

# The Voice of the Viking

Ventura Park Elementary  
Wednesday, October 21, 2020

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Ventura Park Families--

We have at last received Fuel Ed curriculum materials for **every student!**

Families can come pick these up from Ventura Park this week on Wednesday, 10/21, & Thursday, 10/22, from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Each student will have several boxes of materials, so please plan accordingly to be able to transport these. Please call our office with any questions or concerns.

### A note about Fridays:

Fridays ARE school days for students! This is different from how things were last spring. Every class will have a brief synchronous (live) class meeting or community circle with their teacher on Friday morning. The rest of the day is to be spent on "asynchronous" assignments, or work the teacher has assigned via Google Classroom or Fuel Ed. Fridays do count for attendance, so thank you for helping students get logged in to participate! If you still have any questions about this, please reach out to your child's teacher.



Have a wonderful week!

*Holly Schauer*

## 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!



## UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, October 21-Thursday, October 22  
11:00am-4:00pm FuelEd materials pickup

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

Wednesday, November 4  
4:00pm-8:00pm Chipotle fundraiser

Saturday, November 7  
10:00am PTO meeting (on Zoom)

## QUICK LINKS

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

## Got Library Books?

Our emergency building closures last spring resulted in many of our school library books having to stay put in student homes. This year we are trying to retrieve those library books. When coming to pick up Fuel Ed supplies, if you have any VP library books, please bring them. Thank you!!

## Walk and Roll Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in Walk and Roll to School Week! Mrs. McDade would like to recognize the following students who participated in the Activity Challenge. They will all be receiving a comic book and a pair of reflective shoelaces. Congrats also to Mrs. Stapleton's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class for having the most participants!

Name	Grade	Teacher
Harper	2	Piluso
Atticus	K	Inslee
Chris	5	Stapleton
Arthur	3	Jensen
Alma	1	Kelly
Logan	5	Stapleton
Emma	5	Stapleton

## ATTENDANCE CORNER

Last week's attendance percentage for all VP students was 89.1%. 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! *[Please also see Mrs. Schauer's note about Fridays on the front page – make sure your student is being counted on Fridays!]*

## 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

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.**

**\*\*Beginning November 2, DINNER will also be included!\*\***



## PTO NEWS

- We are hosting a Chipotle fundraiser next month! On Wednesday, November 4th, from 4-8pm, get Chipotle from the Cascade Station store and the PTO will receive a percentage of sales. You **MUST** tell them that you are purchasing to benefit the Ventura Park PTO. We've got flyers in the Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/events/3889614451065365/>), and we'll send them out via email as we get closer to the event.
- 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=bHo4c3FCaU1lMW5FRGU4alVQSkIvUT09>
- We still have Papa Murphy's cards! They are \$15 each, and we have sold 10 of them, making \$150 for the PTO! Email [venturaparkpto@gmail.com](mailto:venturaparkpto@gmail.com) to purchase.
- 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](mailto:venturaparkpto@gmail.com)



# BIRTHDAYS

## October 12-18 Student Birthdays

Student Name	Grade	Birth Date	Teacher
Gabriela	4	October 19	Remler
Kennedy	5	October 21	Stapleton
Elijah	1	October 24	Kelly
Synoda	3	October 25	Scotfield



## Staff Birthdays


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




**Magda Flores**  
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Special Education Teacher  
.....  
16 years in education

**Why we love her:**  
Mrs. Flores has a heart of gold! She is caring, kind, and patient in all the right ways. She adores her students and loves to celebrate their successes all along the way. Mrs. Flores is always finding new, innovative ways to connect with her students and make their educational experience applicable and fun! It is a joy to know and work with such a talented teacher!

**Fun Facts about Mrs. Flores:**

- Loves to cook! Even loves to "read" recipe books!
- Enjoys painting!
- Loves being outside in nature and enjoys each season Oregon has to offer.

**Her message to students and staff:**  
"I enjoy working with my students and celebrating new skills and accomplishments! Each day is a new opportunity to try your best! I look forward to a fun year together!"



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### Ventura Park Staff Spotlight

#### 2020 - 2021






**Kathleen McDade**  
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School Based Technology Support Assistant  
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16 years in education

**Why we love her:**  
When she isn't fixing ALL of our technology woes, she is finding fun ways to keep our students engaged and safe in the virtual world. Mrs. McDade is talented and driven. She is always contributing new ideas on how to improve our systems for the benefit of our students! Mrs. McDade is always going above and beyond!

**Fun Facts about Mrs. McDade:**

- She didn't get to use a computer until she was in the 5th grade!
- She also had a computer lab assistant job at her college.
- Her favorite K-pop group is EVERGLOW

**Her message to students and staff:**  
"I miss working with our students and staff so much! I'm mostly doing tech support right, but wish I could be running computer classes too!"



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