View Ridge OTTER KNOW
Friday, December 4th, 2020

Para versión en español, de favor contactarse a Shannon Otto

**Calendar Items**

**Coffee with the Principal**
T 12/8 9:15am

**PTA Board Meeting**
T 12/8 7:00pm

**VRE Community Meeting**
W 12/9 3:30PM

**District Meeting**
W 12/9 7:30PM

**1-hour early dismissal**
F 12/18

**Winter Break**
12/21-1/01 - No school

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**Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for EquiTea this week. We appreciate your time and sharing your experiences. Together we can make a difference!

Our DEI Committee meeting is on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:30 pm and our next EquiTea is on Wednesday, January 6th at 7:30 pm. As always, please feel free to reach out to us with any concerns, feedback or suggestions - Shannon Otto & June Nho Ivers.

**Coffee with the Principal**

**Tuesday, December 8th 9:15-9:45am**

Coffee with the Principal is an opportunity to get updates on the school, updates on any events coming up, parent reports and ask questions.

Microsoft Teams meeting
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**From Your Principal - Upcoming Community Meeting**

Dear View Ridge Families:

First off, I want to share how much joy we are experiencing with your children. It's truly remarkable the learning and connections we are seeing remotely, and our attendance with remote learning at View Ridge averages 97%. That is truly amazing! It takes a strong partnership between home and school to make that happen.

I want to invite you all to a meeting scheduled to discuss questions arising around our school. About 4-5 people from central office will be joining us. This is just the start of bringing us together and the start of conversations. We want this meeting to set the foundation and open up our communication for follow up conversations. This will be a year of ongoing conversations open to varying viewpoints, perspectives, voices heard and growth.
The meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 9th 3:30-4:30**. We scheduled it earlier to include staff so we could talk together as a community. Future meetings will be scheduled later in the day to accommodate work schedules.

I look forward to having a community meeting,
Paula Henn
Interim Principal
View Ridge Elementary

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**UPDATE: School Pictures**
We understand many families are interested in having a traditional school photo of their child. While the PTA has explored several different possibilities, unfortunately, school pictures will not be possible this Fall/Winter. Please understand that SPS prohibits any events on school grounds, which really limit options for school photos. Library check-out had to jump through many hoops to be allowed to open up our library for students.

If we come back to school in person in the Spring, school pictures may be scheduled.

For those families wanting a photo prior to Spring, there are several local photographers in the area that you are welcome to use on your own - [Yuen Lui](#) & [Dorian](#). They are open and they are accepting reservations for an in-person photo session. Please note that photos would be at normal studio pricing.

If you would like an option for a school photo from the comfort of your home, please visit [Lifetouch](#).

If you have any questions, please contact our VRE school picture parent volunteer, [Sunshine Feldman](#).

**New Year, New Library Schedule**
Starting in January the library’s playcourt checkout schedule will be the same each week -

**Tuesday:** 3-5pm  
**Wednesday:** 11:15-1:30pm  
**Thursday:** 3-5pm

We still request that families respect social distancing expectations, wear masks, and know that all books will be quarantined for a week before being checked in and circulated to new patrons.

Questions? Please email [Ms. Young](#).
Reminders, Updates, & Information:

- Opportunities still remain for supporting our virtual Giving Tree this year. More information here.
- Please coordinate with your room parents for Teacher & Staff Holiday Giving. If you do not know who your room parent is, please email Tracy Osheroff.
- Principal Meeting will be held Tuesday 12/8 at 9:15am. Please plan to join us.
- Please join us for the PTA Board Meeting next Tuesday 12/8 at 7:00pm.
- Please join your SPS School Board Representative, Chandra Hampson, on Wednesday 12/9 at 7:30pm. Registration in advance is required.
- There will NOT be a winter concert this year; let's cross our fingers for a really rocking spring concert!

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.