



View Ridge OTTER KNOW Tuesday, November 10, 2020

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Calendar items

CANCELLED

Principal Meeting

T 11/10 at
9:15am-9:45am

PTA Meeting TONIGHT

T 11/10 7-8:30pm

No School; Veteran's Day

W 11/11

Pantry Donation Drop-off;

S 11/14
11am-1pm

No School; Conferences

M-W 11/23-11/25

No School; Thanksgiving

Th-F 11/26-11/27

Administrative

Need to report an absence?

[Send an email](#)

Parent/Guardian Volunteer Form

[Available here](#)

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

PTA Meeting Tonight!

PTA Board Meeting is **TONIGHT**, 11/10/20 from 7-8:30pm.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend to get updates on school programs.

CANCELLED: Principal Meeting today 9:15-9:45

The Principal Meeting originally scheduled for today from 9:15-9:45am is cancelled for today.

Coat Drive Update

Thank you for all the generous coat and cold weather gear! We collected a whopping 101 (and counting) coats for our community! Many children will be warm thanks to your kind donations. These coats are being distributed at Eckstein Middle School at the Pantry.

THANK YOU for helping to keep our community warm! Special thank you to **Genny Costin** for organizing the drive and washing coats, and **Angie Kennedy** for her hard work in getting a ton of coats!

THANK YOU Volunteers for Garden Cleanup

Thank you to our gardening volunteers who again cleaned up school grounds yesterday! We appreciate all of your hard work in keeping our school well cared for!

Pantry at Eckstein Supply Drive

Saturday November 14, 2020, 11:00am - 1:00pm
Eckstein Middle School West Parking area, 30th Ave NE and 75th St. NE

Please support the PTA Pantry and [Packs for Kids](#) program by dropping donations off to ensure all families have a happy healthy Thanksgiving break.

This event is being hosted by Thornton Creek and Eckstein Middle School PTAs and donations will benefit families at many NE Seattle Schools.

We will have volunteers in masks and gloves ready to take donations passed from your car window or from your trunk for a no-contact option. We will have tables set up for no-contact

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Community & Information Resources

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

walk up donations as well.

All donations should be new, full size varieties, in original packaging, recognizable name brands and not homemade. If you can't make it in person or feel more comfortable donating from home, please consider ordering from our [Amazon](#) list or contact **Liz Benko** at pantry@tc-pta.org. Please see [here](#) for a link to the list of items sought.

Notes for Harmony

Hello fellow Otters! This week, I'm inviting you to the Equity Committee meeting. Join a group of motivated parents, teachers, staff, and caregivers as we discuss how to make View Ridge more welcoming and inclusive for all. Tune in Wednesday at 7:30 PM to share your ideas or learn how you can help! (EquiTeas will be open forums on the first Wednesday of the month, Equity Committee meetings are second Wednesdays). [Link](#); Password: Otters

Did you know that November is Native American Heritage Month? Now is a great time to explore the rich history of the peoples who inhabited this land before immigrants and colonists came. We live on Duwamish land here in King County. Try including a land acknowledgement at your holiday celebration! Let it spark a conversation about the history of Native American oppression and the ways Duwamish culture is still alive in our area. Check out these resources: [National Geographic](#); [KidsDiscover](#); and [Duwamish Tribe](#).

One of my favorite organizations is Real Rent Duwamish, in association with the Coalition of Anti-Racist Whites (CARW). If you're interested in taking action in support of the Duwamish, check [this](#) out!

Diwali is Saturday, November 14

Diwali, the festival of lights, is indeed the most awaited and the most celebrated festivals of India. People in every nook and cranny of the country welcome the festival with enthusiastic gestures. This wonderful festival is the celebration of five days. On the third day of the celebratory occasion, the key rituals of the Diwali festival take place. Lighting of Diyas and candles all around the house, worshiping the Laxmi Ganesha to summon health and wealth and bursting crackers are the chief rituals of the festival.

In addition to that, the exchange of heartfelt gifts during Diwali these days have become a mandatory part of the celebration. Friends, families, and colleagues share with each other Diwali gifts as a gesture of showing love and affection. Also, special and grand feast with delicious food that mandatorily includes different varieties of sweets is the special attraction of the occasion.

For more on Diwali History click [here](#)

We would love to learn more about Diwali! If you celebrate and would like to share, here are some ideas:
-submit a short video reading a book about Diwali or capturing a favorite family tradition!

- make a poster with pictures of your favorite parts!
- print out a calendar for the different days of Diwali and what you do each day to celebrate!
- submit a favorite family recipe and what makes it special!
- any other ideas you have!

Videos will be shared with a link in the Otter Know, and posters can be put on display in the library checkout. Looking forward to celebrating with you! Please email [Shannon Otto](#) for submissions or ideas. Thanks!

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