



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

Crazy Hair Day is Wed, Nov 29

- The possibilities are endless! Be creative and have some fun. We look forward to seeing everyone's silly hair-do this Wednesday!

Time to Invent STEM program starts Thurs, Nov 30

- Time to Invent aims to inspire young girls to enter STEM careers by instilling in them a passion for science and engineering.
- Once every other month, UW engineering student mentors travel to Viewlands to engage with a class of 5th grade girls in a hands-on science/engineering based activity.
- Sign up forms were sent home in communication folders the week before Thanksgiving.

Movie Night and Bake Sale is Fri, Dec 1 @ 6:30 PM

- Wear your jammies and bring your blanket to watch a double feature (The Snowy Day & Pixar Shorts) in the Viewlands Auditorium!
- Snacks and baked goods will be available for purchase.
- [Click here](#) to volunteer for the bake sale.

Buy One Gift One Book Fair is Fri, Dec 1 - Tues, Dec 5

- Buy One Gift One Book Fair starts in the library Friday, December 1 from 2:30 PM until Movie Night ends! The fair will also be open on Dec 4th and 5th during lunch recess from 10:30 - 11:30 AM and after school from 2:30 - 3:30 PM.
- For each book that is purchased, Scholastic will donate one book. The purchaser can choose whether to keep the additional book or to gift it to their classroom!
- [Volunteers are needed](#) to help with checkout, wrapping, and general questions. Please contact [Ms. Myles](#) to sign up!

Kids Clothing Swap is Fri, Dec 1 during Movie Night!

- Gather up your kiddo's too-short pants, tiny shoes, and out-of-favor shirts, bring them to Movie Night, and take some new stuff home!
- All leftover items will be donated to Mary's Place.

Holiday Wreath Sale pick is Fri, Dec 1

- Wreaths can be picked up after school on Friday, December 1 in the courtyard or at Movie Night.
- For questions, please contact Dana Feaver at Dana.Feaver@gmail.com.

Triton Day is December 14

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Calendar at a Glance

Wed, Nov 29

- Crazy Hair Day

Thurs, Nov 30

- Time to Invent for 5th grade girls

Fri, Dec 1

- Movie Night & Bake Sale
- BOGO Book Fair
- Kids Clothing Swap
- Spirit wear orders due
- Holiday wreath pick up

Thurs, Dec 14

- Triton Day
- No V-CATS

Fri, Dec 15

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 Thurs, 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.

Triton Winter Youth Basketball Camp - Dec, 18 - 20

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.

- 1 hour early release

Mon, Dec 18 - Mon, Jan 1

- No school - winter break

December Lunch Menu

Contact us with questions or submissions communications@viewlands.org

Viewlands Spiritwear

- The order deadline for VEPTSA's spirit wear fundraiser is extended until Friday, Dec 1.
- These soft, comfy, and cool Viewlands sweatshirts and t-shirts make awesome gifts for both kids and adults.
- Order forms were sent home prior to Thanksgiving week, or you can also order and pay on-line via at [PT Avenue](#). Enter '2017Orcas' in the Organization Code field then click 'Online Store'. You don't have to join the VEPTSA to purchase spirit wear.
- Orders due by end of day Friday, Dec 1



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!

Winter Enrichment Activity Schedule

School News

Library Updates

Global Reading Challenge continues

The Global Reading Challenge is a Battle of the Books program for 4th and 5th graders enrolled in Seattle Public Schools. The program encourages children to have fun while enjoying reading. For more info [click here](#).

November library focus was Native American studies

In November, classes in the library read Brother Eagle, Sister Sky, Illustrated by Susan Jeffries. Chief Seattle spoke over 100 years ago. Students explored his words and the visual text to gain an understanding of what the Chief wanted people to learn from his address to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the Territory of Northwest Nations.

Thanks to our Library volunteers!

A note of gratitude to the cheery library volunteers - Ann Campbell, Amy Sprenger, Bebeth Steudel, Patricia Lien, Tiffany Staples, and Suzanne Howell. If you are interested in volunteering in the library, contact [Ms Myles](#).

Learning Garden Grant Update

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 for grades K-3. The first "design summit" to begin work on the curriculum will be held on January 25

Available

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! [Click here](#) for more details, or visit our [website](#). Registration begins December 4th!

and January 30, 2018.

If you are interested, or know of interested families or community members, please put them in touch with Amy Sprenger - agsprenger@gmail.com

Donate holiday gift cards for families in need

Donated gift cards are being collected in the office by Ms. Signe to provide holiday support to Viewlands families in need. Suggested gift card increments are \$20 and can be purchased from local grocery stores, Target, etc.

Community News & Events



WildLights at the Woodland Park Zoo

Nov. 24, 2017 - Jan. 1, 2018
Open 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. nightly
Closed Dec. 24 and 25

[More Info](#)

Fun Holiday Activities around Seattle

[Sheraton Seattle's Gingerbread village@](#) City Centre - 11/21 - 1/1

[Green Lake Pathway of Lights](#) December 9th - 4:30 - 7:30

Christmas Ships

- The Locks – [Sat, Dec 16 @ 3:40 p.m.](#)
- Golden Gardens – [Sat, Dec 16 @ 4:20 p.m.](#)
- Carkeek – [Sat, Dec 16 @ 7:30 p.m.](#)

Phinney Neighborhood Association (PNA) events:

PNA Winter Festival and Crafts Fair - [12/2 - 12/3](#)

Phinneywood Phestivus - [12/8](#) - Enjoy free trolley rides along Phinney and Greenwood for the Art up Chow Down monthly art walk and holiday monkey viewing.

Visit the PNA website at www.phinneycenter.org for complete details.