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

Holiday wreath pick ups continue thorough end of week
Thanks to everyone who purchased a holiday wreath this year! Wreath pick ups will be available after school in the courtyard through end of week. Please email us if you need to make special pick up arrangements.

Winter Enrichment Registration underway
Another great line up of after school classes and activities is 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
Thank you Viewlands community! We reached our goal of helping all of our families in need this holiday season! 40 Fred Meyer gift cards were collected. If you are still interested in donating, gift cards will be collected in the office by Ms. Signe until Friday, Dec. 14.
  ♦ Suggested Fred Meyer gift card increment is $25.
  ♦ Deadline for donations is Friday, Dec 14.

Family Movie Night, Bake Sale, and Book Fair - Fri, Dec. 14

Family Movie Night is just around the corner, and VEPTSA needs volunteers to help make treats for the bake sale that will run during the event. Proceeds from the bake sale will go towards funding Music with Mary K.
  ♦ Our goal is to earn $500 at the bake sale to narrow the Mary K funding gap - we currently are $1,265 short of funding for 2018/19.
  ♦ To sign up to make treats for the bake sale OR to help run Movie Night (set up, concessions, tear down, etc), CLICK HERE for the Sign Up Genius.

Calendar at a Glance

**Tues, Dec 4**
- Wreath pick-up starts

**Fri, Dec 14**
- Family Movie Night, Bake Sale @ 6:30
- Book Fair @ 5 p.m.
- Fred Meyer gift card donations due

**Weds, Dec 19**
- Smart w/ Art workshop

**Thurs, Dec 20**
- Triton Day

**Fri, Dec 21**
- 1 hr early dismissal
- Progress reports sent home w/ students
- Lost and found items will be donated EOD

**Dec 24 - Jan 4**
- Winter break

Week of Jan 7
- Spiritwear orders arrive

**Thurs, Jan 10**
- Author Tim Tingle speaks at Viewlands

**Fri, Jan 11**
- Music w/ Mary K resumes

**Thurs, Jan 17**
- Viewlands open house

**Mon, Jan 21**
- No school - MLK day
Baked goods can be dropped off at school in the staff lounge during the day on Friday, December 14 or dropped off in the Courtyard prior to the event.
- Doors to Family Movie Night open at 6 p.m.
- Small bills are much appreciated for the bake sale!
- All children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Scholastic Book Fair starts in the library Friday, December 14 from 5 - 8 p.m. The Book Fair will continue Monday, Dec 17 - 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.
- Or, shop online and support Viewlands from Dec. 1 - Dec. 24.
Volunteers are needed to help with Book Fair set up, opening night, and day time sales. Contact Ms. Myles or see our Fair Homepage Volunteer Calendar to sign up!
- The book fair goal is to Raise over $2,500 to get 50% of sales profits!

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! Register here.

Triton Day is Thursday, December 20
Each year, Coach Gray brings the Tritons 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!

Collect Lost and Found items by EOD Fri, Dec 21
Please take a moment to sort through the huge pile of coats, sweaters, lunch boxes etc. that are in the courtyard before the end of the day Friday Dec 21. All remaining items will be donated at the end of that day to a worthwhile charity.

Spiritwear orders arriving week of January 7
Spiritwear orders will be arriving the week of January 7. There is a small chance they might arrive by Dec 21. If you were depending on an order to arrive in time to give it as a holiday gift, we can work with the vendor to try to expedite it. If you would like us to expedite your order, please email communications with the name you placed the order under, size of shirt, and color.

Music with Mary K resumes Jan 11
Music with Mary K resumes after break! Remaining dates are 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, and 2/8. Be sure to ask your child about their favorite Mary K song!

New family open house Thurs, Jan 17 @ 6 p.m.
If you have a friend or neighbor whose child will be joining us
next year, please let them know about this event! They can meet the Principals, some of our wonderful staff, tour the school, and learn about Viewlands.

Library News
Author Tim Tingle to speak at Viewlands
We’re honored to host Tim Tingle - author of How I Became A Ghost - here at Viewlands on Jan 10 from 1 - 2 p.m. in the gym! This presentation is a part of the 2019 Global Reading Challenge. Third, fourth, and fifth graders are invited to attend as well as their families. For more info on Tim Tingle, click here.

2019 Global Reading Challenge teams to be announced before Winter Break!
Take a look outside the library! The challenge is on! Global Reading Challenge readers and third grade readers are reading voraciously! When students pass an accelerated reader quiz on their book (taken online in the library), they get a point on the graph. The graph is growing off the wall!

Traveling International Mural
Miss Robins’ class is joining 9 other schools from Brazil to Greece to Albania and around the USA. Students make a mural and then send parts of it to the 9 schools. We’ll reassemble the 9 parts we receive and display it for our school to see! For more information, click here.

PTA Updates
Next PTSA meeting Tues, Jan 29 @ 6:30
Please join us for our next general VEPTSA meeting on Tuesday, January 29 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the gym. Our agenda is as follows:
♦ 6:30 - 7 p.m. - PTSA updates
♦ 7 - 8 p.m. - Parent educator and special ed teacher Andrea Baumgarten will speak to our group about healthy screen time habits, how to talk to kids about relational issues, and cyber bullying prevention.

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.