



Viewlands Elementary Parent Teacher Student Association Orca Digest

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Welcome to the Orca Digest...the newsletter from Viewlands Elementary Parent Teacher Student Association (VEPTSA), striving to keep our families in the know. For real time updates, please visit our school [website](#).

Upcoming Events

Winter enrichment activity registration is underway!

A variety of after school classes and activities will be available at Viewlands during winter quarter, coordinated by VEPTSA. From piano, chess, sewing and art to cooking, hockey and drama!

Did you know that sometimes discounts are available if parents volunteer at various sessions? For example, Rainy Day Dinner Club offers a 60% tuition discount if a parent signs up as a Parent Volunteer. [Click here](#) for more details, or visit our [website](#). Registration started December 4th, so don't delay!

Donation deadline for Viewlands families in need is Dec 13

Please consider helping one of our Viewlands families in need this holiday season by donating a Fred Meyer gift card.

- Suggested Fred Meyer gift card increment is \$20
- Cards are being collected in the office by Ms. Signe
- We've achieved our goal of \$800 in Fred Meyer cards, but it would be fantastic to exceed the goal and be able to provide even more help!
- Deadline for donations is **Weds, Dec 13**

Triton Day is Thursday, December 14

As many of you know, Coach Gray coaches the men's basketball team at Edmonds Community College. Each year, Coach Gray brings the team to Viewlands for Triton Day! The Tritons put on a mini basketball clinic for every class and also spend time in the classroom working with students and teachers. Stay tuned for details about Viewlands Night at one of the Triton's home games!

No V-CATS on Thursday, Dec 14

There is no V-CATS on Thursday, December 14 due to Coach Gray needing to get the Tritons back to Edmonds at the end of Triton Day.

Spiritwear order deadline extended to Friday, Dec 15

- The order deadline for VEPTSA's spirit wear fundraiser is extended until **Friday, Dec 15**.
- Order forms are available in the office, or you can also order and pay on-line via at [PT Avenue](#). Enter '2017 Orcas' in the Organization Code field then click '**Online Store**'. You don't have to join the VEPTSA to purchase spirit wear.
- Spiritwear will be available for pick up in early January. Stay tuned for more details!
- Orders due by end of day Friday, Dec 15

Triton Winter Youth Basketball Camp - Dec, 18 - 20

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Calendar at a Glance

Weds, Dec 13

- Fred Meyer donations due

Thurs, Dec 14

- Triton Day
- No V-CATS

Fri, Dec 15

- 1 hour early release
- Spiritwear orders due

Mon, Dec 18 - Mon, Jan 1

- No school - winter break

Tues, Jan 9

- General VEPTSA mtg

Fri, Jan 12

- Girls on the Run coaching applications due

Thurs, Jan 18

- Open House

December

Looking for something fun for your kiddos to do over the holiday break? The Edmonds Community College Triton Basketball team is hosting a basketball camp Monday, Dec 18 - Wednesday, Dec 20. Cost is \$60. To register, call 425-640-1415.

Girls on the Run program at Viewlands this spring!

Girls on the Run is an after-school enrichment program that is offered at several Seattle schools, and we are excited to launch it at Viewlands this spring! The program's mission is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running.

- Volunteer coaches *are required* to ensure the program can launch at Viewlands.
- **Applications are due January 12.**
- For more information about coaching requirements, visit the [website](#) or contact the [communications team](#).

Viewlands Open House - Thursday, January 18

The Viewlands Open House for new 2018-19 families is Thursday, January 18 from 6-7 p.m. Kindergarten teachers as well as one teacher from each grade will attend to help Ms Klainer talk to parents, answer questions, and show off the school.

Contact us with questions or submissions
communications@viewlands.org

Holiday Fundraisers a Huge Success!

December was a big month for the Viewlands community! Ms. Myles hosted another successful Book Fair in the library and VEPTSA hosted a wreath sale, movie night, bake sale, and clothing swap.

The wreath sale generated \$2150 this year, an increase of \$500 over last year. Way to support Viewlands!

Our concession sales from the last two movie nights have grossed over \$750! If you or your kiddos have an idea for the next movie, please email the communications team at communications@viewlands.org.

The Kids Clothing Swap was held for the first time at Viewlands and was well attended!

- Many families recycled and brought new clothing home.
- 6 bags of clothing were donated to Mary's Place.
- Our school Nurse now has a fresh collection of extra pants, rain jackets and sweatshirts to give to students in need!



