

# The Voice of the Viking

Ventura Park Elementary  
Wednesday, October 7, 2020

## Principal's Message

Dear Ventura Park Families--

I would like to extend a huge thank you for all of your support as we continue to settle into Comprehensive Distance Learning at VP! It has been so exciting to see your students online in their Google Classrooms. As teachers have been communicating, we are now transitioning into the Fuel Ed online curriculum and the Newrow meeting platform. There are sure to be bumps in the road, as with anything new, so thank you for your continued patience as we learn about this together. Teachers will be providing some tutorials and walking students through how to access their classes and materials, but to provide families with more information, the district will be hosting three family information sessions. Zoom links will be shared for these soon, but the dates and times are listed below. Each meeting will cover the same topics, so it is not necessary to attend more than one.

### Family Info Sessions: Online School using FuelEd Curriculum

Oct 13, 2020 6:00-7:00 PM  
Oct 16, 2020 9:00-10:00 AM  
Oct 22, 2020 5:00-6:00 PM

Students will also be receiving specific Fuel Ed materials that will arrive in the coming weeks. We will be in communication about when these will be available for pick up.

Speaking of materials, it was wonderful to see so many families during our school supply pick up last week! Remember that every VP student has a bag full of supplies, so if you were not able to come last week, please come by our main office between 8:00 and 3:30 to pick up yours! Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.



Have a fantastic week!

*Holly Schauer*



## UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, October 7  
6:00pm PTO Meeting (on [Zoom](#))

Tuesday, October 13  
6:00pm Family FuelEd Info Session

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

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](#)

### Free virtual classes for parents and children ages 0-5

Through our community partner IRCO, we are able to offer Play & Learn classes to our future Ventura Park Vikings and their parents! Play and Learn is a free, safe open space where infants, toddlers and their parents can come enjoy fun educational activities, games and read alouds. These classes occur on Thursdays at 10 a.m. via Zoom and are a great way for parents to engage with their children in creative structured ways. Classes are held by Ms. Jacqui (Ventura's P3 Family Coordinator). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Jacqui 503-984-2812 or email [jacquim@irco.org](mailto:jacquim@irco.org)

### School Supply Donations

A portion of the supplies that were sent home with students last week were generously donated by community member Jennifer Zhrebilov through Guild Mortgage. Donated items included the blue light glasses, crayons, headphones, dental kits, and a few other miscellaneous supplies. I am including her email here if you would like to reach out with a personal thank you: [jenniferz@guildmortgage.net](mailto:jenniferz@guildmortgage.net)



## ATTENDANCE CORNER

Attendance is still important during distance learning! Please make sure your child is attending any synchronous (live) class sessions as well as working on asynchronous assignments. If they're not able to do school for some reason, please do check in with your child's teacher or our school office.

## 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.

## PTO NEWS

1. Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. on [Zoom](#).
2. 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](#)
3. 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](#)
4. 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>
5. The PTO has Papa Murphy's coupon cards available for purchase for \$15! They are valid at the 11635 NE Halsey, S2609 E 122nd, and 3335 SE 82nd Ave. stores only, and include a free pizza, free mini pizza, and lots of money off other pizza orders. Reach out to [venturaparkpto@gmail.com](mailto:venturaparkpto@gmail.com) to order a card or two!
6. 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](mailto:venturaparkpto@gmail.com)

## 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
- 122<sup>nd</sup> @ 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.

## 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!

## WALK AND ROLL DAY

Wednesday, October 7 is International Walk and Roll to School Day! We are celebrating a little differently this year, but we are celebrating with stickers and an activity challenge. 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! For more information or to download a tracking sheet, visit the [Walk and Roll page](#) on our school website.



## Safe Routes to School

# BIRTHDAYS

This list will normally be shorter! For this week, we did want to recognize all of our September birthdays as well as those from October 1-11.

