



Ridgedale Reporter

WELCOME Mrs. Tilley

My name is Brittany Tilley. I will be the school counselor for the remainder of the year while Mrs. Beech is on maternity leave. Last May, I graduated from West Virginia University with my Master's of School Counseling. I also attended WVU for my undergraduate degree in Sport and Exercise psychology. I am very excited to be a part of the Ridgedale community and build relationships with the students, families, and staff.

My goal as the school counselor is to help all students success. Through developmental guidance lessons, individual counseling, and other opportunities I plan to help student develop the necessary skills to be successful. This includes targeting areas of academic, career, and social/emotional development. I will work with administration, teachers, and parents to make sure that we are providing what is necessary for the students. For the rest of the school year, I plan on developing an anti-bullying week, career week, and other fun and exciting activities for the students. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me

Career Week Is Here

It's the time of the year where we begin planning career week! It will take place April 8th to April 12th. We are looking for volunteers for Career Day and Careers on Wheels. There was a form regarding volunteers sent home. Please fill out the form if you are interested and have your student(s) return it no later than **Friday, February 8, 2019**. We appreciate all of the help. The students really enjoy the career week and learning about a diverse range of careers. If you have any questions, please reach out to the school counselor, Brittany Tilley. Thank you!



Annual Carnation Sale Going On Now!



The Random Acts of Kindness Carnation Sale is happening! All proceeds benefit the 5th Grade Leadership Team **2019 MHS Scholarship Fund**. Only MHS students, who are former Ridgedale students, are able to apply for the scholarship. The carnations cost \$2.00 each and the students will have the opportunity to deliver them on Wednesday, February 13, 2019. A form was sent home that needs to be returned no later than **Friday, February 8, 2019**. Please make sure your student(s) turn these into their teachers. Thank you!

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School

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IMPORTANT RIDGEDALE WEBSITES

☺ This is the address for the
school website:

<http://res.mono.k12.wv.us/>

IMPORTANT DATES

Wizard of Oz Performance	2/1
Counselor Week	2/4- 2/8
Carnation Delivery	2/13
Valentine Parties	2/14
PTO 4 and 6 PM	2/19
Early Dismissal	2/22
Report Cards go home	3/1
Movie Night	3/1 6:00 PM

WATCH FOR THE IN-
FORMATION FOR
2019

KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION



From the Principal's Pen

The second trimester has reached the mid-point and, in a few short weeks, a report card will be coming home. School has been in session for just about 20 weeks. During this time, all children have grown and matured. Eight-year-olds are no exception, and they are driven by their growing confidence and abilities. They are becoming masters of their trade, using a variety of tools such as Chromebooks, Smart Phones, and apps on their devices. They work hard and fast, but get frustrated if things do not come easily or quickly. They want instant gratification. At times, "I'm bored" really translates to "This is too hard." By redirecting their efforts and keeping them focused on the task, adults can help this enthusiastic bunch produce "finished, polished pieces."

"Teacher, we have a great idea!"

Here comes the eight-year-olds - full of energy, imagination, and little sense of their own limits.

~Chip Wood, Yardsticks

8-year-olds...

- * Have lots of energy and a need for physical activity to burn this energy
- * Love to tell jokes and share humorous stories
- * Are developing a moral sense and an interest in fairness
- * Experience growth spurts that may lead to awkwardness in coordination
- * Have better control of hands and increased fine motor skills
- * Like to socialize and want peer approval
- * Have rapidly expanding vocabularies
- * Generally pay attention but don't always remember what they've heard
- * Are full of ideas and very industrious
- * Enjoy responsibility and usually organize work well
- * Care about the process and product of schoolwork; they like to add to work, but not as interested in revising

*Abstracted from Chip Wood, Yardsticks

Have a fabulous February!



News from PreK

Preschool is back in full swing after the holiday break. Hopefully snow days will be kept to a minimum this winter, so maximum learning can take place! It is now February and the school year will be over before you know it! It's time to start thinking about preparing for kindergarten readiness.

