



Ridgedale Reporter

QUICKLY BACK TO WORK

Our students came back to school ready to get things done, and they have truly gotten back on track. The week of September 17th our students took the Comprehensive Benchmark Assessments (CBA). This is will continue each fall. It will help to show the learning progress happening in our building. We are excited by the level of engagement the children demonstrated during the tests. Everyone seemed to be doing their best. THANK YOU Ridgedale students for being engaged and working so hard.

We had our first intruder drill on Monday, September 24. The students were able to follow the directions of the teachers and stay safe. We are proud of everyone and response to this drill.

We have several new

teachers and many new students and families this year. We are so very happy to welcome everyone to Ridgedale. Everyone is so happy to have you as a part of our school. If you see someone new, please try to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

Something everyone looks forward to is our annual Book Fair. This will begin on October 15 and will culminate with the family night on October 18.

Keep your eyes open for the information about the book fair. It is always an exciting time here at Ridgedale. We have TWO days in October that there is no school for students. Please remember these days and enjoy the fall weather with your children.

We have an exciting way to end the month of October and begin November. The WV Farm Bureau will be bringing their

mobile lab to Ridgedale to share some exciting science fun with our children. They will be setting things up on Sunday, Oct. 28. Parents can come and visit the lab on Monday, October 29 at 6:00 PM. We are so excited to have this opportunity for our students. THANK YOU PTO for funding this lab to come to Ridgedale. Finally, please remember to follow the rules for the beginning and end of the day dismissal. This is the time we need you to remain in your car and go with the flow of traffic. We want ALL our students to be safe and get home. This will help to expedite the beginning and end of day process. THANK YOU for helping us out.

Ridgedale Elementary
School

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IMPORTANT RIDGEDALE WEBSITES

- ☺ This is the address for the school website:
<http://res.mono.k12.wv.us/>
- ☺ This is the address for the PTO website:
<http://ridgedalepto.yolasite.com/>

IMPORTANT DATES

Mother-Son Night	10/12
No School for Students	10/8
Cook's Day	10/12
Book Fair	10/15-10/19
PTO 4:00 and 6:00 PM	10/16
Conference Night 4 to 6 PM	10/18
Family Night at Book Fair	10/18
Bus Safety Week	10/22-10/26
Fall Parties PreK-5	10/24
Pumpkin Drop	10/25
2 Hour Early Dismissal	10/25
No School for Students	10/26
Farm Bureau Visits	10/29-11/2

From the Principal's Pen

Believe it or not, October 1 will be the mid-point of the first trimester. Your children are settled in as learners and as members of the Ridgedale School Community. They are participating in activities to promote problem solving, higher level thinking, and character development. They are growing academically, socially, and emotionally. But each child grows and learns at his/her own pace and it is our responsibility to provide them with the supports they need to make it to the end goal of mastering the standards. By working together, we can build and strengthen that home-school connection. This month, let's look at 4-year-olds.

"Fours tend to be ready for everything. They are explorers and adventures who are soaking up the world of knowledge with incredible speed." (Yardsticks by Chip Wood)

4-year-olds ...

Are developing fine motor skills

Learn through creative play and build motor skills through constructive play

Have short attention spans

Make choices on their own but do appreciate adult input

Need help expressing their needs with words (reminders "use your words" are helpful)

Enjoy jobs such as helping in the kitchen or folding laundry

Need a regular bedtime and bedtime routine because they may have trouble sleeping

LOVE it when you read to them

News from Pre-K

We have all been very busy over the last few weeks to get into the Pre-K routine! New names have been learned, new friends have been made, and many new materials have been explored! Some classroom favorites include the sandbox, housekeeping/dramatic play, blocks, and art.

With September coming to an end, please remember that as the mornings get cooler, dress your child appropriately and send in new replacement clothes that are weather specific.

News from Kindergarten

Kindergarten is off to a great start. We have been busy learning routines and learning lots of rules. The children are adjusting great to the Kindergarten way!

