



# December 2018

## Valley View Viking News



### Mission Statement

Valley View Middle School places the success of its students at the very center of every decision and action.

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Holiday Season is usually considered a time of giving, here are the many ways our VVMS students, staff, parents, and community members try to help those in need.

The Valley View Parent Club and Valley View Staff will be purchasing items to put together meal baskets for Valley View Families in need this season.

From December 3<sup>rd</sup> - December 12th our ASB will be sponsoring a shoe drive. See details in the Newsletter for Soles4Souls.

On behalf of our Valley View students and staff, we are grateful for your continued support of our students and everyone who works here. We are indeed lucky to have each other to rely on during this Holiday Season, and throughout the rest of the year.

Sincerely,

Monica Bauer, Principal

Know of a family who could use some help at Christmas? Christmas House would like to help low-income families of Snohomish County, further details may be found on their website at <http://www.christmas-house.org/>



## Winter Festival of Choirs



You're invited to join us for a Choir Concert on Tuesday, December 11th from 7:00pm-8:30pm at the Snohomish High School PAC!

This concert will feature all the choirs in the Snohomish School District secondary choral program. We will be hearing from the Valley View Middle School Choir, Centennial Middle School Choir, Glacier Peak High School Choir, and Snohomish High School Choir. We will be singing festive songs. Call time is 6:30pm for students. Choir members are to wear plain black pants or skirt with a plain white blouse or button-up shirt. All should wear black shoes with no white on them.

Happy Holidays from the Valley View Choir!

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## Dates to Remember

Dec. 3-12 Shoe Drive

Dec. 11-Choir Concert @ 7:00pm  
SHS PAC

Dec. 12-2nd Qtr. Mid-term

Dec. 14-Early Dismissal @ 10:30 am

December 17-Winter Break Begins

January 2-School Resumes

## SOLES4SOULS ASB SHOE DRIVE

December 3-12, 2018

Your used shoes can have a second life!



It's estimated that **21 billion pounds** of textile waste are dumped in landfills every year. That makes up more than 5% of all municipal waste generated. The average U.S. citizen throws away 70 pounds of textiles per person every year. **The EPA estimates only 15% is donated or recycled.**

### Used Shoes = New Opportunities

Your gently-worn shoes help individuals start and sustain small businesses to lift themselves and their families out of poverty.

**Drop shoes off in your Grade Level bin found by the  
Commons Window Wall**

For more information watch the soles4souls video on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wU7ytGNSeYI>

[Link for Community Fliers](#)

## **Safety Corner – School and building visitors**

We encourage parents and community members to visit our schools during regular school hours. Many volunteers that spend countless hours helping in classrooms and in other ways throughout our schools and facilities. If you visit a school or building, please be aware of the following:

- All visitors must sign in at the front office and wear a volunteer badge. Please sign out and return the badge when you leave. The purpose of signing in and out of the school is so that we can account for all visitors in the building should an emergency occur.
- Unfamiliar persons and/or persons not wearing a visitor badge will be directed to the main administrative office. Visitors, volunteers and chaperones may also be asked for identification.
- We want to protect the privacy of our students. Please refrain from taking pictures of students except of your own child. Never post pictures of other students to social media.
- Visitors should not try to open outside doors during school or after hours unless you are authorized to do so. Student and staff safety is a top priority. Staff has been trained to call the front office if inappropriate activity is taking place and 911 may also be notified.

Every month throughout the school year we will share information with you through a brief Safety Corner article about ways we are working to improve safety in our schools and buildings. To learn more about the school district's safety initiatives and programs, visit [www.sno.wednet.edu/safety](http://www.sno.wednet.edu/safety).

### **Thank you Valley View Families!**

Your contribution of pies was truly appreciated. It was amazing to witness the generosity that was shown to our entire staff. Everyone left for their Thanksgiving Break with a pie in hand. We hope you had a truly wonderful holiday with family and friends. We appreciate the support you provide.

### **Parent Club News...**

Laurie Harrison, SSD psychologist will be at our Jan 29<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7pm with her intern Anna Mages to co-present to parents on depression, anxiety and suicide prevention. We hope you will join us, we will be meeting in the library.

# Common Sense on Protecting and Respecting Privacy



## What's the Issue?

Our kids live in a culture of sharing that has forever changed the concept of privacy. In a world where everyone is connected and anything created online can be copied, pasted, and sent to thousands of people in a heartbeat, privacy starts to mean something different than simply guarding personal or private information. Each time your child fills out a profile without privacy controls, comments on something, posts a video, or texts a picture of themselves to friends, they potentially broadcast themselves to the world.