## September Birthdays

Student Name	Grd	Birth Date	Teacher
Sabrina	3	September 3	Jensen
Jannelle	3	September 4	Scotfield
Christopher	5	September 5	Stapleton
Alexander	KG	September 5	Flores
Eliana	2	September 7	Piluso
Sydney	3	September 7	Jensen
Aimee	1	September 7	Tran
Iyumni	2	September 8	Piluso
Nicholas	KG	September 9	Inslee
Josiah	4	September 10	Dobson
Alexzander	2	September 10	Sherman
Dejah	2	September 10	Sherman
Erika	2	September 11	Piluso
Sofia	3	September 13	Hooper
Allyson	2	September 14	Piluso
Ethan	2	September 15	Flores
Jose	2	September 16	Sherman
Damir	3	September 20	Scotfield
Aubrey	2	September 22	Sherman
Marco	1	September 23	East
Tristan	KG	September 23	Inslee
Abigail	5	September 24	Riley
Derick	4	September 24	Dobson
Erick	4	September 24	Remler
Andre	1	September 25	East
Asher	4	September 26	Remler
Yasmin	KG	September 29	Terry
Session	2	September 30	Sherman
Bruno	2	September 30	Piluso

## October 1-11 Birthdays

Student Name	Grd	Birth Date	Teacher
Adeline	5	October 1	Stapleton
Genesis	2	October 1	Betker
Oneida	2	October 1	Larrabee
Wyatt	2	October 3	Piluso
Jerome	5	October 3	Riley
Onyedikachi	KG	October 5	Terry
Alexander	1	October 5	Kelly
Gavyn	4	October 6	Remler
Harper	2	October 6	Piluso
Levi	3	October 8	Scotfield
Selena	5	October 8	Riley
Janice	1	October 9	Kelly
Ayat	1	October 10	Kelly
Logan	2	October 10	Piluso


## Staff Birthdays

Ms. Aist	September 6
Ms. Profitt	September 11
Ms. Jacqui	September 14
Ms. Pogodayev	September 18
Mrs. Riley	September 20
Ms. West	September 22
Ms. Scotfield	October 3
Ms. O'Connor	October 8
Ms. Morley	October 11
Ms. Winike	October 14





# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## Ventura Park Staff Spotlight 2020 - 2021



Ruth Lofthus  
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Office Secretary  
.....  
22 years in education



### Fun Facts about Mrs. Lofthus:


- Hello? Blazer Fan here! I love watching the Portland Trail Blazers! I even watched them win the championship in 1977, and can't wait for them to win another one!
- I like being creative! Whether I am painting, cooking, sewing, or knitting, I fun being crafty!
- I love coffee. A lot. And I love funny quotes about coffee. My favorite quote is, "First I drink the coffee, then I do the things."

### Why we love her:

Although "newish" to our building, Ms. Ruth has jumped right in and taken on the task of head secretary like a pro. In such uncertain times and many changes and challenges, Ruth has been nothing but positive and flexible. She joined her office team with grace and got right to work getting the staff and school organized for online instruction. Ruth is a kind, warm, friendly addition to our staff and we know she will guide us through with her experience and wisdom. Welcome back and welcome aboard, Ruth!


### Her message to students and staff:

"I am super excited to be back at Ventura Park. I worked here many years ago, and now it feels like coming home. I can't wait to have staff and students filling Ventura Park again!"





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## Ventura Park Staff Spotlight 2020 - 2021



Cheri Chin  
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Speech and Language Pathologist  
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20 years in education



### Fun Facts about Mrs. Chin (Teacher Cheri):


- She loves dark chocolate and peanut butter!
- She has lived on both the East and West Coasts!
- Everyone in her family has an uncommon name.

### Why we love her:

Teacher Cheri is so talented and engaging! She makes everyone feel welcome and accepted. Mrs. Chin is always looking for new, innovative ways to reach her students and improve their communication skills. She is eager to share her finding with all staff and is an excellent resource to her peers. We love to listen to her fun lessons! Thank you for being such a kind, supportive advocate for ALL students, Mrs. Chin!

### Her message to students and staff:

"Hi Ventura Park! I miss you all so much! Keep talking and communicating, even while we are doing distance learning!"



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