

The Voice of the Viking

Ventura Park Elementary
Wednesday, October 14, 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Ventura Park Families--

Fall weather certainly blew in over the weekend! I am missing you all as I think of our usual October celebrations and activities, but I have been so excited to continue seeing this excitement through my computer screen!

Our Fuel Ed curriculum materials for students have arrived! We are in the process of cataloguing and organizing these to have ready for families to pick up sometime next week. We will be communicating details about this as soon as they are finalized. Each student will be receiving about 4 boxes of materials to be used for school work. We will send a photo example of what you will be picking up so that you can plan accordingly. Stay tuned!

Lastly, a change to our online instruction is that teachers have been given the choice to use the Fuel Ed platform (Newrow) OR Google Meets for their instructional delivery. Your student's teacher will be communicating with you about where to find all necessary login, links, and assignments. Thank you again for your continued patience as we refine our distance learning to best serve our students.



Have a wonderful week!

Holly Schauer

WALK AND ROLL UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who participated in Walk and Roll to School Week! It's time to turn in those tracking sheets. Remember, **if we get at least 100 students entering the activity challenge, Principal Schauer has agreed to make a video of herself doing Fortnite dances for you!** So far we only have FIVE activity logs turned in, so I'm extending the challenge one more week. Email your activity log to kathleen_mcdade@ddsd40.org, or text it to (401) 227-7337. All you need is three entries with at least 20 minutes of activity! Staff and parents/caregivers are welcome to enter, too.



UPCOMING DATES

Friday, October 16
9:00am Family FuelEd Info Session

Monday, October 19
Pie Pick-up Day

Thursday, October 22
5:00pm Family FuelEd Info Session

QUICK LINKS

- [Our school website](#)
- [Family Resource Binder](#)
- [Lunch menus and bus stops](#)
- [PTO Facebook page](#)
- [Tech Support Resources](#)

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

On Monday, October 12th we will celebrate and honor Indigenous Peoples' Day, which honors the past, present and futures of Native peoples throughout the US. The holiday recognizes the legacy and impact of colonialism on Native communities, and it also celebrates the cultures, contributions and resilience of contemporary Native peoples. It is celebrated on the second Monday of October. Annual celebrations of Indigenous Peoples' Day have occurred since 1977. As of 2020, 14 states and more than 130 cities officially recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day. This day allows Native people and their perspectives to be centered and celebrated.

NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

National Bullying Prevention Month is an annual designation observed in October. It's always important to talk about the dangers of bullying and the trauma it can bring to its victims, but this month, use your voice to speak up extra loud. Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Both kids who are bullied and who bully others may have serious, lasting problems. By speaking out, spreading kindness, and finding your other roles in bullying prevention, you're making school settings, workplaces, and other environments safer and happier places. We must send a message that bullying will not be tolerated in our communities, and now is the perfect time to start.

ATTENDANCE CORNER

Last week's attendance percentage for all VP students was 89.3%. Our attendance rate is important because students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently. In DDS, our attendance target is 90% or above. Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month! We are close to our target – we can make it!

ASSESSMENT CORNER

Each year teachers gather information on what students know in reading and math and what they need to learn to help them plan instruction. This year is no different, except that the information will need to be gathered while students are at home. We are kicking off the assessments with 2nd through 5th graders. Kindergarten and first grade will happen later in the year.

Teachers will explain to their students how to take the assessments online. What you can do is make sure your child has a quiet place to take the assessments free from distractions. Please don't help them answer the questions because we want this to be a true indicator of what they still need to learn. Reach out to your child's teacher with any questions.

FREE MEALS INFO

All children ages 18 and under are currently eligible for **free** meals through David Douglas School District. Grab and Go breakfast and lunch are available Monday-Friday from 11:50-12:50 at Ventura Park Elementary and at some bus stop locations, including:

106th @ NE Wasco

108th @ NE Everett

122nd @ NE Holladay (west side of 122nd)

128th @ NE Multnomah

District Office, 11300 NE Halsey

108th @ SE Burnside (Baptist Church)

126th @ SE Stark (Parking lot on SW corner)

Lunch and Breakfast menus are published each month.