## Why Does It Matter?

Digital life is both public and permanent. Everything our kids do online creates digital footprints that migrate and persist. Something that happens on the spur of the moment – a funny picture, an angry post – can resurface years later. And if kids aren't careful, their reputations can be harmed. Your child may think he or she just sent something to a friend – but that friend can send it to a friend's friend, who can send it to their friends' friends, and so on. That's how secrets become headlines and how false information spreads fast and furiously. The stakes only increase when we remember that all of this takes place in front of a huge, invisible audience. Kids' deepest secrets can be shared with thousands of people they've never even met.

## common sense says

**Help kids think long term.** Everything leaves a digital footprint. Whatever gets created may never go away. If they don't want to see it public tomorrow, they'd better not post it today. Explain to them that nothing is really private online – no matter what they think. Privacy settings aren't infallible. Others can pass on information that is supposed to be private. It's up to kids to protect themselves by thinking twice before they post anything that could damage their reputation or that someone else could use to embarrass or hurt them.

**Teach kids to keep personal information private.** Help kids define which information is important for them to keep private when they're online. To start, we recommend that kids not share their addresses, phone numbers, or birth dates.

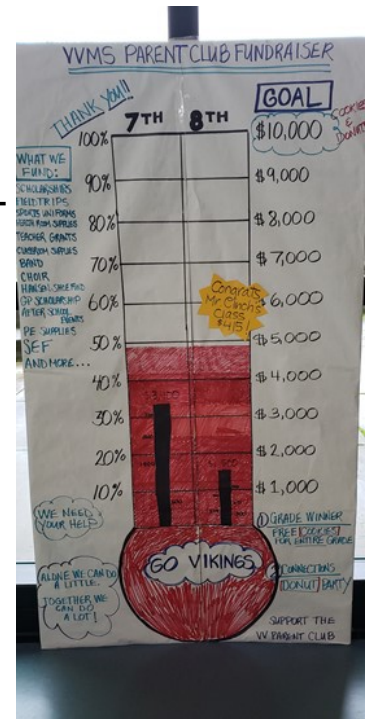
**Make sure your kids use privacy settings on their social network pages.** Encourage kids to think carefully about the nature of their relationships (close friends, family, acquaintances, strangers) and adjust their privacy settings accordingly.

**Remind kids to protect their friends' privacy.** Passing along a rumor or identifying someone in a picture (called "tagging") affects other people's privacy. If your kids are tagged in friends' photos, they can ask to have the photos or the tags removed. But beyond that, there's not too much they can do.

**Remind kids that the Golden Rule applies online.** What goes around comes around. If kids spread a rumor or talk trash about a teacher, they can't assume that what they post will stay private. Whatever negative things they say can and probably will come back to haunt them, in more ways than they can imagine.

## Thank you to all those who contributed to the Valley View Middle School Parent Club's fall Direct Give campaign!

We raised \$4,900 and are well on our way to meeting our fundraising goals for the year. We will continue to take donations throughout the school year. Mr. Clinch's Connections class collected \$415 and had a donut party on November 19. Mr. Clinch's class collected just \$20 ahead of Mrs. Carwin's class.



## Thursday is Cookie Day

Warm Otis Spunkmeyer cookies are sold every Thursday at both lunches. Cookies sell for four for a dollar. Surprise your child by sneaking a dollar into their lunch bag or binder!



## [School Related Ice and Snow Information 2018-2019 School Year](#)



## Do You Have a GPA of 3.4 or Higher?

If you currently have a GPA of 3.4 or higher and maintain it for the school year, you may be eligible to join the National Junior Honor Society. In order to join you must also complete 4 hours of approved community service hours. Community Service hours are due April 16, 2019. Students will officially be notified by letter in mid-February. Further information and community service forms can be found on the Valley View Website under the students tab.



Community service forms are to be turned in **all together** when a minimum of 4 hours are completed. 8th graders who were initiated last year and have maintained their 3.4 GPA are still members in good standing and must continue to maintain their GPA. All members are required to complete 4 more hours of community service this year (due on or before April 16, 2019) Those students initiated last year are **not** involved in the ceremony a second time.

We support our students in realizing the rewards of scholarship and service.