



Viewlands Elementary Parent Teacher Student Association Orca Digest

Welcome ... Bienvenido ... 欢迎 ... Hoan Ngh ... ласкаво просимо ... Soo Dhaweyn ... ٴب الءا ... Welina ...

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

Viewlands Night at the Tritons Game - Sat, Jan 17 @ 4 p.m.

Every year, the Tritons invite the entire Viewlands community to attend a game free of charge. This year's Viewlands Night is Saturday, January 27 at 4 p.m. when the Tritons host the Peninsula Pirates! When entering, let the ticket taker know you're with Viewlands, try to wear your blue and green, and cheer on the Tritons!

Upcoming Middle School Open Houses

Upcoming Middle school open houses are designed to help answer questions for new families entering in the fall. For more information please visit the school websites.

- **Robert Eagle Staff -Weds, Jan 24** from 6-7:30 p.m.
- **Whitman - Tues, Feb 6** from 7-8:30 pm.

NoVCATS Jan 25 - Feb 8

There will be no VCATS beginning Thursday, January 25 through Thursday, February 8. This includes both grades K-1 and grades 2-5. VCATS will resume Monday, February 12.

Gardens & Learning Design Summit - Jan 25 & 30

Reminder - Save the date for January 25th and 30th for a two-day learning & design meeting to discuss the outdoor learning garden curriculum called Learning in Places.

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

Please RSVP to Charlene Nolan, nolanc3@uw.edu or Michelle Salgado (se habla español), [425-223-2736](tel:425-223-2736). For additional information, please contact Amy Sprenger - agsprenger@gmail.com

Viewlands Family Dance Party - Fri, Feb 9 @ 6 p.m.

Save the date for the Viewlands Family Dance Party on Friday, February 9 from 6 - 8 p.m. There will be a DJ, dancing, games, crafts, photo booth, raffle, pizza by the slice, and a bake sale! Admission is \$5 per child. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Race & Social Justice Parent Education Event - Tues, Feb 13

Viewlands Elementary PTSA is excited to host a parent education event on the topic of Race & Social Justice featuring local writer, author, and speaker Tierra Johnson.

- **Tuesday, February 13, 6:30-8:00pm | Viewlands**

Calendar at a Glance

Sat, Jan 27

- Viewlands night at Tritons game

Weds, Jan 24

- Robert Eagle Staff Middle School open house

Thurs, Jan 25

- No VCATS
- Gardens & Learning Design Summit, Day 1

Mon, Jan 29

- No VCATS

Tues, Jan 30

- Gardens & Learning Design Summit, Day 2

Weds, Jan 31

- No school due to day between semesters

Thurs, Feb 1

- No VCATS

Mon, Feb 5

- No VCATS

Tues, Feb 6

- Whitman Middle School open house

Thurs, Feb 8

- Viewlands Math Night
- No VCATS

Fri, Feb 9

- Viewlands Family Dance Night

Mon, Feb 12

- VCATS resumes

library

Tierra's presentation/ workshop will inform parents and educators how to educate our students in racial matters and social justice. She will provide tools for having conversations with our own children, and offer space for questions & answers.

Childcare is offered, please rsvp to reserve a spot by emailing communications@viewlands.org! Food will not be provided, so make sure your children have eaten before they arrive.

Tues. Feb 13

- Race & Social Justice
parent education event

[Jan Lunch Menu](#)

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MLK Jr. Day Assembly & March

In recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Viewlands held an all school assembly and a peaceful march around the school. This allowed students to share what they've been learning about the civil rights movement and provided them with the opportunity to experience the power

of standing together in solidarity to support peace, cooperation, acceptance, and inclusion of all.



School News

Artsonia

The Artsonia project is up and running! The families who have signed up have really enjoyed seeing their children's artwork online. Additionally, parents can customize various products such as coffee mugs, t-shirts, cards, ornaments, mousepads etc with their child's uploaded artwork! Best of all, a percentage of the profits from these purchases will go directly to Mr. B's fund for art supplies!

It's not too late to sign up and see artwork for the rest of the year. If you'd like to be included, email Mr. B at bcaullenbens@seattleschools.org. If you previously requested to be added after reading the Artsonia article in the November newsletter, please email again, as there was a typo in Mr. B's email address.

Class Directory update

The All School Class Directory is almost complete! There are still a few classes who need to send home hard copy notices to ensure there are no additional corrections before the final copy is distributed to the school. 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 as soon as possible!

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

SPS new text message notification system

In February 2018, Seattle Public Schools is launching

PTA Info

Join VEPTSA

Sign up is easier than ever via the Viewlands [website](#) - www.viewlands.org

WA State PTA Focus Day & Advocacy Week 1/29 - 2/2

Make your voice heard and join advocates in Olympia on Monday, January 29 to meet with your legislators and ensure that our schools are funded, pass a capital budget and fix HB 2242. Plus support other legislation that helps our students to learn, be healthy, safe and thrive.

More info can be found on the [WA State PTA Advocacy page](#) including links to Focus Day Postcards, one page handouts on the current platform and more.

Can't go to Olympia? Choose one or more ways to advocate during Advocacy Week.

- Sign up and reply to a [VOTER VOICE Action Alert](#).
- Call the Legislative Hotline [1-800-562-6000](tel:1-800-562-6000) to leave your legislators a

text messaging to help you stay up to date. Text messaging will be used in addition to current SPS communication methods. All parents and guardians are encouraged to opt-in for this service. To subscribe: text the word 'yes' to the number 675-87.

You can read more about this new service on the SPS [website](#).

message on what's important to you.

- Send a personalized email to your legislators

- Download, print and mail a postcard to legislators. Find [the postcards](#) on the [WSPTA Advocacy page](#)

To find your legislative district use the [district finder](#), click on the member's name for their contact info. Or use the [Legislator Look-up list](#) for their complete contact info.

Community News & Events



SYSA Spring Soccer Registration

Interested in soccer for your kids this spring? Check out Seattle Youth Soccer Association's (SYSA) Spring Soccer program. They primarily register by team, but there are some individual player options available too. Games are played on Sundays in April, May and June. All information about Spring Soccer is available at <http://www.sysa.org/SpringSeason>



Northwest Seattle Little League Registration ends Jan 28!

Register your child via the NWSLL [website](#).