Ideas for activities at home

- Play a game of I Spy around the house! Look for colors, shapes, letters, and numbers together!
- Using Cheerios or your child's favorite cereal, have them pick a small handful and count the number of cereal pieces together.

News from Kindergarten

It is hard to believe that we have almost hit the 100th day of Kindergarten. Time flies when we are learning. At this time the students should have mastered identifying all the letters and producing their sounds. We are now moving on to where we need to be able to manipulate the sounds to be able to read and write. The students should be able to segment and blend sounds, rhyme, read sight words, and start to read fluently. They should be able to print all upper and lower case letters and spell simple words phonetically. In math, they should be close to counting to 100, writing numbers to 20 and matching quantities to 20. We are now working on adding and subtracting within 5. By June they should be able to do this without manipulatives. We are also working on identifying and describing 3-D shapes. They love 3-D shapes and are excited to manipulate and build with them. Children are natural architects! Continue to do what great parents do, and seize every opportunity to teach your child on a daily basis, and we will shore up the process!

News from First Grade

Our First Grade Team is happy to welcome Mrs. Ferguson back! We continue to wish her good health!

With Winter here, we'd like to remind parents about Arctic Academy Days. Students should practice Reading, Writing and Math at home on these days. Websites and ideas were included in the Arctic Academy letter sent home in Nov. After returning to school, students are expected to submit their work within 3 days or it will be counted as an unexcused absence. The following are some websites we included the Arctic Academy letter: <http://www.dadsworksheets.com> (Math activities), <http://www.education.com/worksheets/first-grade/ela/reading/>, <http://www.education.com/worksheets/first-grade/ela/writing/>. If you don't have internet access, you can use dice, dominoes, or playing cards to generate problems for Math. They can draw a picture and write a story to match for Writing. They can also read from their "Journeys" book or guided reading books.

February 7 will be our 100th Day of school celebration for first grade. Students will be asked to make a 100th Day project. The purpose of the project is for students to learn the value of 100. Have your student choose a theme that will interest them (such as 100 legos). Have them count the objects by 10s, 5s, 25, etc. so they can understand different ways to make 100. Parents will be able to come and view the projects in the afternoon. A note will be coming home with more details soon.

Valentine's Day will be coming soon! In first grade we decorate bags for our valentines in the classroom. We don't do valentine boxes due to space constraints. Our school will be emphasizing "kindness" in the month of February,

News from Second Grade

During the month of February, we are exploring the lives and contributions of famous African Americans. We are also working on research projects and will publish them into slide presentations. We will be exploring place value in math. The students did an awesome job with their Young Writers stories. We are looking forward to our Kindness Ambassadors catching acts of kindness in our classrooms. We hope to see a lot of displays of kindness throughout the building.

News from Third Grade

The new year brings some changes for 3rd grade. We were sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Wolff, but we are happy that she is able to be closer to her family now. We wish her the best! Ms. Elkins will take over in her classroom for the remainder of the year. We are excited to have her, and we know she is going to be an amazing addition to our team. Ms. Elkins is not new to Ridgedale. As a matter of fact, she was Mrs. Stickler's student teacher last semester!

Please keep encouraging your child to practice their multiplication tables. We are still working on our timed tests. ABCya has many fun games that help with math fluency, as well as Reflex. Multiplication.com offers free "auto-scored, timed" quizzes students can practice with at home. Math Playground and Prodigy are also useful sites for math review.

Students have been working on their Young Writer's Essays in class that we will be submitting at the school level, by the end of the month. Stay tuned to hear more about the grade level winners who have been selected to move on to the county-wide competition.

Just a friendly reminder to send your child to school with hats, gloves and appropriate clothing for the cold weather. If the weather permits, we go out to play.

Arctic Academy reminder: If students have not downloaded the necessary apps to their chromebooks for an Arctic Academy day, please have them check with their homeroom teacher, or Mrs. Tennant the librarian. They will need those to complete their assignments if we have an Arctic Academy day.

