

Ridgedale Reporter

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IMPORTANT RIDGEDALE WEBSITES

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IMPORTANT DATES

Farm Bureau	10/29-
Mobile Lab	11/2
Fall Fest 4-8 PM	11/2
Set your Clocks back 1 hour	11/4
Election Day—NO School	11/6
Picture Make-up Day	11/7
Custodian Day	11/9
Veterans Day Program	11/9
Veterans Day— No School	11/12
American Education Week	11/12- 11/16
WVU Basketball Game Grades 2-5	11/15
Parent Teacher Conference Night 4-7 PM	11/15
Report Cards Go Home	11/16
Fall Break	11/17- 11/25
Return to School	11/26

The month of October has rapidly come to a close. We have had so many exciting, fun activities that have created memories that will last a lifetime for our students. As we move forward, we have another jam-packed month. Please keep your children coming to school every day. Not only do they miss out on the excitement, they miss out on all the learning that happens in our building. We will have our annual Veterans Day Salute on November 9. We are always excited to remember those who serve our country. We hope you can join us during this wonderful afternoon.

The following week, we will celebrate American Education Week. We

have many activities planned for that week. We will have readers from several outside sources (including our partners in education) that will visit our school and read aloud to our students. On Thursday, November 15 the 2-5 students from Ridgedale will be going to the WVU Coliseum to watch the WVU women's basketball team play a rare 10:00 AM game. We will be taking bag lunches with us that day. What an exciting opportunity for our students'. That same evening, our teachers will be having Parent/Teacher conferences from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. If you have not talked with your child's teacher yet this year, please call the school for an appointment. Finally, to end that week, we will

be sending the first report card of this school year home on Friday, November 16. We will also begin our fall break that same day. There will be NO SCHOOL from November 17 to November 25. School will resume on Monday, November 26.

As you can see, this is an exciting time for our students. Along with all of this, we will be educating the learners at Ridgedale. We are so excited with all the learning that is going on in every classroom. The children are working hard. Again, please remember to have your children in school and on time each day. We do not want them to miss a thing.



From the Principal's Pen

Fall is in the air and Thanksgiving is on the horizon. Our learners are in student mode and making amazing strides. They have learned the routines and are digging deep into the academics. Report cards will be sent home in mid-November. This is a milestone in the academic career of our kindergarten students - the first in a long line of report cards to come.

So what does a five-year-old look like at school and at home?

"Learning is at its best for fives when it is both structured and exploratory; structured through a clear and predictable schedule, exploratory through carefully constructed areas where they can initiate their own active discoveries through play - the vital work of the five-year-old." (Yardsticks by Chip Wood)

5-year-olds ...

- Are fine-tuning the left-to-right visual tracking needed for reading
- Reverse letters and numbers by writing backwards or swapping order
- Have better control of running, jumping, and large movements
- Still awkward with writing and tasks that require small movements
- Need consistent routines, rules, and discipline; respond well to simple directions
- Like to explain things and have things explained to them
- Don't have a clear sense of time and may respond better to a visual timer
- Often only see their point of view
- Do best with predictable daily schedules reviewed each morning with clear routines

News from Pre-K

Pre-K has been very busy getting ready for our fall activities, the Halloween Party and the Pumpkin Drop! Thanks to all the parents that came in for Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you were unable to make it in on Oct. 18th; the next set of conferences is scheduled for November 15th from 4:00 to 7:00. Please call the office at 304-291-9231 to schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher. We look forward to meeting with you! As a reminder, we go outside daily and children need to be dressed appropriately for the weather. Please make sure your child has a jacket, gloves, hat, etc. to wear for outdoor play. A change of cold weather clothing also needs to be kept in the classroom for accidents/emergencies, so please send these in as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

News from Kindergarten

Kindergarten is in full swing!!! We always breathe a sigh of relief by the end of October!!! The children know their routines, the rules, and become quite independent!!! We have done our baseline data testing in math and reading, and are excited to see the growth, come mid year! In reading we are working on letters, sounds, and using those phonemes to make words. We are working on segmenting words by consonant, vowel, consonant (CVC words), onset/rime (word families), and syllables. Red Words (sight words) are words the children need to be able to read and spell automatically. In math we are working on numbers to 10. Not just recognizing, writing, and counting, but actually manipulating those numbers by composing and decomposing them into groups (the beginning of adding and subtracting). We are also teaching about being a good citizen and always sharing and doing your best. Thanks to all of the parents who have donated supplies! They are greatly appreciated. Please remember to send in a change of clothes that are weather appropriate and remember to send your child dressed for the weather because we will go outside for recess per Monongalia County Recess Guidelines when the temperature is at least 32 F.

News from First Grade

The first grade team appreciates all the parent participation during our Fall activities. Thank you for making the Halloween parties festive and enjoyable.

Students have enjoyed doing various pumpkin activities in the classroom involving Math, Science, Reading and Writing. This makes learning more engaging.

The children have been busy with the new Ready Math program. In Unit 1, students worked with number bonds, addition/subtraction story problems, and using the "counting on" strategy to add and subtract. Next, we will explore using "doubles" to add. Students will be also working on addition facts to 10.

Please read to your child and have them read to you daily!! Practice memorizing addition facts to 10 also.

Make sure your child brings a coat to school every day. We continue to go outside for recess, weather permitting.

Thank you for attending conferences in October. There is a second conference night Nov. 15. Parent involvement makes a positive impact in your child's growth and education. Thank you for all your support!!

