



View Ridge OTTER KNOW

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Calendar items

PTA Board & General Meeting TONIGHT:

T 10/13/20
7-9pm (zoom)

Fall Otter Celebration

T-F 10/20-10/23

Principal Meeting

T at 12pm

Administrative

Need to report an absence?

[Send an email](#)

Parent/Guardian Volunteer Form Available here

You can also contact about volunteering [Sunshine Feldman](#)

[Principal Meeting Notes](#)

Community & Information Resources

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

Thank You Volunteers!

Thank you to our garden clean-up crew yesterday that made such a difference on our school grounds! We sincerely appreciate all your hard work! Wow, what a difference!

PTA Board & General Meeting 10/13 TONIGHT

Please join us for our first official PTA Board & General Meeting **TONIGHT!** We've got quite a full [agenda](#) and we hope that you can make it! There are several items to vote on as well, so please join us!

Topic: PTA Board & General Meeting

Time: Oct 13, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: [link to meeting](#)
Password: Otters!

Fall Otter Celebration: 10/20-10/23

GREETINGS, OTTER FRIENDS!

Long time no see! Literally or figuratively!

As we all know, Boo Ridge isn't going to happen in the normal way this year...BUT that doesn't mean we can't get into the spirit of the magic that Autumn brings!

We are so lucky to already have one ongoing community social event, which is our weekly Library checkout!

So what we are going to do is this: Spooky Fall Otter Book Checkout Week! It will be a festive week of book checkout, where we encourage kids to wear costumes, or sport some fun, wild hats or hair if they wish. There will also be some extra-special treats available for good readers! Treats will be handled only by adults with appropriate PPE.

PLEASE EMAIL jggordon@gmail.com IF YOU REQUIRE A NUT-FREE TREAT!

Festive Book Checkout will be **Tuesday through Friday, October 20-23, during REGULAR CHECKOUT HOURS** in the Primary Playcourt.

Tues & Fri 2:15-5:00, Weds 11:15-1:30, Thurs 2-5.

Monday will be reserved as a "normal" day for any folks not interested in participating, 2:15-5:00.

Ms Young will also be offering a Book Character Pumpkin project during her library classes that week. Be sure to check out her Schoology page, and join your friends in some fun festive pumpkin decorating! Printed pages available at book pickup in person.

As with all the things we do, we will need some helpers! Mostly, **WE NEED CANDY DONATIONS!!** We will be providing kids with treats and don't want to disappoint. **Please deliver candy to the labeled bin in the playcourt during WEDNESDAY 10/14 BOOK CHECKOUT, from 11:15-1:30.** We would also love new/packaged prizes like tattoos, glow sticks, stickers, little toys, etc. Also things like small bags of chips, fruit snacks, rice crispy treats, etc, are welcome as well!

If you can't drop off at Book Checkout, you may have candy delivered or do front porch drop-off at Julie Gordon's house. Please email jggordon@gmail.com for address!

A Message From VR's Reading Interventionist/Coach, Ms. D.:

Greetings View Ridge Families - This year, I will be working with small "teams" of children from the younger grades - primarily, Grade 1. We will continue with the [SIPPS](#) program which is aligned with the ELA curriculum used throughout the school and district.

Regardless if I'm working with your child or not, please don't hesitate to reach out to [me](#) with any questions you may have. For those of you who don't know me, my background includes school counseling and certifications in [Wired For Reading](#) and [Handwriting Without Tears](#).

I'm including a few resources that you may find helpful or insightful: [The ABCs of Teaching Reading at Home](#), and a great website for online decodable books, [Flyleaf](#). Lastly, If you're curious about dyslexia and wondering if your child has any of the markers, visit the [Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity](#).

I truly consider it a pleasure and a privilege to be working with View Ridge students (and supporting teachers) with the goal of developing confident and capable readers. I will be at View Ridge in the afternoon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and all days Wednesdays.

Otter Love for Week of 10/12:

This week, let's celebrate our Administrators and Support Staff! Did you know that Governor Inslee declared October to be Principal (and Assistant Principal) month? This team does a lot of work behind the scenes to support our children and keep the school running smoothly. You can email them, mail them a card (7047 50th Ave. NE Seattle, WA 98115), or check out the [Staff Favorite Things](#) list.

- [Mr. Roos](#), Principal
- [Ms. Eckert](#), Assistant Principal
- [Ms. Denise Koenig](#), Office Assistant
- [Ms. Alynda Xaykosy](#), Administrative Secretary

- [Mr. James McClinton](#), Custodian

PTA Interest Survey: PLEASE COMPLETE

We know that this is a difficult year for every parent, caregiver, and teacher in our community. We also wanted to find out how the PTA can help you navigate all of these challenges. How do you want to PTA this year?

Please take a few minutes to answer this short survey so that we can best help you make your child's - and every child's - potential a reality. You get a lot of surveys, so our promise to you is that we will 1) use the information you share in what we do and 2) report back to you on what we learned from all families and educators in our PTA community.

[PLEASE COMPLETE BY FRIDAY, 10/23/20](#)

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.