



# 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

### VEPTSA meeting - Tuesday, Jan 9 @ 6:30 p.m.

Please join us at our second of three VEPTSA meetings for the 2017/18 school year on Tuesday, Jan 9 from 6:30 - 7:30 in the library. **Everyone is welcome!** Childcare is provided - [Click here to reserve childcare](#). We will cover the following topics:

- Accomplishments to date
- Upcoming initiatives and events for the remainder of the 2017/18 school year
- An introduction and presentation from Viewlands staff about the social-emotional literacy curriculum RULER and how it's being used in class
- Vote to approve the amended budget
- Committee updates

### Viewlands attendance campaign - Jan 2 through Jan 12

Research has shown that being on time and in school every day leads to increased academic achievement.

- The goal is for 93% of our students to have 0 tardies and 0 absences during this stretch.
- If we reach our goal, we will celebrate with an ice cream social (or to be specific ice cream sandwiches and popsicles / fruit bars).
- Please support us in reaching this goal by ensuring your child is on time and at school for the rest of this week!

### Girls on the Run coaching applications due Fri, Jan 12

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](#).

### Spiritwear pick up day - Tuesday & Wednesday, Jan 16 & 17

Spiritwear orders placed at the end of December will be available for pick up in the court yard after school on Tuesday & Wednesday (after early release) next week! If you are unable to pick up your orders by Wednesday, they will be delivered to the classroom you selected on the order form.

### Martin Luther King Day Assembly - Wednesday, Jan 17

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## Calendar at a Glance

### Tues, Jan 9

- General VEPTSA mtg

### Fri, Jan 12

- Girls on the Run coaching applications due  
- Music with Mary K begins!

### Mon, Jan 15

- No school - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### Tues, Jan 16

- Spiritwear pick up day

### Weds, Jan 17

- MLK Day assembly  
- Spiritwear pick up day

### Thurs, Jan 18

- Open House

### Thurs, Jan 25

- Gardens & Learning Design Summit, Day 1

### Mon, Jan 30

- Gardens & Learning Design Summit, Day 2

Our MLK Day assembly has been moved to Wed Jan 17 @ 12:15pm.

### **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.

### **Gardens & Learning Design Summit - Jan 25 & 30**

Save the date for January 25th & 30th! As you may have heard, Viewlands is one of three Seattle public elementary schools that will be working with University of Washington, SPS, and Tilth Association to pilot a new outdoor learning garden curriculum called Learning in Places, focused on grades K-3.

This two-day learning & design meeting is an opportunity to learn more about this project. Together we will begin designing learning that will continue throughout the school year and summer! Participants will receive a \$40 participation gift card and food and beverages will be provided. Childcare is not provided for this event.

- **Thursday, January 25, 8-3** | The Center for Urban Horticulture 3501 NE 41st St
- **Monday, January 30, 8-3** | John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence 2445 3rd Ave S

Please RSVP to Charlene Nolan, [nolanc3@uw.edu](mailto:nolanc3@uw.edu) or Michelle Salgado (se habla español), [425-223-2736](tel:425-223-2736)

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## [January Lunch Menu](#)

Contact us with questions or submissions [communications@viewlands.org](mailto:communications@viewlands.org)

## School News

### **Class Directory update**

We hope you were able to utilize your classroom directory over the holiday break to schedule play dates and keep in touch with school friends! If you need to have your information on the directory updated, please email the [communications team](#) or return the form that was sent home in your child's communications folder by January 16.

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

## PTA Info

### **General VEPTSA Meeting**

Tues, Jan 9

### **Join VEPTSA**

Sign up is easier than ever via the Viewlands [website](#) – [www.viewlands.org](http://www.viewlands.org)

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

## Community News & Events

### **Carkeek Park's new Viewlands Trail - a more sustainable reroute**

Thank you to everyone who voted to get the new Viewlands trail into Carkeek completed! Be sure to check out the new trail if you haven't already. For more information, check out this [NRPA article](#).



