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Home of the Suns!

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Dear Families:

As I reflect on the tragic events that took place at Margory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida last month, and my own feelings both as a parent and a principal, the safety and security of our children at East Ridge has constantly been on my mind.

If you have children in middle school or high school, or if you read Dr. Reid's recent communication, you likely know that many secondary students are planning a 17-minute walkout on March 14 to express their views on school safety and recognize the student lives lost in Florida. In secondary schools, the walkouts have been initiated and planned by students. The walkouts are serving as real-life lessons in civics and civil disobedience. Students who will soon be considered adults have some knowledge and understanding of recent school shootings and are using their voices and actions to engage in this national issue.

Most elementary students at East Ridge are in a different place than middle and high school students, with many unaware that school violence is a reality in our world. Rather than engaging in schoolwide activities on March 14, we will carry on with our regular school day. Teachers will not initiate discussions about guns, violence or walkouts. As a principal, I recognize that some families may be talking about these topics with their children. I want to support student or family action that is organized, meaningful, safe and school appropriate. If you or your child wants to participate in the walkout on the 14th, I ask that you please come to the school, sign out your child, go to the designated area (East Ridge Friendship Garden), supervise your child, and then sign your child back in at the conclusion of the walkout. Conversations around these tragic real-life events can be very confusing and cause anxiety in the young children we serve. Please help your child respect that many other students don't know about school gun violence and their families would like it to stay that way for now.

When it comes to addressing school threats and violence, we do everything we can to be proactive and responsive when needed. However, when it is happening out in the world around us at such an egregious level, it is always difficult to know the best response for everyone impacted because senseless violence is hard for everyone, especially kids, to process. If your child is struggling with recent events, please let us know. We want to help. It is important to validate their feelings both at school and at home. The following may also prove to be a helpful resource: [Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)

Discussions about school safety cannot be ignored. Over the last few years we have worked to make safety improvements at East Ridge, and we work continuously with our Safety & Emergency Preparation Team to review and revise our procedures as district directives and budgets allow. Our staff receives annual

training around our safety and security protocols. This year all staff attended an Active Threat training and will be receiving additional Safe Schools training later this month. Our school safety team meets to review our emergency plans and we routinely conduct drills which prepare our staff to keep our children safe. East Ridge is dedicated to working closely with our district team in the upcoming months to review our school safety plans and procedures. As a result of training and review of our safety procedures, here are some important things we are doing at East Ridge:

“Ready-Locked” Doors

Our classroom doors are now kept in a "ready-lock" position. This is the protocol the district has proposed until further security updates are installed. A “ready-lock” position for a classroom door means one of the following:

- The door is locked, but there is a magnet placed on the strike plate to keep it from engaging. The handle will feel as though it is locked, but when you pull, the door will open. The magnet on the strike plate can be removed quickly, allowing the door to be locked immediately without a key.
- Some classrooms may choose to always have a locked door and establish procedures for students, additional staff, or parent volunteers to enter the room with minimal interruption to instruction.

All doors are locked when teachers and students leave the classroom, to prevent unauthorized entry when a teacher is not present.

Staff and Visitor Identification

It is important at all times for everyone to identify who is on campus at East Ridge. A badge (school badge, district badge, guest badge, or visitor sticker) signifies that the adult has signed in at the office and belongs at our school at that time. We have now trained all staff and students to be on the lookout for adults without badges. Staff know to greet a person without a badge, ask them to report to the office to sign in, then immediately follow up with a phone call to report the person to the office. Students know to let a staff member know if they see an adult on campus without a badge. Students also know to remind staff to wear their badges! Visitors to our campus need to know the following:

- A visitor is anyone who is not an East Ridge student or staff member.
- ***No visitors are to approach a classroom if they do not have a visitor badge.***
- Before, during, or after the school day, ***all visitors must sign in*** if they plan to enter any area of campus other than the parent pickup/drop off area at the front of the school. This includes assemblies, walking a child to the classroom, or dropping something off to a classroom before or after school.
- All visitors must sign in at the office and wear a visitor badge at all times.
- Visitors who are not recognized by office staff will be asked to show proof of identification in the form of picture ID.
- Classroom volunteers must have a current Washington State Patrol Background Check on file in the office. Check with office staff if you need a form or need to check on your status.

