



Ridgedale Reporter



Summer Will Begin on May 28!

WOW this year has flown by. We are so happy with all the progress our children have made this year. They have grown in so many ways—physically, emotionally and especially academically. They have changed in so many ways and improved in their daily life and classroom performance. They are great citizens of our school and willing to do their best every day. We are proud of everything they have accomplished this year.

This last month of school is going to be a busy one for everyone. We start the month with the West Virginia Summative Assessment. Children in grades 3 to 5 will be testing April 29 to May 3 in the morning. Please make sure your children get to bed EARLY each night, have a good breakfast and are ON TIME for school. Please try your best to schedule appointments on a different week than April 29 to May 3.

Our end of the year trips have already started and will be complete on May 20th. Be on the lookout for the letters that outline the trip and the expectations for each trip. The children always look forward to these fun activities.

Our celebrations are scheduled for May 23 and May 24. Fifth grade will say good bye to Ridgedale on May 23 at 10 AM. Pre-K will be having their celebration at 2 PM on May 23. The other celebrations will be May 24. Keep your eyes open for your child's celebration time.

The last day of school will be May 28. We would like to thank each and every one of you for all of the support you have provided your children, our teachers and staff and our school. You are the ones who make RIDGEDALE the great school that it is. Have a wonderful summer. Spend time with your children exploring the things in life that are important to your family. Take some time to talk with them and READ to them. Make every moment count and enjoy the wonder of childhood. We will look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

Ridgedale Elementary School

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IMPORTANT RIDGEDALE WEBSITES

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

IMPORTANT DATES

WV General Summative Assessment	4/29-5/3
Ridgedale's Got Talent	5/3
Teacher Appreciation Week	5/6-5/10
Night of the Arts	5/10
Third Grade Trip	5/13
Fifth Grade Trip	5/14
Second Grade Trip	5/15
LSIC 4 PM	5/15
Spring Music Program 6:30 PM	5/16
Field Day	5/17
Fourth Grade Trip	5/20
Fifth Grade Celebration 10 AM	5/23
Pre K Celebration 2 PM	5/23
K-4 Celebrations	5/24
Last Day of School	5/28

Counselor Corner

To all of the Ridgedale families, students, and staff, I wanted to say thank you! Thank you for allowing me to work with your students while Mrs. Beech has been out. I have been accepted by the community since the very start. The support and encouragement that you all have shown has made my job very easy. My time at Ridgedale has been wonderful. I am going to miss you all and hope you have a wonderful summer! - Mrs. Tilley

GOODBYES ARE NOT FOREVER. GOODBYES ARE NOT THE END. THEY SIMPLY MEAN I'LL MISS YOU, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!

From the Principal's Pen

Dear Ridgedale School Community,

Thank you for another wonderful school year. I cannot thank everyone enough for the endless hours of volunteering, read-aloud, donating, organizing, and just doing anything and everything to support our students and staff. The Ridgedale PTO is amazing! You constantly go beyond to provide what is needed to enhance and enrich the school experience for every child.

Thank you and well done to our incredible staff! Your endless energy, top-notch skills, and devotion to Ridgedale students has made this another incredible year of learning. You enrich and add to the lives of each child who walks through the door.

Thank you, parents, for entrusting Ridgedale with your children. You are your child's first teacher and do a great job of leading by example and modeling the importance of education. Your support and high expectations provide a valuable link between home and school. Together we are building a strong partnership.

Lastly, but most importantly, thank you Ridgedale students for all your hard work throughout the school year. You bring great joy and I am so very proud of each of you. I have loved watching you learn and grow throughout the year. I will miss your energy and enthusiasm for learning while you are away for the summer. I cannot wait to see you in August!

Best wishes to our fifth grade students who are moving on to middle school. I will miss seeing you here, but I know that you are ready for the next step in your educational journey. The door at Ridgedale is always open; I hope you come back to visit.

I wish all of you a happy conclusion to a fabulous school year. Have a safe and enjoyable summer break with the right mix of fun, family, and friends.

Wishing you a summer of laughter and learning,

Ms. Petite



News from PreK

It is hard to believe that this school year is coming to a close! What a wonderful year of learning, growing, and exploring we have had. All of the children have made so much progress and we are very proud of each and every one! As we return from Spring Break, we will begin our final checkpoint evaluations and your child's end of the year progress report will be coming home in mid-May. We will also be preparing for our End-of-the Year Celebrations which will be on May 23rd at 2:30 pm in your child's classroom. We look forward to seeing everyone there to help us celebrate the end of a fantastic, successful year!



