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Message from VREPTA Co-Presidents

Hello Families,

By now you may have read an article on KUOW by Ann Dornfeld. The article paints a picture of View Ridge that's hard to read. If you haven't, you now know where to look to be able to read it.

There are likely some in our community that can't believe it could have happened at our school. There are then others who may have known about some or all of it. There are some that may feel that it is about time that the news is out there. Then there are those that live this experience day in and day out. All of these groups matter and are dealing with big emotions.

I suggest we all stop right now and take a deep breath. And then one more. Then I suggest we plan to listen. Plan to heal. Plan to take steps that these events never happen again. Because as a community, these events are not tolerated. They hurt us all and if they happen to one student, then they impact us all.

If you need support during this time, that is understandable. What we're all going through is not easy. Here is a link to the district's mental health resources. Please also consider contacting our school counselor, Ms. Joyce Cho, for your child as needed and for further resources.

If you need to make a report of an incident, here are your options, choose the one that feels most safe for you:

- Talk to your teacher about the incident
- Talk to our interim principal, Ms. Paula Henn
- Talk to our Assistant Principal, Ms. Kristen Eckert
- Talk to our PTA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
- Talk to our school's education director: Dr. Rocky Torres (link to who Dr Torres is)
- Talk to our school board representative: Chandra Hampson
- Talk to members of the Seattle Council Parent Teacher Student Association (SCPTSA) staff:
  - Manuela Slye, SCPTSA President
  - Sam Fogg, SCPTSA Area 3 Director

Specific staff to speak to regarding students that receive
special education services:

- Talk to our school board Director for District 1: Liza Rankin
- Talk to Chief of Student Supports, Concie Pedroza
- Talk to the Special Education PTSA

Please see the next section for opportunities to hold space for our community in order to heal.

We are here. We are listening.

Take good care of yourself and each other,
Kathryn Lachenmaier & Megan Flaherty
VREPTA Co-Presidents

Upcoming Virtual Opportunities for Healing & Growth

Monday, December 7th, 4:30pm

- Space for parents of BIPOC children at VRE to share their experience and hold space for harm done in our community. Please email for the link for this meeting.

Monday, December 7th, 7:00pm

- Space for all parents of children at VRE to share their experience and hold space for the harm done in our community.

Wednesday, December 9th, 3:30pm

- Community Meeting: To have deeper discussion regarding questions about our school. Open to staff and parents; additionally about 4-5 people from the central office will be joining.

If you cannot make any of the above meetings and need to reach out to someone, please contact the DEI Committee Chairs, Shannon Otto and June Nho Ivers. You are also welcome to contact your PTA Co-Presidents.

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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.