Emotional safety is also important! In our last newsletter, you read about all of the actions we are taking to increase the percentage of students who feel safe, have a sense of belonging, personally meaningful friendships, and who believe that their school is vibrant and inclusive, with rules that are fair and equitable. During the last two weeks, all of our students took a survey that helps us know how our students are feeling about all of these aspects of well-being at school. On this survey, we offered the opportunity to have students share their name at the end of the survey (this was optional). Now, as we review the data, we have the opportunity to follow up with individuals and groups in order to hear more input and work to improve their feelings about school, their relationships with peers and adults, and their safety. Here are a few things we are also focusing on this month:

- ❖ This month, our school is focused on the trait of **Optimism**. Teachers are using read aloud books and classroom activities to promote a positive climate at our school. You can read more about Optimism here: <https://www.nsd.org/cms/lib/WA01918953/Centricity/Domain/308/Optimism2.pdf>
- ❖ This week, all teachers are re-teaching “*upstander*” strategies. A *bystander* is someone who sees bullying happening but doesn’t know what to do. An *upstander* is someone who stops bullying by using one or more of these strategies: being a buddy, interrupting, speaking out, and telling an adult. Ask your child what he/she has learned about being an upstander and for examples of how they are using some of these strategies.
- ❖ Also, this week, all of our teachers are discussing the importance of “*see something, say something.*” We want our students to know that they should always tell an adult if they see or hear something unsafe.

Please know that your child’s physical and emotional safety and security are always in the forefront of my heart and my mind. I am committed to working with our district administration, our school staff, and our families to ensure that all of our children have a safe, welcoming place to learn and grow each day.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,

Sarah White

Principal

East Ridge needs your help!

In recent months, our school has suffered a few incidents of vandalism:

- The locks on our two main gates were cut during Winter Break.
- The playfield was dug up during mid-Winter break with shovels. Large holes and piles were made in order to create a make-shift “bike track,” which created a safety hazard for our students at recess.
- Both of our new playground equipment boxes have been broken into. These boxes allow us to store more equipment for play at recess and save instructional time by making it quick to take out and put away.

We know that our students, families, surrounding community, and staff take great pride in our beautiful, safe school. We want to encourage our students and community to remember: *If you see something, say something!* If you see something unsafe at our school or if you witness vandalism or loitering on our campus after hours, please contact one of the following:

- 911 (emergencies or criminal activity)
- District Emergency Number: 425-485-9535 (safety or security issues after hours)
- School Office: 425-408-4400 (to report information)
- Email Sarah White, principal, at swhite@nsd.org (to report information)

Thank you!
Sarah White
Principal

March

3/12 – 3/30 – ASB Food Drive

- 3/13 Beginning Strings, 8:15 - 8:55 am
 3/14 **Early Release Wednesday, 2:10 pm**
 PTA Nature Vision, 2:15 - 3:15 pm
NO Math Team
 Band Concert, TMS, 7:00 pm
 Kindergarten Multi-lingual Orientation,
 Woodmoor Elementary, 7:00 pm
- 3/15 Beginning Strings, 8:15 - 8:55 am
 Game Room Open
 PTA Language Class, 3:45-4:50 pm
- 3/16 Spirit Day – Wear Green!
 5th Grade to TMS for Registration
- 3/19 PTA Engineering with Minecraft, 3:40 – 5:10 pm
- 3/20 Beginning Strings, 8:15 - 8:55 am
 Beginning Strings Concert, NPAC, 7:00 pm
- 3/21 **Early Release Wednesday, 2:10 pm**
 PTA Play Dress Rehearsal, ER
NO Math Team
- 3/22 Game Room Open
 PTA Language Class, 3:45-4:50 pm
 PTA Play Final Dress Rehearsal, WHS
- 3/23 East Ridge Spirit Day
 PTA Play – We Are Monsters, WHS, 7:00 pm
- 3/24 NEMO Math Competition, Inglemoor, 8:30 am
 PTA Play, WHS, 11:00 am & 3:00 pm

*PTA play rehearsal times listed at end of newsletter

Please Note!!

