View Ridge Otter Know

Tuesday, March 30th, 2021

Para versión en español, de favor contactarse a Shannon Otto

Upcoming Calendar Events

- **FOCS: Anti-Racism Workshop:** Today 3/30 6:30-8:30pm
- **Community Chat with Ms. Henn**: Th 4/1 7:00-8:00pm
- **K-5 Students return to school:** M 4/5
- **Spring break, No School**: 4/12-4/16
- **PTA Board Meeting**: T 4/20
- **Music Night Out:** TH 4/29 5:00-7:00pm

Reminders

- **Donate to our PTA Annual Appeal HERE**
- **Deadline to submit candid photos for yearbook**: Th 4/1
- **Sign a card for Ms. Young by 4/1**: **HERE**.
- **Deadline to order View Ridge apparel:** F 4/9
- **Deadline to order Yearbooks (school code: 991202)**: T 4/20

VR GEAR ON SALE NOW!

The spring View Ridge apparel sale is open for online orders through **Friday, April 9**!

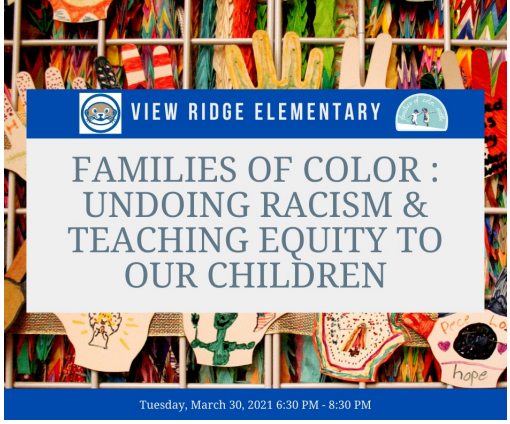
Your student will love to show their View Ridge pride back in the school building or while they continue distance learning. Sweatshirts, 3/4 sleeve baseball t-shirts, and short sleeve t-shirts are available printed with our school logo! Check out all the available options on our **sales website**. All items are unisex, including adult apparel, so please take this into consideration when choosing sizes—there are no exchanges, all items are printed as ordered.

Please note that there is an option to make a donation toward the purchase of apparel for families in need of financial assistance, click the "DONATION" option on the website to add a donation to your order if you wish. If your family is in need of financial assistance to order View Ridge apparel, please contact our school counselor **Joyce Cho** at **jecho@seattleschools.org** Apparel orders should arrive in May and distribution information will be shared via the Otter Know newsletter.

For your convenience there is also an option to have your order shipped directly to your home at an additional cost.

Questions? Please contact **Melissa Koch** at **melissa.r.koch@gmail.com**

VRE PTA presents Undoing Racism and Teaching Equity to Our Children



ALL ARE WELCOME FROM THE VIEW RIDGE COMMUNITY

Trainers from FOCS lead dialogue workshops where parents, providers, and educators will grow their understanding of systemic racism and creating inclusive and anti-racist learning spaces for children.

We will unpack what this looks like for Black children and other children of color, with focused dialogue on deeper self-awareness of power, privilege, and review scenarios for informed best practices. We will have affinity breakout rooms for dialogue, facilitated role-play scenarios, and discussion (about 1/3 of the workshop time).

Together, through sharing narratives, we work towards the goal of increasing parent and practitioner engagement in undoing racism, growing inclusive spaces for children of color, raising all children with anti-oppression values, and supporting kids in wake of racialized violence.

In this workshop, participants focus on how families can talk about racial identity and racism with their children. We explore systemic racism and parents' own understanding of their racial identity, power, privilege, and oppression.

DATE : **TODAY, MARCH 30, 2021**
TIME : **6:30 PM – 8:30PM**
WHO : Anyone from the View Ridge Community (13 YEARS OLD+)
WHERE : via Zoom **REGISTER TODAY WITH THIS ZOOM LINK**

Please check out the Prep work on the Event Page Link
View Ridge Elementary School PTA

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 Friday before the Tuesday publication. Articles can be sent through the website, or to the **Communications Committee**.