Our first field trip will be October 2nd to UHS auditorium. We will be learning about Fire Safety. Our theme is Look, Listen, Learn. Be Aware. Fire can happen anywhere. Parents do not attend this field trip due to space. The entire county attends this event.

The Mobile Agricultural Science Lab will be visit us here at Ridgedale the week of October 29 to November 2. We will be doing a lesson called "Piggy Snacks".

Midterms will go out for all students on October 1st. They will be mailed to your home. We will be scheduling our first batch of conferences on October 18th from 4-7. Please call the school to schedule your time. The Book Fair will be set up for buying that night as well. There will be a second date for conferences on November 15th from 4-7 if you do not get scheduled in October.

All forms and donations listed from beginning of the year should have been sent in to your child's teacher. Remember to dress your child appropriately due to the changing weather and our muddy playground.

Thank you for all of your support.

News from First Grade

First graders are off to a great start for the 2018-19 school year! Students have completed assessments for both Math and Reading. The first grade team is looking forward to using our new "Ready Math" curriculum. We are starting the year learning "counting on" strategies for addition and subtraction.

Students will begin guided reading groups soon. Please have your child read to you each day and practice sight words. Students will receive a progress report Oct. 1, 2018.

While our school is under construction, please have your child wear tennis shoes instead of open toed ones. There are muddy areas.

Students are learning how to follow routines and be responsible for their materials at school. It's wise to encourage the same at home. Here are some ideas:

- * Designate a place for your child's backpack (encourage them to be responsible for it, and praise them when they do it independently)
- * Designate a time and place for homework (15 min. is appropriate for first grade)
- * Read to your child each day and have them read to you!
- * Involve your child in preparing for school the night before

Thank you for your support!! Let's have a great year!!

News from Second Grade

It's been a great kickoff to the 2018-19 school year in second grade! We spent the first few weeks learning expectations, routines, and getting to know the members of our classroom family. Thanks so much for getting in all of the beginning of the year forms. We have completed beginning of the year assessments in both reading and math. The information gathered from these assessments will help guide our instruction in our classroom and in differentiated groups. In Math, we are learning the routines and procedures that go along with our new math series. This series encourages the students to not only perform the skills and concepts, but also explain their thinking and reasoning. This can be quite challenging for the students at first. So far, we have been reviewing addition and subtraction and one-step word problems. Please encourage your child to practice basic math facts at home to build their fact fluency. Congratulations to those students who met the Summer Reading and Math Challenge!!

News from Third Grade

Welcome to Autumn. I hope you and your family are enjoying the sights, sounds and smells of this wonderful season. Autumn finds us very busy in class as well. We have completed all of our beginning of the year testing and benchmarking. Your children are doing well with their new routines. Speaking of new routines, please remember that our reading stories are bi-weekly - this means your child will be reading the same story for 2 weeks. This allows us to delve deeper into the strategies, vocabulary, and skills of each story. Shortly we will begin taking our reading tests online. You will be able to access your child's test scores by going to THINK CENTRAL and viewing MY SCORES. In math, we have finished up place value and we are moving on to rounding and estimating. After that - MULTIPLICATION HERE WE COME. Social studies finds us "traveling the globe" and learning about different continents, the equator, directionality, and mapping skills. Don't forget to ask your child to teach you some Chinese phrases. Please continue to read for 20 minutes every night with your child - this is so important for their fluency and comprehension.

Once again, remember to take the time to enjoy this season as a family and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

HAPPY AUTUMN EVERYTHING -

News from FourthGrade

Our 4th grade team, Lee Ann Harki, Alicia Hinshaw, and Carla Calhoun, along with our students, are off to a great start and have settled into the routines of Ridgedale. The students recently completed the CBA (Classroom Benchmark Assessments) and the i-Ready Math Benchmark assessment. Students are diving into the new Ready Math curriculum and are engaged in the learning. We are looking forward to using Schoology as a communication tool as well as a gradebook and can't wait to roll-it out to families.