SAFE ARRIVAL: If your child is going to be absent or tardy, there is a 24-hour voice mail system that is monitored by our East Ridge office. **Call 425-408-4410** and leave your child's name, teacher's name, reason and length of absence. The office must be notified even if you have contacted your child's teacher. If you do not call, you will receive an automated call to verify your child's absence. **Please do not call the main office to report your child's absence. If a call is not received to excuse your child's absence, it will be marked as an unexcused absence.**

BEFORE SCHOOL

REMINDER: Students should not arrive at school before 8:50 a.m. since supervision is not provided until that time. Students need to be at school no later than 9:05 a.m., when the first bell rings.

Track & Field – Coming Soon!

3rd, 4th & 5th grade students are encouraged to participate in the upcoming track & Field season. Registration is required. Practices will be held Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning April 17th. Watch for informational flyers coming home soon! Home meet, May 8th.

Spelling Bee!

First though fourth graders please join us for the PTA 2018 spelling bees!

1st/2nd graders: **Tuesday March 27th**

3rd/4th graders: **Thursday March 29th**



Bees are after school in the library from **3:40 to 4:15**. Sign up forms went home last week. Additional forms available in the office.

Hello East Ridge Families,

I have loved getting to know more of you through working in the parking lot over the last couple months! I wanted to just share a few reminders & items that will be changing in order to keep our school & children safe.

- In the morning, please remember to stay in your car if you are in the drop off line. If you would like to walk your child to class or give them a last-minute hug, please park. ☺
- There will be no cutting through the middle area of the parking lot anymore. If you are trying to get back to Saybrook, you will need to go all the way around the loop. The same rule applies for those who are parked & are trying to exit through 156th.

Thank you!

Miss Foote

SBA Testing Dates:

Please be aware that SBA testing (grades 3-5) will begin the week before spring break and continue throughout April and May, ending the first part of June. It is important your student attend school and arrive on time as testing will begin at 9:10 am.

*** We encourage attendance during testing days as missing these days can be disruptive to your student, as well as the rest of the class. If your child is absent (sick) on a testing day, please notify the 24-hour attendance line at [425.408.4410](tel:425.408.4410) and your child's teacher. Your child will be able to make up the test on another day

**East Ridge Elementary
2018 SBA Schedule**

Testing Window: 3/26 - 6/8.

Science: 4/16 - 6/8

	ELA CAT	ELA PT 1	ELA PT 2	SCIENCE	Math CAT	Math PT
3rd	4/24 Tuesday	5/1 Tuesday	5/2 Wednesday		5/15 Tuesday	5/21 Monday
4th	4/26 Thursday	5/8 Tuesday	5/9 Wednesday		5/16 Wednesday	5/22 Tuesday
5th	4/30 Monday	5/10 Thursday	5/11 Friday	6/5 Tuesday	5/17 Thursday	5/24 Thursday
4/5th (Irving)	5/1 Tuesday	5/10 Thursday	5/11 Friday	6/5 - 5 th grade only Tuesday	5/22 Tuesday	5/24 Thursday

Dance Class

If you are a third, fourth, or fifth grader, you can join Mrs. Erickson for a Hip Hop & Jazz dance class. Appropriate music and movements will be selected for this age group. The class will be Mondays, **April 16th - May 21st**. It will be located in the gym. It will run from **3:45 - 4:30 pm**. To participate you **must** fill out an **After-School Activity Release Form**. You may pick one up in the office. Return it to the office **before** the first day of class. If you have any questions you can email Mrs. Erickson at terickson@nsd.org

Camp Cedar Springs



Camp Cedar Springs will be held this year from April 23rd through the 25th.