The Buy One Give One Book Fair generated a lot of excitement! Over 1000 books are now in the hands of students and more than 75 books were donated to the classrooms and library!

School News

Class Directory update

VEPTSA is excited to provide it's first ever classroom directory with parent / guardian phone and email contact information! This information is being made available to strengthen the Viewlands community and make it easier to connect with one another to set up play dates and invite friends to various functions! The directory by class should be distributed via your child's communication folder by December 15. This directory should not be used for solicitation or business purposes.

Please contact the VEPTSA [communication team](#) if you have questions regarding the directory.

PTA Info

General VEPTSA Meeting - Tues, Jan 9

Stay tuned for time and location.

Join VEPTSA

Sign up is easier than ever via the Viewlands website – www.viewlands.org

Volunteer updates

VEPTSA needs 1 more volunteer for our Financial Review Committee. Mid-Year financial review will be conducted in January. Email [VEPTSA](#) if you are interested in volunteering.

Check out the [Viewlands Volunteer section](#) on our website for complete details on various opportunities!

Library Updates

Hour of Code

The whole school participated in Hour of Code, Code.org, a national week of coding during technology time in the library this month. Hour of Code is an opportunity to become familiar with coding, algorithms, programming etc. Students can also access the coding program during class and at home!

3rd grade focuses on a Native American project

Ms. Myles, Ms. Schilke and Ms. Meagher are collaborating on a US History Study. First looking at US physical regions and then Native American regions. The essential question is "How does place affect how and where we live?" Considering economics, geography and culture from the Native American perspective. Student reports/artifacts of their Native American region and /or tribe and will be displayed in the library in the new year!

5th grade focuses on the American Revolution

The fall collaborative focus with Mr. Thorpe's class is the American Revolution. Students are working on reports specific to questions surrounding the how and why of the various battles. In the library, they are researching a particular battle and looking at five components. At project completion, they will create a poster, PowerPoint, or artifact which will be on display in the library after the new year.

Thanks to our library and Book Fair volunteers!

Thank you to the library and Book Fair volunteers! We couldn't do it without you! Ann Campbell, Trish Lien, Tiffany Staples, Suzanne Howell, Shelly Giordano, Frances Coppa, Amy Franklin-Bihary, and Tirza Sanchez-Shaw. If you are interested in volunteering in the library, contact [Ms Myles](#).

Staff Bio - Mary K. McNeill

We are excited for the return of Music with Mary K. McNeill on Fridays starting January, 12! Mary K will be here on select Fridays spread throughout January -April (12 weeks in total). Mary K's vocal music program at Viewlands is made possible by generous support from our families via VEPTSA membership dues, donations, and proceeds from VEPTSA sponsored events like Movie Night, Family Dance, and more. Thank you!



Vocal music teacher Mary K. McNeill has been teaching music in the Seattle Public Schools for two decades. Mary K. is an artist, activist, and storyteller, all of which she uses in her work with students. Her philosophy is to empower children to raise their voices through music: "One of the lines the children sing is that *'...we can make a difference/we are the children of the world.'*"

Musical styles covered include American and World Folk Music, seasonal songs, and songs about peace, among other things.

[More Info plus Student Q&A on our Website](#)

Community News & Events

Diagon Alley Project delights!

If you are a Harry Potter fan, the Diagon Alley recreation across from Whittier Elementary is a must see! The display is open through the New Year on Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. and on Saturday/Sunday from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. For more details, visit diagonalleyproject.com.



Ballard High School Gymnastics Kids Camps

BHS Gymnastics Kids Camps for Grades K-5 will be held on Saturday, January 27th from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Ballard High School

Ballard High School Gymnastics KIDS CAMPS
For grades Kindergarten to 5

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2, 2017 • 9 AM – 12 PM
(performance at 11:45 • Bring your camera!)
OR
SATURDAY JANUARY 27, 2018 • 1 PM – 4 PM
(performance at 1:45 • Bring your camera!)

\$45 per camper
(\$40 per additional sibling)
Includes a camp t-shirt, plus
photo with BHS gymnasts!

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LOVE
& gymnastics



Camp Registration at bhsymnasticscamp.kromaparktickets.com
Ballard High School Gymnasium 1414 NW 60th Street in Ballard.
QUESTIONS? kimball_mullins@pbhs.com

gym. Tickets are \$45 per date, per camper (additional campers from the same family are \$40 per date). No gymnastics experience is needed! To register, visit the [camp website](#). Questions should be directed to [Kimball Mullins](#), the BHS Kids Camp coordinator.

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