There are many great things on the calendar this fall - Scholastic Book Fair, WV Ag Mobile Science Lab, Mother-Son Sports Night, Pumpkin Drop, just to name a few. We're so excited to have these fabulous learning opportunities for our students.

News from Fifth Grade

Our classrooms have been blessed with so many generous and giving parents. Thank you for your contributions of wipes, baggies, tissues, snacks, etc.

40 Book Challenge

The **40 Book Challenge** is off and running! The 40 Book Challenge is mandatory for all fifth grade students at Ridgedale. The 40 Book Challenge is meant to richly enhance your child's reading through an exploration of the different genres. Students will guide their reading by selecting which books they wish to read in each genre. The 40 Book Challenge program aligns nicely with 5th grade reading standards. Please ask your student what they are reading today.

Specials

Fifth grade students are grouped for Specials based on their participation in band. Students will have Chinese Language, Music, PE, Art, and Band as available Related Arts each week. Band is an addition to Related Arts from previous years. Band is three days each week (Woodwinds, Brass, & Full). Strings class is offered one day each week.

News from Related Arts

Welcome back! Related Arts is off to a great start with Mrs. Roskos, Coach Elliott and Art Garvin.

Thanks for sending in PE shoes to keep the gym floor so shiny. Our students have been working on locomotor skills, throwing and catching, and getting ready to begin fitness circuits.

Music moves into the classroom, Students have been learning how to move and make sound safely in their classroom. Student can look forward to more dancing, singing and playing as we roll into fall.

Art classes are off to a colorful start. The hallway art gallery is officially up and running with color theory projects. Each student is working on creating their own sketchbook and can look forward to activities that encourage students to think like an artist and use the studio habits.

Related Arts looking forward to engineering our Pumpkin Packing Device for the annual Pumpkin Drop on Tuesday, October 23rd.

News from the Library

It's October already! October means BOOKFAIR and that means BOOKS AND FUN!!!

This year's theme is Enchanted Forest, where you might find unicorn, gnomes and magical books.

The book fair will start Monday, October 15th and run until Friday morning the 19th.

Browsing and wish lists will be made on Friday, October 12 for K-5. Pre-K students will browse on Monday, October 15. Students can shop on Monday through Thursday all day, and Friday morning. Thursday evening will be our family night from 4:00-6:30. There will be fun and lots of great books! See you at the **BOOK FAIR!**



Ridgedale Shining Knights

Kindergarten

Carter Keplinger
Landon Plotner
Julianna Bailey
Olivia Eilam

First Grade

Aria Finley
Peyton Tidd
Elise Esguerra

Second Grade

Jakob Morgan
Aubrey Alexander
Laith Beck

Third Grade

Jackson Nichols
Jackson Yow
Bailee Poling

Fourth Grade

Konnor Mott
Emily Adkinson
Hudson Blake

Fifth Grade

Daeshawn Campbell
Addison Compa
Seneca Beck



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Partners in Education

Ridgedale is excited to announce that we have partnered with the Crossings as our Partner in Education. The Crossings will join the Marriott, ColdStone, MVB Bank, and Mapleshire as Partners in Education. We have been so fortunate to have the amazing partners we have had the past few years and are looking forward to the future with our new partners and the existing partners. It would be greatly appreciated if you could support our partners in any way possible.

**13th
ANNUAL**

Monongalia County Schools READING RALLY



**ROAR INTO READING
AT OUR
FREE FAMILY EVENT!**

Metropolitan Theatre

Catch skits & bits from

**MTC's THE LION KING JR.
6:30 P.M.**

(Doors open at 6:15)

Chance to win SAMSUNG TABLET or gift basket

Meet the Mountaineer & WVU athletes

Score selfies and autographs while you're there!

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