects, and enjoying the outdoors. We go on three camping trips each year and we have fun roller skating, tie-dying, launching rockets, dropping eggs from great heights, and more! We'll continue to have fun as a troop while following the evolving health guidelines, whether meeting in person, outdoors, in small groups, or online.

Membership is open now and we have space for 3rd and 4th-grade girls.

If interested, please email membership@gstroop680.org.

We look forward to seeing you and your daughter in Girl Scouts!

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.