

Club Connections



A NEWSLETTER FOR VIEW RIDGE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

View Ridge Has Big Changes This Year

As we enter into February we are excited for the rest of the school year as we now have a new Child Care Coordinator named Shawn Newkirk. Shawn is excited to maintain the high level of quality that parents expect at View Ridge, be sure to check out his bio in the staff spotlight. Jaimie Driscoll is the Assistant Coordinator and Stacy Kain has decided to stay on in a staff roll to help with the transition. Please say hello to Shawn and offer any suggestions about things at the Club as he is more than happy to listen to new ideas! We will begin registration for fall in February for existing families. We hope to see everyone back! The new school year may seem far away, but it's always good to plan ahead.



Family Notes for February:

- Registration for fall will begin this month. Stay tuned for more details. Priority will be given to current families, then waitlist families, then open to the public.
- Tuesday, February 21st through Friday, February 24th is Mid-Winter Break. The Club will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sign up for all day care!
- Breakfast is serviced from 7:30-8:30 a.m. If you would like your child to have breakfast, please arrive before 8:30 a.m. We close down breakfast at this time to clean up and get ready to go to school.
- Our hours are 7-9:30 a.m. and 3-6:30 p.m. A late fee of \$1/minute after the first five minutes will be given for late pick-up. Please call ahead if you are stuck in traffic and know you will be late.
- **Please remember to sign your child in and out with your legal signature, they are required by the state.**
- If you know that your child will not be attending Boys & Girls Club on a day they are signed up for, please call 206-523-8447 to let staff know that your child will be absent. We offer debit withdrawal! Never wonder again, "Did I turn in a check?" Fill out a direct debit withdrawal form to set up no-hassle, re-occurring monthly payments. See Jaimie for more information.



February 2012

Club Calendar

February 20th

Presidents Day. Club Closed.

February 21st-24th

Mid-Winter Break—sign up for full day care. Fee is \$40/day/child.

March 7th

Two hour early dismissal from school. Sites open early.

March 11th

Daylight savings begin, don't forget to set your clocks!

March 16th

Non-School Day—sign up for full-day care. Fee is \$40 per child.



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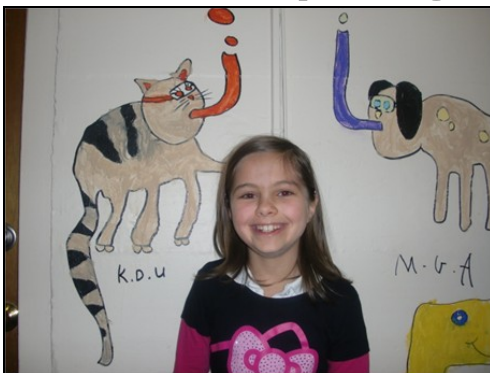
The Positive Place for Kids

Members Have Great Program Options

We are pleased to announce the start of the SMART Girls program here at View Ridge that will be ran by Jaimie Driscoll. SMART Girls is a small group health fitness, prevention/ education, and self esteem enhancement program designed to meet the developmental needs of girls ages 8-12. SMART Girls features modules for different age groups, and each module contains two components. The first, "Your Body," is where Club members examine the physical and emotional developments that occur during adolescence, media influence on attitudes and behavior towards females. The second component, "Take Care of Your Body," focuses on girls' specific nutritional needs. It provides Club members with basic cooking skills, ways to ensure physical fitness and exposure to community agencies that deal with health issues. If you have any questions please talk to Shawn or Jaimie. Youth for Unity has been going really well and will be wrapping up. Our big focus for January was working on anti-bullying and the impact bullying has. The Snakes did a survey on bullying and were very engaged with the answers. We will continue to visit this topic and work with the kids' responses to create a bullying free Club. Feel free to talk with your child about bullying and also talk with Shawn about suggestions

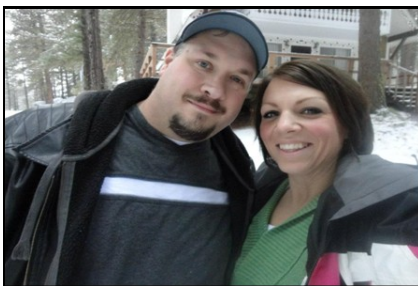


Member Spotlight: Kate Utin



Kate Utin is a 2nd grader at View Ridge and has been coming to the Club since she was in kindergarten. Kate is a very fun kid to be around and she always has a smile on her face. She is currently taking sewing and Japanese classes at View Ridge. She is also into gymnastics and she really enjoys parkour: the art of climbing on objects and performing acrobatics off those objects. Kate is very respectful to all other members and staff and she is a great role model. Thank you for working hard to help make the View Ridge Boys & Girls Club a great place Kate!

Staff Spotlight: Shawn Newkirk



We are excited to introduce Shawn Newkirk as the new coordinator here at View Ridge. Shawn brings 20 years of experience in childcare to the center and has worked at other places such as the Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County, Everett Family YMCA, Community Day School Association, and the Stroum Jewish Community Center of Seattle. Shawn has a bachelors in education and social studies. He has a laid back and fun personality and his office is always open for suggestions or

just to say "Hi." Shawn is very dedicated to the Boys & Girls Club from previous experience and providing a quality experience for the members is his highest priority.

Birthdays!

13th: Aaron B., 9 20th: Naomi L., 11
16th: Kate M-F., 11 24th: Andrew L., 8



Quotes of the Month:

"I know how to solve the problem but the teacher taught us this weird way to solve it. It doesn't make sense."—Kate, 8

"I like spaghetti, just not the sauce." —Lily, 9