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

Spirit Wear orders due Fri, Nov 30!
Don't miss out on the opportunity to show your school pride in a soft, comfy, and cool Viewlands sweatshirt or t-shirt that was designed based on artwork by a Viewlands student! Spirit wear comes in your choice of green or blue and can be ordered in adult and kid sizes.
- Orders due by Friday, Nov. 30.
- Order and pay on-line via PT Avenue. Enter 'Viewlands Orcas' in the Organization Code field then click 'Online Store'.
- Prefer to pay via check or cash? Order forms are in the office - or download the form by clicking here.
- Order forms and payment should be returned to the VEPTSA lock box in the office.

Holiday wreath pick ups begin Tues, Dec 4
Thanks to everyone who purchased a holiday wreath this year! Wreath pick ups will be available after school in the courtyard starting Tues. Dec. 4 - Dec 7.

Viewlands Family Bingo Night at the Dane - Tues, Dec. 4
Join us for a fun-filled night at the Dane! Play Bingo with friends and family for just $1 a card. Viewlands PTSA will receive all donations for Bingo cards plus the Dane is also donating $1 for every featured beer pint sale. Folks can buy tacos from Taco Loco, located just across the street, or purchase food from a limited menu at the Dane. Proceeds will go toward funding the Islandwood camp for the 5th graders.
- Tuesday, Dec 4 6:30 - 8 p.m.
- The Dane - 8000 15th ave NW
VEPTSA will provide prizes for our Bingo winners!

Calendar at a Glance

Fri, Nov 30
- Spirit wear orders due

Tues, Dec 4
- Wreath pick-up starts
- Viewlands Bingo Night at the Dane

Mon, Dec 10
- Winter enrichment registrations starts

Fri, Dec 14
- Family Movie Night, Bake Sale, and Book Fair @ 6:30 p.m.
- Fred Meyer gift card donations due

Wed, Dec 19
- Smart w/ Art workshop

Thurs, Dec 20
- Triton Day

Fri, Dec 21
- 1 hr early dismissal

Dec 24 - Jan 4
- Winter break

Nov Lunch Menu

Aloha Viewlands Auction - Sat, Mar 30 @ 6 - 9:30 p.m.
Save the date (and find your lei!) for the Aloha
line up of after school classes and activities will be available at Viewlands during winter quarter, coordinated by VEPTSA. Visit our website for more details.

Gift Card Donations for Families in Need due Fri, Dec. 14
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 $25.
- Cards are being collected in the office by Ms. Signe.
- We still need $425 in Fred Meyer gift cards to achieve our goal of $850!
- Deadline for donations is Friday, Dec 14.

Family Movie Night - Fri, Dec. 14 @ 6:30 p.m.
See the below article for details.

Smart with Art Holiday Workshop for kids - Weds, Dec 19
Smart with Art is hosting a Holiday Workshop after school on Wednesday, December 19 from 1:15 - 3:15. Most Fall enrichment programs end the week of December 10, so sign your child up to get some extra working time in before winter break!
- Students will create two handmade, fine art gifts that are sure to become keepsakes.
- Each project will be gift wrapped and ready for giving.
- Kids will have fun getting creative.
- Cost is $39.
- Register here.

Triton Day is Thursday, December 20
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!

Save the Date - Fri, Dec 14 - Family Movie Night, Bake Sale, and Book Fair!

Family Movie Night
Wear your jammies and bring your blanket to watch Smallfoot in the Viewlands Auditorium!
- Doors open at 6 p.m.
- Admission is free!
- Snacks and baked goods will be available for purchase. (Small bills are much appreciated!)

Viewlands Spring Auction on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the Phinney Neighborhood Association!
Heavy apps, 2 drink tickets, and lots of fun will be included with the cost of admission. Tickets will go on sale on Friday, December 14 at Family Movie Night and will be priced as follows:
- Purchase on or before 1/23/19 - $35 / ticket
- Purchase between 1/24/19 - 3/29/19 - $40 / ticket
- Purchase at door - $45 / ticket

The auction will have a myriad of events including a silent auction, raffles, dessert dash, and more!

Auction proceeds will benefit programs like Music with Mary K, additional recess supervision, classroom and technology grants, Scholarships for after-school enrichment, contributions towards 5th grade camp and so much more!

Don’t miss out on putting this unforgettable event into your calendar! Stay tuned for more details!

Contact Us
- With any questions or topics you would like to see included in future newsletters.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Bake sale
The Sign Up Genius for the bake sale will be available via the Viewlands Elementary PTSA and Viewlands Elementary Parents/Supporters Facebook pages soon!

Scholastic Book Fair
- The Scholastic Book Fair starts in the library Friday, December 14 from 5 - 8 p.m.
- The Book Fair will continue on Monday, Dec 17 and Tuesday, Dec 18 and will be open during the following times:
  - Before school from 7:30 - 7:55 a.m.
  - During lunch recess from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
  - After school from 2:30 - 5 p.m.
- Volunteers are needed to help with set up, check out and general questions- contact Ms. Myles or stay tuned to Facebook for a link to the Sign Up Genius.
- You can also shop online and support Viewlands from Dec. 1 - Dec. 24.
- For more details click here.

School News
End of Trimester is Friday, Nov 30
Report cards will come home prior to Winter Break.

News from the Viewlands Nurse
Last week, our school nurse - Liz Barr - sent home immunization letters to parents and guardians who have children that are missing vaccines. If you have not received a letter, your student is compliant and completely immunized.

If you received an Immunization Letter, Nurse Barr stresses the importance of following up on these missing vaccines with your family provider right away. If you received one of these letters and feel it is in error, please contact Nurse Barr right away and send in any immunization records you have at home so she can update this information.

If you have decided not to vaccinate your child, you must have a signed Certificate of Exemption by a medical provider. In addition, Nurse Barr will need a copy of it.

For a link to school age immunization requirements click here.

For questions or concerns regarding immunizations, please contact Nurse Barr at elbarr@seattleschools.org or Phone-206-252-4407

PTA Updates
Membership goal update
Our membership goal for 2018/19 is to get at least 150 members signed up for VEPTSA!

Current enrollment is at 138 members! We are almost there!

Membership dues go towards helping Viewlands participate in special programs.

Join VEPTSA Today!
Join VEPTSA today online. The organization code is ViewlandsOrcas, then select ‘online store’ or fill out the application form (included in Welcome Packet sent home in kid mail) and submit it with your membership check in the VEPTSA lock box in the office.

Community News and Events

PNA Winter Festival and Crafts Fair - Dec 1 and 2
Enjoy a unique holiday shopping experience in the Phinney Neighborhood Association’s two historic buildings full of specialty goods by 120+ hand-picked local artists and makers.

- Sat, Dec 1 and Sun, Dec 2 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- $2 for PNA members or $4 for non-members
Greenlake Pathway of Lights - Dec 8
Seattle Parks and Recreation presents the Pathway of Lights at Green Lake on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., rain or shine.

Walk the 2.8-mile path around the lake, taking in the warm glow of the luminaria, music and refreshments. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own lights and candles to add to the ambiance. For complete details click here.