



East Ridge Elementary

Home of the Suns!

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Dear East Ridge Families,

I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve at East Ridge as your principal this year. East Ridge is an incredible school. Each day I have been filled with joy and pride as I watch our students learn and grow and our staff persist for the growth of each child. Your children's friendly smiles and greetings, caring actions, continuous effort, and curious minds have made each day very rewarding for me.

As you know, due to our district boundary changes and reconfiguration to K-5th elementary schools, 6th-8th middle schools, and 4 comprehensive high schools, there will be a few changes at East Ridge next year. A few of our teachers have decided to pursue new opportunities in our district next year. Ruth Edwards, Learning Center teacher, will be teaching at Woodinville High School next year. Chrissy Griffin, Megan Miller, and Doug Poage will be teaching at Timbercrest Middle School next year. We will surely miss these four outstanding teachers at East Ridge, and we are happy that they will continue to serve our students in the Woodinville pathway.

We are celebrating and appreciating a long legacy of service at East Ridge by Jan Nylin, school assistant, and Janet Christiansen, learning center paraeducator, who will be moving on to the new adventure of retirement!

Our roster of teachers for next year is as follows. Keep in mind that there are sometimes changes over the summer due to enrollment, staffing, or personal life changes for staff. Our new teachers come to us with solid credentials and experience, as well as a commitment to make East Ridge the very best place for teaching and learning. We will share more information about our new teachers in August.

Kindergarten: Emily Anthony, Sandi Long, Maria Moore

First Grade: Kim Anderson, Tracey Gangwish

Second Grade: Wendy Hill, Kathy Murphy, Laurie Oliver

Third Grade: Tamra Erickson, Jenny Foote, Emmy Hager

Fourth Grade: Susie Dickens, Kristina Schmidt

Fourth/Fifth Grade: Judith Irving

Fifth Grade: Susan Fawcett, Bill McKinnon

Music: Janie Anderson, Elaine Hoffman

PE: Nan Lucke, TBD

Library: Rick Cissna

Special Education: Monica Barber (Learning Center), Speech/Language Pathologist is TBD, School Psychologist is TBD

Thank you for your support and for welcoming me this year to be a part of such a wonderful school community. I look forward to serving the children, families and staff at East Ridge next year.

Fondly,

Sarah

Last Day of School
Monday, June 26th
Dismissal at 10:45 am
Regular Release
Wednesdays 3:15 pm
6/14 & 6/21

East Ridge Elementary
New Start/End Times for
2017/18

8:50 am Supervision Begins
9:10 am School Day Begins
3:40 pm Dismissal
2:10 pm Wednesday Early Release

Are you moving?

Parents, if your family is planning to move out of the East Ridge service area over the summer vacation, **PLEASE** let the office know as soon as possible. This will help us to have a more accurate enrollment count as well as make our preliminary placement and balancing of class/student groupings as accurate as possible.

Lost & Found

Our *Lost and Found* is full! Be sure to check through it to see if you recognize your child's belongings. We have a variety of jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, etc. Items not claimed by the end of the school year will be donated to a local charity.

JUNE

- 6/13 Max Mobile, 5th Grade, 1:00 pm
4th Grade Science Food Workshop
- 6/14 REGULAR RELEASE WEDNESDAY**
3:15 Dismissal
School Board Visit 8:30 – 11:30 am
1st Grade Sea Life Celebration 2:15 pm
- 6/15 5th Grade State Float Parade, 9:15 am
State Night, McKinnon 5th Gr., 6:00-8:00 pm
- 6/16 Safety Patrol Wild Waves Field Trip
Kindergarten Dad's and Donuts, 8:30 am
- 6/21 **REGULAR RELEASE WEDNESDAY**
3:15 Dismissal
PTA Play Meeting, 2:15-3:15 pm
- 6/22 5th Grade Picnic, Cottage Lake Park,
9:45 – 1:45 pm
Awards Assembly, 2:30 pm
- 6/23 Closing Assembly 8:55 am
Field Day
6th Grade Picnic, Cottage Lake Park,
10:00-2:00 pm
- 6/26 **Last Day of School**
10:45 Dismissal
Semester Ends

Bank-a-Meal Due June 23rd

Did you know all Bank-a-Meal balances automatically roll into next year? Fifth and sixth graders who remain in the Northshore School District can expect their accounts to follow them to their middle school and be available on the first day of school. A family leaving the district may apply for an account refund either online or in the school office.

Please be sure you do not leave a negative balance on your child's account.

Please do not put money on your child's account or bring money after June 23rd. If you have questions, please contact Cheryl Lichttenegger at 425.408.4408.

Cheryl and Caroline thank you for another wonderful year here at East Ridge!