News from Second Grade

October flew by!! We had a great month with a variety of activities to keep us busy. Students are becoming proficient on Chromebook use. We would like to offer a special "thank you" to Mrs. Tennant who co-teaches in our classrooms each week to provide technology support. If your child has access to a computer at home, we recommend Reflex Math and iReady programs to gain additional math practice. We completed Pumpkin Investigations during October—we measured, weighed, and examined a variety of pumpkins. The Halloween Party was a huge success! The costumes were great. Second grade teachers dressed as the Three Little Pigs for the staff costume contest. Although we did not win, we had a great time running from the Big Bad Wolf!!! We are looking forward to Fall Fest on November 2! Second-grade classes are assembling a "Black Bears" basket. Please send in a donation for this great fundraiser!

News from Third Grade

It is hard to believe we are already in November! We want to thank our parents for all the help with all the special activities we had going on. If you missed the last parent teacher conference night, we have another one coming up this month on November 15th. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please call the office to schedule the appointment.

In math, we just finished our rounding and place value unit. We will be starting to talk about our 4 different multiplication strategies. Now will be a good time for your child to begin practicing math fluency. We encourage your child to obtain their "green light" on Reflex Math at least 4 times a week. This program helps with the automaticity of these facts.

Reading will find us comparing and contrasting modern day children's lives to that of Pilgrim children. We will be exploring how Sarah Morton and Samuel Eaton came to this country, what their family lives were like and the responsibilities of the children during this time period.

Make sure to ask your child about the fun activities in 3rd grade. The WVU extension service visited 3rd grade and the children were so excited about the Doodle-Bots they created. Our students also had a demo from the Mobil Ag Bus. Here the students learned about creating plastic from corn. Hopefully, these activities will inspire some future scientists, environmentalist, or engineers.

November finds us looking forward to Thanksgiving and thinking of the areas of our lives that are truly blessed. We are so thankful for the privilege of teaching your children. The days can be challenging, but they are also filled with joy and funny stories and only the wonderment that children can bring.

News from Fourth Grade

We would like to thank everyone for the participation and support for all of our fun October Festivities. Special thank you to those who donated materials for the pumpkin drop! The students have been looking forward to this event all year and were excited to work together to complete their pumpkin. We have a lot to look forward to in November as well!

Starting November we will be beginning Unit 2 which includes multiplication and division in math. Math masters will also begin November 2. This will take place every Friday 9:00-9:30. Math masters is a great way for students to receive extra math instruction. Reading will continue using Journeys. We will be beginning geography in November for Social Studies. We will learn about the continents, oceans, etc. but will focus mainly on the United States. In science we will be doing forces and motion. This will compile reading, writing, and hands on activities.

News from Fifth Grade

October has been a very busy month of learning. Students have been working hard to improve their skills in Reading, Writing, Math, Science and Social Studies. We are very excited about the things we have coming up in 5th grade at Ridgedale! Students should continue reading books for their 40 book challenge. At this point in the year, students will have read around 10 or so books to be considered "on pace" to complete the challenge by the end of the year. Students will also pick their character for the Wax Museum on October 30th and will begin researching and working on their project. Remember that Thanksgiving Break will be November 19th-23rd. Students will return to school on November 26th.

News from Related Arts

Related arts would like to thank everyone who donated supplies for the 10th annual Pumpkin Drop, it was another smashing success! It is a joy to see each student become an engineer as they collaborate with their class to create a safe pumpkin packing device. We also can't thank City Crane, OJ White and Women's United Methodist group for their donations of pumpkins, boxes and crane truck.

Related Arts is also looking forward to Painting the Principals Pink with our cancer awareness month ribbon donations. We love what a caring group of students Ridgedale has!

PE and Music classes will be collaborating on a music and movement unit this November, while art classes use the signs of fall as inspirations for their current art projects. The RA team will also be hosting the NASA Star Lab on November 16th.

News from the Library

Library News Thank you to all of the students, parents, and teachers that made the book fair so successful. It truly was an "enchanted" time with lots of wonderful books. Keep up the great reading

Technology News

Everyone seems to be doing a great job using technology appropriately and safely, which is great. Keep being good digital citizens. A reminder for students in grades 3-5 to make sure you bring your chromebook to school fully charged each day. Remember this is a tool just like your textbooks, paper, and pencils and you need to have your tools to be able to do your work. Schoology parent codes will be coming home with the report cards. Once you get your code, you can access your child's information via both a computer and a phone app. Getting the app will be a great way to keep up to date with what is going on with your child and allow you to communicate to your child's teacher very easily. There will be more info to come about schoology.

Ridgedale Shining Knights

Kindergarten

Avaya Brown

Lauren Ross

Maxwell Cunningham

Joseph Mazzoni

First Grade

Henry Erdely

Amelia Harris

Elise Esguerra

Second Grade

Jenna Barnett

Joe DeProspero

Ava Mason

Third Grade

Audrey Kurilchick-Green

Eastyn Smith

Max Widders

Fourth Grade

Summer Keener

Rowan Stangle

Alex Brake

Fifth Grade

Zayne Linn

Jaxson Rodamer

Olivia Riley

2018 Mother-Son Night



Fall Party Day



PUMPKIN DROP



**THANK YOU
CITY CRANE AND
UNITED METHODIST
WOMEN FOR MAKING OUR
PUMPKIN DROP
POSSIBLE!**

**CONGRATULATIONS
MRS. DONEY'S
FIRST GRADE!!**