



View Ridge OTTER KNOW

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Calendar items

NO SCHOOL

Friday, 10/9/20

PTA Board & General Meeting:

Tuesday, 10/13/20
7-8:30pm (zoom)

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**

Back To School Update

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For more information regarding SPS' Coronavirus Update, visit [here](#).

Don't Forget To Join the PTA!

By becoming a member, you ARE supporting your student's school and teachers! Go here to become a member for \$17 (if you need assistance, please email Kathryn Lachenmaier at katvannim@gmail.com)

Register HERE today:

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

Family Support

Does your family need support with food, school supplies, etc?

Please contact our School Counselor, Joyce Cho at: jecho@seattleschools.org for resources and support.

Parent Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to "host" a virtual social event for school events. These volunteers would:

- Sign up for one month event (or more!).
- These virtual events would take place outside of school time, and would be for students, families, and/or parents. These could vary by size (e.g. grades together, classrooms together, welcome all, etc.).
- Fully plan and share information with the Room Parents

for how to have the virtual event for their child's classroom. Materials needed for the student/family/parent to participate would need to be common household objects.

- These events could include, but not be limited to: Family Trivia Night; Lego Challenges; Parents taking turns reading a chapter from an age-appropriate children's book; Pictionary game; scavenger hunt (see Ms. Shaw's recent gym class as an example); yoga class; etc.

*Please email Sunshine Feldman directly if interested, sunshine.feldman@live.com; current months open are December and January (along with later months).

Room Parents: We are looking for parents to be a Room Parent for their child's classroom. This would involve:

- Partnering with your child's teacher to see what help they need with the virtual classroom.
- Recruiting other classroom parents and families to help with tasks as needed.
- Organizing regular teacher/staff appreciations.
- Sharing information regarding school wide events.

*If interested, please email your child's teacher.

Tech Support Parent Pool: We are looking for parents to be part of our Tech Support Parent Pool. Tasks may include:

- Providing available time slots to be reached for tech support by parents and staff.
- Give mini (15-30 minute) training sessions on Teams, Seesaw, Schoology, and/or Clever.

*If interested, please email Sunshine Feldman (sunshine.feldman@live.com).

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS Thank you to our volunteers that helped clean our grounds yesterday! Wow, they look great! Special thank you to Sarah Rathbone who helped to coordinate the event and provide equipment to volunteers!

Principal Coffee Notes From 9/22

Thank for all the feedback on virtual learning! Keep it coming so that we can continue to make adjustments. We really appreciate our parents and how hard they are working!

- Positive emails to staff mean a whole lot right now, so please share the positive feedback too with staff! And include Mr. Roos and/or Ms. Eckert in the cc line!
- Keep checking Roos report and OtterKnow, there's lots of good information in there.
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- Curriculum night will be different this year to allow for parents to attend children's classrooms in multiple grades. Look for notices from your child's teacher.
- If your child is having difficulty participating in virtual learning, reach out to their teacher to problem solve and figure out the best plan going forward. Participation can look very different depending on the differing needs of each child.
- Staff will discuss how to reduce the multiple emails that families are receiving to help minimize or "templatize" emails to make it clear what to focus on realizing that families may be missing important things with the huge influx of emails.
- While we know that the specialist schedule makes it challenging for children participating in pods in different classes, it's important for children to attend their assigned specialist time as specialists 1) have to take attendance, and 2) have limitations on the amount of students that can be in a class. We would like and expect children to attend if possible. There may be the chance to view the lessons later, but that's not definite. Mr. Roos will discuss with specialists some ways to maybe help, if possible.
- Also discussed the different gaps in the schedule that seem long at times, or with some children ending their days quite earlier than expected. Please reach out to the teacher and Mr. Roos if that's the case for your student as well.

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.