Student Absences/ Vacations

With the end of the school year fast approaching, many families leave a few days early for family vacations. If your plans take your student out of school early, please complete a [Pre-Approved Absence Request form](#). Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Report Cards

The final report card will be mailed for each student this year on Friday, June 30th. If you have a change of address, please notify the school office as soon as possible, so that you'll receive your report card and/or any other mailings that will come out in the fall. **The supply list for the 2017-2018 school year will be posted on the East Ridge website.**

Medication Return

Please plan to pick up your student's medication in the health room the week of **June 19th**. Leftover medication will be discarded. A new medication authorization form is needed each year. Please note: *Students with life threatening conditions need to have the paperwork and medication in the health room **BEFORE** school starts.*

Immunizations Needed

Parents of Kindergartners: Incoming kindergartners are required to have 2 MMR (Mumps, Measles & Rubella) immunizations prior to September 2014. Other immunizations currently required include:

- At least 4 DPT/DT, the last after age 4
- At least 3 Polio, the last after age 4
- Hepatitis B series (3 immunizations)

K-5 Students: Students need 2 doses Varicella or have health care provider verify the student had the disease.

Parents of 5th Graders: Before your students can enter the sixth grade, in accordance with state guidelines, they will also need the Tdap vaccine if they are 11 or older. Feel free to call the health room at 425.408.4406 and talk with **Nurse Gerry or Nurse Ellen.**

Back to School - Things to Know...

- The first day back to school will be September 6th.
- Class placement letters will be mailed to you. You should expect to receive the class assignment by the end of August. ***Please do not ask for this information in advance.***
- Bus routes and stops will be posted on the [E-Link 2 weeks before school starts](#). *Bus routes will not be mailed out.*
<http://versatrans.nsd.org/elinkrp/Students/BasicTransBoundarySearch.aspx>
- A basic Student Supply List will be available on our website. Please wait until after school has started to buy supplies other than those on the list.
- The school office will be closed the month of July and will reopen **Monday, August 7th**.
- ***Children without up-to-date immunizations may not enter school.*** State law does not allow for a grace period.

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Summer office hours: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Buddy Benches

Have you seen the new Buddy Benches that arrived at East Ridge? As your student about them and the official unveiling ceremony we had earlier this month. The buddy bench concept is an international movement. Take a look at the video our [video](#).

“The buddy bench is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground. Let’s spread the message of inclusion and kindness!”

Check out the Buddy Bench [Presentation](#).



Join **PTA** Today!



5th Grade Pet Food Drive

Great job Ms. Fawcett’s 5th grade class for gathering 300 items for the Pet Food Drive! There will be lots of happy dogs, cats, and fish out there!



Thank you Woodinville Garden Club!

A big shout out to the members of the Woodinville Garden Club who came to help Jessi Bloom and the Earth Club volunteers get our campus ready for the summer!



A special thanks to **Debi Nemi, Marie Shobe, and Stacey Almgren** for their incredibly creative work in putting together the *5th and 6th Grade Leave Behind!*



Congratulations Golden Acorn Winners!

This year we received more Golden Acorn nominations than any of us ever remember receiving! Not only the number of nominations were impressive, but the accomplishments by these individuals speak volumes about the strong character and sense of community that is hard at work amongst us. A heartfelt thank you to everyone that was nominated. The **East Ridge Golden Acorn Award winners** are: **Stacey Almgren** (not pictured), **Tanya O'Rourke, Christina Phillips, Jessi Bloom, Kristen Bero, and Marie Shobe.** Congratulations and thank you so much for all that you do to make our student's experience wonderful!



Kindergarten Summer Playdates

Do you have a kindergartner who wants to meet some of their classmates before school starts in the fall? Come to Cottage Lake Park on Wednesday, July 12th from 10-12 or Thursday, August 3rd from 6-8 and look for the East Ridge poster. Contact Anne Marie Campbell for more information Annmarie.campbell@hotmail.com.

Amazing Art Docents!

Thank you to all of our amazing art docents who have helped create an amazing art program here at East Ridge. This year, most classes had the opportunity to create clay projects, fused glass, and create prints using either block or screen printing techniques.

LONG

Laura Cetina (team leader), Kristin Bernhart, Katie Otto, Cymry Mongan, Kim Kleewein

ERICKSON

Heather Burke (team leader), Ana Andrade, Cassie Curry, Allison Valente, Kim Kleewein, Travis Beaven

GRIFFIN

Danielle Wheeler (team leader), Casey Walter, Rosathe Underwood, Jeff Marshall, Holli VanDewege, Lori Burkina

OLIVER

Kristin Bero (team leader), Maria Faulhaber, Lisa Hwang, Holli Bieler

MURPHY

Cynthia Loland (team leader), Fiona Stafford, Arvind Mann, Ane Groth, Gayla Eggers

