



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

Viewlands Fundraiser at Chuck's - Wednesday, March 14

This Wednesday evening from 5 - 9 p.m., Chuck's Hop Shop in Greenwood is hosting a Viewlands fundraiser & beer release party!

- Come grab a bite from the Nosh food truck, grab a beer, support Viewlands, and celebrate Spring!
- For every cash donation VEPTSA receives, Chuck's will match us \$1 for \$1!
- Money raised goes toward 5th graders attending Islandwood Camp.

Class Picture Day - Thursday, March 15

Order envelopes were sent home in kid mail starting last week. If you would like to order your child's class picture, have your child return your order envelope and payment on or before March 15. Envelopes should be handed in to the child's teacher.

2018 Global Reaching Challenge City Finals are March 20

Viewlands very own Dabbing Dolphins advanced to the 2018 Global Reading Challenge City Finals! Congratulations to the team! Come dressed in your Viewlands gear to cheer them on next Tuesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. at the Central Library.

Spiritwear re-orders due March 20

Order forms are available in the office, or you can order and pay on-line via **PT Avenue**. Enter **'2017Orcas'** in the Organization Code field then click **'Online Store'**.

- Orders due by end of day March 20.

Wacky Wednesday Mix 'n Match Rainbow Day - Mar 28!

Spirit Day is the last Wednesday of the month! March Wacky Wednesday is Mix 'n Match Rainbow day. We look forward to seeing everyone's creativity on March 28!

Viewlands annual Jog-a-Thon - Friday, April 6

The annual Jog-a-Thon is just around the corner! For every lap around the field your child runs, they earn money for the school based on pledges they receive from friends and family. Pledge envelopes will start going home in kid mail on March 23. This fundraiser provides a variety of volunteer opportunities - stay tuned for more details!

Viewlands Spring Auction is Sunday, April 22!

Save the Date for our 3rd Annual Spring Auction on Sunday, April 22nd, from 6-9pm @ Naked City in Greenwood.

We're currently seeking donations for the auction! If you have

Calendar at a Glance

Weds, Mar 14

- Fundraiser at Chuck's

Thurs, Mar 15

- Class picture day

Mon, Mar 19

- Spring enrichment activities begin

Tues, Mar 20

- Global Reading Challenge City Finals
- Spiritwear orders due

Fri, Mar 23

- Viewlands movie night featuring Wonder

Weds, Mar 28

- Mix 'n Match Rainbow Day

Fri, Apr 6

- Jog-a-Thon

Apr 9 - 13

- Spring Break

Tues, Apr 17

- Taco Tuesday Family Bingo Night @ The Dane

Sun, Apr 22

- Spring Auction

Apr 23 - 26

- Islandwood Camp for 5th graders

[March Lunch Menu](#)

tangible goods or gift certificates for services you could provide, please let us know. Contact Gina @ 206-235-6916 or littlegina2@yahoo.com or drop off items at the office by April 14th, 2018. [Click here](#) for procurement forms. [Click here](#) for template letter to solicit donations.

Contact Us

- With any questions or topics you would like to see included in future newsletters.

Islandwood Camp for 5th Graders

Every spring, Viewlands 5th-grade students, teachers and chaperones head to Islandwood on Bainbridge Island. The camp experience provides 4 days and 3 nights of small group, hands-on learning, critical thinking and exploration. [Click here](#) to learn more about Islandwood.

Upcoming Events to Close the Funding Gap

How is camp funded? The actual cost to send our kids to camp this year, including transportation, tuition and other fees, is close to \$300 per student. Islandwood is paid for with generous grants from VEPTSA and the Windermere Foundation, fundraising events and per-student family contributions. We're not there yet. More money is needed to fully fund camp this year.



Did you know?

Our fabulous teachers organized an event in July that raised over \$500 for camp!! Our teachers, on their own time, for our kids.

How can you help?

Upcoming fundraising opportunities:

- **March 14 @** Chuck's Hopshop in Greenwood from 5 - 9pm:
 - A Viewlands fundraiser paired with the release of their new brew "Intergalactic Hop Shop"!!
 - Come grab a bite from the Nosh food truck & grab a beer to enjoy this early spring evening.
 - For every donation Viewlands PTSA receives, Chuck's will match us \$1 for \$1!
- **March 23 @** Viewlands: Movie Night featuring "Wonder"
 - VEPTSA will donate all concession proceeds to 5th grade camp.
 - Come see a great movie and help send our 5th grade kids to camp.
- **April 17** Taco Tuesday Family Bingo @ The Dane: Details coming soon!
- **Ongoing** - \$5 Papa Murphy's coupon cards, which are good for up to \$30 in discounts!
 - Order forms are available in the office

Spotlight on our 5th grade teachers!

Be sure to check out the next edition of the Orca Digest to read all about the 5th grade teachers who lead the expedition to Islandwood each spring!

School News

Spring enrichment activity registration is underway

A variety of after school classes and activities will be available at Viewlands during spring quarter, which starts March 19 and is coordinated by VEPTSA. From piano, chess, sewing and art to cooking, coding, hockey and drama! See the [attached PDF](#) for more details!

Nurse's Office requesting clothing donations

The Viewlands Nurse's Office is in need of girls elastic waist pants in sizes 7/8, 9/10, and 11/12. If your child

PTA Info

Volunteers needed

Lunch room

If you would like to sign up to help in the lunch room, please email our Lunchroom Manager, [Darius Heggins](#) or let the office know.

General inquiries about volunteer opportunities can be emailed to viewlandsvolunteers@gmail.com

Join VEPTSA

Sign up is easier than ever via the

has outgrown any pants in these sizes, please consider donating them to the Viewlands Nurse's Office.

Viewlands website
– www.viewlands.org

Community News and Events

March for our Lives - Saturday, March 24 @ 10 a.m.

March for our Lives is led by students across the country to address the epidemic of mass school shootings and gun violence.

- The Seattle group will meet at Cal Anderson Park at 10 a.m. and march to the International Fountain at the Seattle Center.
- For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/seattlemarchforourlives/>

Gently Used Kids Gear Sale at Phinney Neighborhood Center - Saturday, March 24

Ballard Preschool Co-Op's popular Gently Used Kids' Gear Sale promises super-duper deals on quality, gently used clothes, shoes, toys, gear, maternity wear and more!

- 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Phinney Center Brick Building-Community Hall