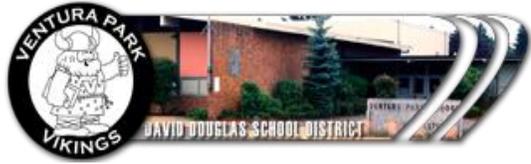


# The Voice of the Viking



## Principal's Message

Hello, Families!

### Winter Weather

Winter has arrived, and with it some bitterly cold and windy days! Please help students to dress warmly and bring winter coats to school. If you need assistance with acquiring coats, hats, or gloves, please inquire in the VP office or with Jacqui, our P3 family coordinator. Stay warm this season! We will nearly always go outside for fresh air and movement at recess! Plan ahead!

### PBIS Recess Expectations:

Recess is such an important part of every child's day at VP. It is important that all students follow our PBIS recess expectations so that everyone is able to safely enjoy their movement and play time. Thank you for reviewing these expectations at home!

Be Safe	Be Respectful	Be Responsible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay within boundaries</li> <li>Use equipment safely</li> <li>Line up when the whistle blows</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Play fair</li> <li>Follow adult directions</li> <li>Use kind words and actions</li> <li>Level 3 voice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What's on the ground stays there</li> <li>Ask adults for help</li> <li>Put equipment away</li> </ul>
Rule	Example	Non-Example
<b>Be Safe</b>	Students take turns on the equipment	Students jump off the equipment
<b>Be Respectful</b>	Students listen and follow directions	Students talk back or run away from staff members who are trying to help
<b>Be Responsible</b>	Students use kind words to solve problems	Students argue about rules and waste all of their recess time

### Inclement Weather/School Closures

If we experience weather that causes a change in school schedule, delays, early releases and closures will be shared via local media, auto phone calls/texts and the DDSD website. The information will be posted promptly after closure decisions have been made. Listen for the announcement naming the **David Douglas School District**. We are **NOT** Portland Public Schools. The David Douglas School District sends emergency communications in several ways. Learn how to get emergency notifications by visiting: <https://www.ddouglas.k12.or.us/departments/communications/get-emergency-notifications/>

Thank you for being such a fantastic community! I wish you a wonderful December.

Sincerely,  
Holly Schauer

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December 12, 2018



## UPCOMING DATES

\*Friday, December 21

PAJAMA DAY!

\*Monday, December 24-Friday, January 4

NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK



## PBIS

Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports.

This year, at Ventura Park, the positive behavior instructional support focus is **Responsibility & Integrity**. During the month of DECEMBER the character trait highlighted school-wide is "Safety". **Pajama Day will be VP's School Spirit Day on December 21, 2018.** Students are invited to wear their favorite pajamas. Please wear appropriate, warm pajamas and no footie pajamas or slippers.

## PARKING LOT SAFETY



To keep kids safe please remember:

- ~Drive at a slow speed of 5mph in the parking lot
- ~Always stop at crosswalk when students are present
- ~Obey crossing guard directions
- ~All staff, students and visitors must use the crosswalk in the parking lot.
- ~Be cautious when students are present
- ~Follow safety patrol signals for stopping
- ~There is no parking or stopping permitted in the parking lot unless you are in a designated parking space
- ~Never park or stop on the "safe-walk" zone painted white
- ~Be conscientious of RESERVED parking spaces. Some of our staff is required to run errands during the day and return with heavy items to unload.