ANOTHONY

Danielle Wheeler & Shawnene Hersey (team leaders), Lila Lewallen, Carrie Millar, Kerry Morgan

MOORE

Kristin Bernhart (team leader), Cassie Curry, Lori Burkina, Rosathe Underwood

DICKENS

Cristin Dowd (team leader), Cynthia Loland, Kerry Morgan, Maria Faulhaber, LeAnn Herring

SCHMIDT

Laura Cetina (team leader), Lynn Smith, Jenny Ringnes

FAWCETT

Stacey Almgren (team leader), John Boldrey, Jen Woodside, Danielle Wheeler, Kristen Bero

MCKINNON

Shawnene Hersey (team leader), Christa Cifelli, Kylie Muff, Carrie Millar, Sarah Koehler, Noreen Khan

MILLER

Debi Niemi (team leader), Lynn Smith, Shannon Abdollmohammadi, Arvind Mann

POAGE

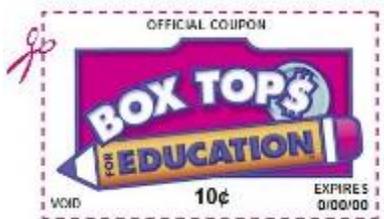
Marie Shobe (team leader), Jessi Bloom, Lila Lewallen, Renee Welch, Jennifer Lederman, Teresa Darden, Linda White, LeAnn Herring

PTA Labels for Education Update

Thank you, East Ridge Families, for a wonderful collection year! Every class participated in collecting labels this year. Way to go! Mr. McKinnon's class will receive the class ice cream party for the most labels collected!

As noted in the previous newsletter – after 40 plus years, this national program (*Labels for Education*) is ending. East Ridge benefitted from supplies over the year – thank you for your support!

BUT remember: *Box Tops* is a different program and is still running strong!! Keep collecting Box Tops all summer long and look for collection dates in the fall! Have a great summer!



Come to our end-of-year informational on what's next for East Ridge School Musical! We will discuss the Musical of choice, the general direction we are going in with the production, and what we expect the schedule to look like for next year.

Date: Wednesday, June 21st

Time: 2:15 pm

Place: room 11



We hope you can make it!

FIELD DAY JUNE 23RD



A day of fun filled activities and we need your help!

We are offering two separate activity times again this year, some on the fields and some in the courtyard. We need help setting up, cleaning up and everything in between!

Please sign up on [SignUpGenius](#).

Questions? Please contact Stephanie Hennessey at vpevents@erpta.org.



END OF YEAR DVD!!

East Ridge PTA is pleased to offer a copy of the End of Year Video that will be shown to the students at the last assembly of the year, photos from the school year set to music. This DVD will be playable on your TV's DVD player or on your computer. **If you would like to purchase a copy please include \$5 cash (exact change only) or check for \$5 made out to ERPTA by Friday June 16th.**

Please contact Kristen Bero for more information: kristen.bero@gmail.com

Student Name _____

Student's Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Phone Number _____

Community Summer Support:

Clothes For Kids is a free clothing resource available to Northshore School District students who qualify for free/reduced meals at school. New shoes and undergarments are available, donated clothing, too. You may obtain a **Clothes For Kids Clothing Requisition** form at the school. For more information about **Clothes For Kids**, please call 425-741-6500 or go to www.clothesforkids.org. **Clothes for Kids** is located at 16725 52nd Ave W, Suite B, Lynnwood, WA 98037. Referral required from your child's school.



Threads&Treads is a free clothing bank located in Bothell at Canyon Park Junior High School. Northshore families in need of clothing assistance may shop once a month for 3 outfits, shoes, jacket and accessories. No referral required. Donations accepted over the summer at Canyon Park Junior High main office, 7am to 3pm. Volunteers needed! www.nsd.org/threadsandtreads. Contact Eileen Jowell, ejowell@nsd.org, 425-478-7917.

Back to School Fair August 12th – Come join the fun!

The Northshore School District, in partnership with the Northshore Human Services Consortium and other human service organizations, will be holding the annual **Back to School Fair**, August 12th from 4-6:30 p.m. at Maywood Hills Elementary - *new location*. All ages are welcome to attend this FREE event. There will be entertainment, music, free children's ID cards and haircuts, food and drinks, children's activities and school and community resource information.

Northshore YMCA Serving Up Free Summer Lunches

Any child age 18 and under is welcome to enjoy a free, nutritious lunch, engage in activities and meet new friends at the Northshore YMCA Summer Lunch Program. Lunches will be served from July 6 thru Aug. 31, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mon. - Fri., at Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Ave. NE, Kenmore and at First Lutheran Church 10207 NE 183rd St., Bothell.

Summer Resources:

Food Programs, Summer Activities, Academic Resources and much, much more!

<http://nsd.schoolwires.net/Page/20656>



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