Important upcoming dates:

- Parent Meeting at Bear Creek on Monday, April 2nd, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, in the gym, followed by a Counselor Orientation meeting at 7:30 in the library.
- Luggage and medication drop off at East Ridge before 9:30 am, Friday, April 20th.
- Parent Pickup at East Ridge on Wednesday, April 25th between 1:15-1:30 pm.
- **Payment for camp is due now.**



Mrs. Murphy's second grade class celebrated National Read Across America Day on Friday, March 2nd - Dr. Seuss's Birthday!

Thank you, Earth Club!

A big thank you to Earth Club, led by **Flic Chastney** and her amazing group of helpers, for the work they did for the clean-up and planting day, Wednesday, March 7th. The grounds look beautiful and ready for spring! A big thank you to: **Cynthia Loland, Maddy Welham, Carlie** and **Andrew Fitzpatrick, Terri Kashi, Kari Fink, Lillie Linville, Steph Hennessy** and **Kristen Bero**, who is always there snapping away with her camera! Of course, there were many smaller hands helping out, too. Way to go team!

Another thank you to everyone who donated bulbs during the Fall Bulb Drive. The Earth Club received almost 1000 bulbs! You will be seeing crocuses and daffodils already and signs of many more beautiful flowers to come. Thanks also to **T and L Nursery** in Woodinville and **KIS Farm**, Redmond for their generous plant donations.

The Earth Club has also been working with **Mrs Hager's 3rd grade class**. They are transforming the space outside their classroom, on the west side of the building, into a fruit and flower garden! **The next Earth Club Work Party will be Saturday May 12th 9am-12pm**. Come and join us!



Calling All East Ridge Students and Families!

Students voted to give back to the community by doing a food drive! Thank you East Ridge students for a fantastic idea!

Food Drive Details

Recipient: Woodinville Storehouse, serving families in the Woodinville, Bothell, Kenmore, Kirkland, and Redmond areas.
<http://www.woodinvillestorehouse.org/>

Dates: March 12-30

Action Item: Bring donations to your classroom!

Most Needed Items

- Hamburger/Tuna/Chicken Helper
- Canned Fruits & Vegetables
- Rice-a-Roni/Noodle Roni/Pasta
- Beans/Lentils/Peanuts
- Spaghetti/Spaghetti Sauce
- Mac-n-Cheese/Boxed Dinners
- Top Ramen/Soups/Canned Chili
- Canned Meats—Tuna/Chicken
- Cereals—Hot & Cold
- Peanut Butter
- Rice Milk/Soy Milk/Almond Milk (for our special needs clients)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
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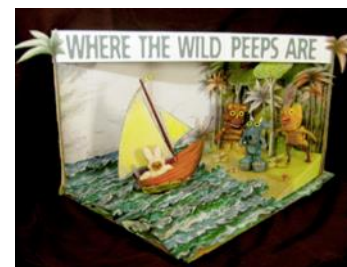




You Are Invited to:



The 6th Biennial (every other year)
 East Ridge Elementary Library
Literary Peeps Convention!



Who: All East Ridge Elementary readers—K-5th Grade—and their families. Form a team with a partner, a small group, or just you.

What: Create a fun and interesting “Peeps Themed” exhibit of one of your *favorite scenes* from one of your *favorite BOOKS*.

When: March 12th-April 6th to create and submit your display. Displays accepted in our Library as early as March 19th. The absolute latest you can turn in your display is April 4th. Voting will occur on Thursday April 5th, winners will be announced April 6th.