News from Fourth Grade

Information has been sent home on the Invention Convention. Inventions are due on March 11th in class. The Invention Convention is on March 15th; parents may attend at 2:30 to see the inventions. We are beginning multiplication and long division in math. Please remember to practice math facts nightly so the multi-digit multiplication and long division is easier. In writing, students are working on opinions. Valentine boxes and/or bags are to be made at home and brought in for the party. Look for a list of student names in order to complete your Valentines.

News from Fifth Grade

The year has gone by so quickly! Our reading continues as we have passed the halfway point of the 40 Book Challenge. Students should note which genres they are missing and select those to read next. It is essential to not procrastinate.

This February marks the last Valentine's Day school party your students will have. It is small reminders such as these that keep both students and teachers focused on preparation for middle school. It is this time of the year that we encourage students to use self-accountability by being proactive in their education. This includes completing planners, sharing grades with family, and being responsible for assignment completion.

Important dates to note:

February 4=Beginning of our Middle-of-the-Year benchmark testing

February 18=Anti-Bullying Week

Month of Kindness=Be kinder than necessary!

Ridgedale Shining Knights

Kindergarten

Violet Maxwell

Bryleigh Williams

Addalynn Friend

Maddalynn Friend

First Grade

Gigi Crabtree

Harper Kurlichick-Green

Cadence Carter

Second Grade

Bronwyn Wilcheck

Lena Edris

Katherine Davis

Third Grade

Reese Wiseman-Raven

Hayley Street

Carmen Lake

Fourth Grade

Peyton Nicola

Steven Keaton

Savannah Poland

Fifth Grade

Jane DeProspero

Ava Palen

Michaela Wilchek

News from Related Arts

We are looking forward to Ridgedale's Got Talent auditions. Permission slips to audition for RGT will be sent home in early February so start planning/practicing now! Auditions will be held on March 1st during RA. The RGT show will debut at the Metropolitan Theatre on Friday, May 3rd.

RA has welcomed two WVU student teachers to our spring lineup.

Miss Fegeley will be creating in the Art room with Art Garvin and Mr. Hannigan will be sporting it up in the gymnasium with Coach Elliott. If you see them at school, be sure to throw them some shine!

Technology News

Monongalia County Schools is excited to announce that the new mobile app is now available. This app will link you to the county homepage and all of the schools in the county. **If you don't want to see all of the schools, just go to settings on the app and select which schools you do want to show up.



Another really important app is the schoology app. This app will bring up the schoology courses that your students are enrolled. This is great for communicating with teachers, arctic academy, and eventually assignments and grades.



Remember to check the Ridgedale Home Page often for news, calendar dates, and info. The website can be found at <https://res.mono.k12.wv.us/>

News from the Library

February is the month to be kind and show others how important and special they are to us. One of the best ways to do this is through sharing a book with someone else. There are so many great books that show how people that they are special. Some of my favorites include:



As the students say everyday after the Pledge of Allegiance and the Charger's Code of Respect:

"Be kinder than necessary!"

FIRST PLACE!!!!

During the morning meeting on January 16, several exciting things happened. First, Ms. Flossie Napier from our business partner Mapleshire joined us. Also in attendance were representatives from Goshen Baptist Church. Ms. Napier was presenting a donation to the mission project at Goshen from Mapleshire. She also expressed a desire for Mapleshire to provide more support of our school. The second exciting thing that day was the announcement by the United Way representative, Jessica Staley. Ridgedale was the **FIRST PLACE** elementary school in the county with over 7,000 items in the United Way Food Drive in December. Our school collected **HALF** of the total number of items collected throughout the county! With the **FIRST** place award our students will be treated to a dance with DJ Ray Wonder. We will be working on a date and time for this dance. We are **SO** proud and **THANKFUL** to be a part of our Ridgedale Family. **THANK YOU** all for being so willing to **GIVE** and **GIVE** and **GIVE**! You are amazing!