## **50 WINTER BREAK IDEAS**

1. Spend a day tiring out your rambunctious kid at an indoor play space. 2. Dine al fresco with the kids this winter. Yes, it's possible 3. Add to your child's dress up collection by making a homemade hat. 4. Strap on some skates and hit the ice at a local skating rink. 5. From Finnegan's to Seahorses, Portland is home to 11 independent toy stores. Check one (or more!) out. 6. Show your kids the books you read when you were young. Got any classic books to add to our list? 7. Bumpers or no bumpers, bowling is always a great option on days you need to stay indoors. 8. In a cheese pizza rut? Then take the little ones out. 9. While snow may not blanket our city the entire winter, your kids can make paper snowflakes, no matter the weather. 10. Got a kid with a winter birthday? Celebrate with a snowy theme! 11. Nervous about getting the kids on skis? There are some great tips offered at the mountain resorts. 12. Cabin fever — has it hit your household yet? Take a walk or have hot chocolate on your front porch or deck! 13. Have pots of mealtime fun by making Fondue! 14. Winter may mean a lack of great produce, but that hasn't stopped us from juicing. 15. Enjoy breakfast in the living room. 16. Feeling brave? Your kids will love a trip to a movie theatre...or a movie at home with popcorn. 17. Warm up with some hot cider or chocolate with marshmallows. 18. Get lost in looking up totally awesome treehouse designs. We can all dream, right? 19. Introduce your kids to some old fashioned board games from Clue to Life to Guess Who? 20. What could be better on a chilly Portland day than a fire in the fireplace? 21. Stretch out those little limbs with some Yoga at home. It will bring you all a little piece of Zen this winter! 22. Bust the bathing suits out of storage to spend a winter day at one of Portland's indoor swimming pools! 23. Catch a Portland Trailblazers game – the fast-paced basketball game will keep your little one's attention easily! If you do not have the Blazer Chanel, stop by a local food spot with games on. 24. Sign up your child for a drama class or make up plays in your own living room 25. Portland doesn't usually get a ton of snow, but thankfully the mountains are close-by – head east for some snow tubing fun. 26. Or hit the slopes for a day to have a good old fashioned snow ball fight. 27. Huddle around your fireplace or your stove and pretend you're camping with some delicious homemade s'mores. 28. Cuddle up with a book. There are great ones at our local Midland Library.

29. Put on some warm clothes and venture around Portland to all of the famous Beverly Cleary statues and follow the paths that some of her beloved book characters did, including Ramona. 30. Arrrrr, Mateys. Plan an indoor treasure hunt for your kids that will have them entertained all morning long. 31. Pay a visit to the Oregon Rail Heritage Center, an ideal spot to indulge your train-crazy kid. 32. How many sweets can you load up on this winter? Cookies, donuts, chocolates, and more, Portland is delicious any time of year! 33. Winter days are perfect for exploring textile arts like finger knitting, crocheting or knitting with needles YouTube a lesson or two. 34. Slide out of a real Boeing 747 aircraft at the Evergreen Wings & Waves Waterpark in McMinnville. You'll be blown away. 35. We all have paper bags lying around the house. Make good use of them with some fun paper bag crafts. 36. Need an engaging indoor activity? The World Forestry Center is perfect for an entire morning or afternoon of indoor fun. 37. Catch a play at the Northwest Children's Theatre. 38. Check out Pinterest on line that will provide endless DIY fun. 39. Fitness for the whole family is possible in winter. The Portland Community Center is a good place to check out unless you have a membership to a local gym. Or pull out the mats at home! 40. If you have little ones under two, Portland's got some toddler event places. 41. Fine dining and kids. Not two words you'd think go together. Luckily, our city has fine dining establishments that welcome families. 42. Kick family game night up a notch with an awesome new game. Visit a local toy store to find a good one! 43. Winter days are perfect for making a mess in the kitchen. 44. Bundle up and head out to sample one of Portland's classic food carts. 45. Did you know the Portland Art Museum offers guided Family Tours and Baby Mornings, specially designed to engage and entertain budding art lovers? 46. Prep for the next snow day by shopping for a warm winter hat. 47. Treat your family to a weekend at Belknap Hot Springs, a cozy lodge that's home to two hot spring pools, located a few hours outside Portland. 48. Moms, grab your favorite friends and go on a mom-date...Dads you can do this too! 49. Head to a winter farmer's market to pick up some veggies for dinner – soup sounds like a great idea! 50. Get a jump start and plan your next winter wonderland vacation getaway. Start saving now, get everyone involved in the saving process!