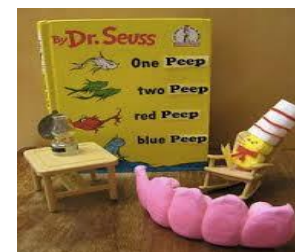
Why: To celebrate our **READING** and our **FAVORITE BOOKS**.



And Our Imagination and Literary Cleverness!
 AND The Marshmallowy Goodness and Versatility of **PEEPS** as the main characters of your favorite book!
 AND, AND, AND to win CASH and PRIZES, of course!!!!



Including an Ice Cream Party for all participants AND a \$10 gift cert. for the **STUDENT VOTE FAVORITE** at each gr. level & the overall **TEACHER VOTE FAVORITES** for K-1, 2-3 & 4-5.



How:

1. Pick a favorite scene from a favorite book you have read.
2. Change the title of the book to include the word “Peeps”.
 For example: *The Three Little Pigs* = *The Three Little Peeps*
3. Use your imagination, plus any help you let your family give you, to create a *dramatic* scene-in-a-box featuring PEEPS as main characters.
4. Make a **PROMINENT, colorful** sign that includes the title of your book (with the word “PEEP” or “PEEPS”) & your name (& partners’ or family’s names.)
5. Include a copy of the real book your peeps book display is based on.
6. **Write a short, clearly written sentence or paragraph explaining the scene in your display, and why you chose it.**

Questions?

Contact Mr. Cissna: rcissna@nsd.org.



We Are Monsters Ticket Sales



To Buy Tickets:
 For credit card payment, go to erpta.org
 For check payment, order forms are available at the office or erpta.org
 Questions? Contact Ghladyst at vpcommunications@erpta.org



We are Monsters! March 2018 Rehearsal Schedule:
TECH WEEK starts 3/19 Take attention to LOCATION and **END TIMES!**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12.	13. 3:40-5:15pm <i>Runthru (GYM)</i> <i>-Full Cast (Oozy1)</i> <i>- Select Stage Crew</i>	14. 2:15-4:15pm <i>Runthru (GYM)</i> <i>-Full Cast (Oozy2)</i> <i>-Full Stage Crew</i>	15.	16. 3:40-5:15pm <i>RunThru (GYM)</i> <i>-Full Cast (Oozy1)</i> <i>-Select Stage Crew</i>

BEcommunity Auction

Please join us at the 2nd Annual BEcommunity Auction to benefit the students of East Ridge and Bear Creek Elementary Schools! Tickets are on sale now through **March 31st** at becommunity18.auction-bid.org.

To donate or sponsor, please email auction@erpta.org.
We hope to see you there!

 Benefit Event presented by the PTA of
East Ridge & Bear Creek Elementary Schools



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Yearbook

Order Your 2017-2018 Yearbook Today

It's time to order your East Ridge Elementary PTA-sponsored 2017-2018 yearbook. Yearbooks are available to order online between **March 12th thru April 6th!** Yearbooks are \$16.00 each and personalization is available for an additional fee. Go to www.schoolannual.com and in the upper right corner click on "**BUY STUDENT'S YEARBOOK**". Then follow the prompts from there. Please note that ordering will be done **online only**. If you have any questions, are unable to purchase online, or need help with the ordering process, please contact Kristen Bero at kristen.bero@gmail.com or **206-930-3561**.

New After School Enrichment Classes!

Imagine with Fashion

Grades 1-6

Dates: Wednesdays, March 15-May 10th, no class on April 12th

Time: 1:50-3:15pm, Room: 2 \$173 PTA members; \$178 Non-PTA

Learn to Code a Robot

Grades 2-5

Dates: Mondays, March 13 – May 8th, no class April 10th

Time: 3:20 – 4:35pm, Room: 10 \$200 PTA members; \$205 Non-PTA

Clay Animation Network

Grades 1 – 6

Dates: Thursdays, April 6 – June 8th, no class April 13th

Time: 3:15 – 4:45pm, Room: 10 \$170 PTA members; \$175 Non-PTA



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