PTO NEWS

- We are hosting a Chipotle fundraiser on Wednesday, November 4th, from 4-8pm at the Cascade Station Chipotle! More info will be sent out next week!
- Because of this fundraiser, our November PTO meeting will take place on Saturday, November 7th at 10am (please note that this is a very different time/day than our usual meetings). Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84285780911?pwd=bHo4c3FCaU1IMW5FRGU4aIVQSkvUT09>
- Pie pickup will be Monday, October 19th for those who ordered pies. Pickup will take place at the school from 3:30-5:30 pm. If anyone is interested in helping distribute pies, please reach out to us: venturaparkpto@gmail.com. We'll need help from about 1:30 or 2pm- 5:30pm.
- Reusable Mask Drive! We are hosting an ongoing reusable mask drive! If you'd like to make or provide masks or if you need them, please let us know! Flyer attached here. [PTO_mask_drive_2020_final-01.jpg](#)
- Homeroom Helper/Neighborhood Ambassador! We are looking for caregivers to help us out with some classroom and neighborhood connection! This is a continuation of the email sent earlier this week. Flyer attached! [PTO_Parent_Ambassador_flyer2-01.jpg](#)
- Facebook Group! If you are on Facebook, our group is a great way to get and stay connected to the school community. Link here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/venturaparkpto>
- We are always available via email for any questions you have, or if you'd like to take part in any of the items we've listed above: venturaparkpto@gmail.com

PBIS

Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports



During the month of October the character trait highlighted school-wide is **Growth Mindset**. During distance learning, we are all (students, staff and parents) trying new things and growing our brains!

BIRTHDAYS

October 12-18 Student Birthdays

Student Name	Grade	Birth Date	Teacher
Abigail	K	October 12	Inslee
Jaleiah	5	October 12	Way
Betty Anne	5	October 14	Riley
Arthur	3	October 18	Jensen

Staff Birthdays

Ms. Scofield	October 3
Ms. O'Connor	October 8
Ms. Morley	October 11
Ms. Winike	October 14

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Ventura Park Staff Spotlight 2020 - 2021



Emily Inslee
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Kindergarten
Teacher
.....
7 years in
education




Why we love her:
We love Mrs. Inslee's positive attitude and creative teaching! She shows she loves her students each and every day by the wonderful plans she puts in place to engage all of her little learners. She goes above and beyond to support her students whether we are in person, or in distance learning. When we think of Mrs. Inslee, we think kind, supportive, and loving!

Fun Facts about Mrs. Inslee:

- She is an only child
- She attended University of Oregon and loves the Oregon Ducks!
- Her husband is also a teacher and they met in college in a math class!

Her message to students and staff:

"I love teaching Kindergarten and First Grade! I know this year is going to be challenging but I know we can get through it. When we finally get to go back to school, we are going to appreciate getting to be with each other and are going to have so much fun being at school. I can't wait for that day, but until then lets try our best to make the best of online learning. We are in this together!"



Ventura Park Staff Spotlight 2020 - 2021



Karen Sauer
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Instructional
Assistant
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4 years in
education




Why we love her:
We love our fabulous morning greeter and Title I assistant extraordinaire, Mrs. Sauer. She is kind, compassionate, and always willing to jump in and assist our students in whatever needs to be accomplished. Her positive, can-do attitude is appreciated every day!

Fun Facts about Mrs. Sauer:

- She was born in New York, grew up in California, went to college in Texas, now lives in Oregon!
- She lives with her husband, three sons, and one excitable Puggle dog named Luna.
- In her free time she enjoys playing board and card games with her family, watching movies, singing, baking, and reading.

Her message to students and staff:

"I am sad that we can't be together in person every day this fall. But I'm happy to see your faces on the screens and to see you engaging with your teachers and classmates. I'm excited for the day we get to return to school and I will once more be able to greet you in the hall each morning! Love, Mrs. Sauer