News from Kindergarten

It is hard to believe we are going into our last month of the Kindergarten school year! Just a few important dates to remember for May: Ridgedale Got Talent (RGT) will be on Friday, May 3rd at Met Theater at 6:00pm. Friday, May 10th all Library books are due and we will be having the Night of the Arts that evening here at Ridgedale. Friday, May 17th will be our Field Day so the girls will wear red shirts and the boys will wear white shirts!

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, May 24th will be our Kindergarten Celebration in the Gym at 9:30-10:00! All Family Invited to Attend! There will be a checkout sheet in your child's classroom if you choose to take your child home to make it a special day!

Last Day for Students will be Tuesday, May 28th! We wish everyone a Happy Summer!
Thank You for a Terrific Kindergarten Year!

We Appreciate All Your Support and Encouragement throughout the school year!



News from First Grade

The First Grade Team wants to thank our parents for their support this year! You have donated your time and resources to make our classrooms better! It's been a great year of learning! Enjoy the summer with your families, but please encourage your children to keep learning! Here's some tips:

- Read daily (read aloud to your child and have them read to you)
- Look for opportunities to write (keep a summer journal, plan a trip, send a postcard, make a grocery list, etc.)
- Practice math (practice basic facts to 10, practice telling time, do a 2D/3D shape hunt, keep a growth chart to practice measurement, play math games with dice/cards)
- Practice skills on the computer (check out our links on the Ridgedale website) or phone (there are free apps available for sight words and math facts)

Happy Summer and congratulations first graders.....you are ready for second grade!!



News from Second Grade

We are so excited to finish a great second grade year! The second grade teachers have enjoyed watching the students grow as readers, writers and mathematicians. We are all becoming published writers. We have worked hard to complete a class book. We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our very own published books!! We are looking forward to our trip to the Pittsburgh zoo. Please remember to read and practice math facts over the summer, so that you will be ready to hit 3rd grade with full force! **HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!**

News from Third Grade

Where has the year gone? It seems like only yesterday your child was a new 3rd grader and now they are almost 4th graders. As you read this letter, state testing is now complete, and we are ready to celebrate all the learning we have accomplished this year. The following is a list of the end - of - year activities:

- May 13th is the 3rd-grade field trip to the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. This is a wonderful learning opportunity provided to us by our PTO. The museum is full of dinosaur artifacts, animals from different regions, Egyptian and Native American artifacts, and many hands-on activities. More information will be forthcoming on this event. Students will be arriving back to Ridgedale after the buses have run for the evening, so please plan to pick up your child this day.
- May 17th will be our wild and wonderful field day at school.
- May 24th will be our end of year celebration
- During the last week of school, 3rd grade students will be having their multiplication ice cream party.
- May 27th is Memorial Day - no school
- May 28th is the last day for students

Summer break is almost upon us. Take this time to relax and to enjoy your children. We would like to thank all of our parents, guardians, and grandparents for a wonderful school year.



News from Fourth Grade

What an amazing year this has been! The best is yet to come. With the school year coming to a close we have a lot of events coming up! Our end of the year field trip is scheduled for May 20th. Celebration Day will be held on May 24 at 11:45-12:15. Be sure to stay in contact with your child's teacher for important event dates.

As the school comes to an end we would like to thank everyone for their participation, donations, volunteer work, and most of all having such a welcoming attitude to our two new teachers! We would like to wish our students and families a happy, safe, and fun summer! Remember to keep up with reading and math skills over the summer. Programs such as Reflex will remain available.



News from Fifth Grade

We are rapidly approaching the end of the school year! As we get closer to May 28th (last day of instruction for students), we have many things to anticipate and prepare for. 5th Grade will be taking a field trip to the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh on May 14th. Students will need to submit their completed 40 Book Challenge folders to their teacher by May 15th. The spring concert will be held at Ridgedale Elementary School on May 16th. The concert will feature students involved in Choir, Band and Strings. Field Day will be held on May 17th at Ridgedale Elementary. Students should dress for a day of physical activity. 5th Grade Graduation will be held on May 23rd at 10:00 AM at Ridgedale Elementary. A brief reception will follow. We are very proud of our 5th Grade Graduates!

We would like to extend a special thanks to the PTO and parent volunteers who have worked so diligently throughout the years, giving our 5th graders many opportunities that may otherwise not have been possible.

April Ridgedale Shining Knights

Kindergarten

Brayden Stoddart
Messiah Taylor
Brynlee Ammons
Braylee Ammons
Chase Masters

First Grade

Roselyn Evans
Caleb Seaman
Callie Williams

Second Grade

Ben Marks
Faith Lawson
Marlin Olmstead

Third Grade

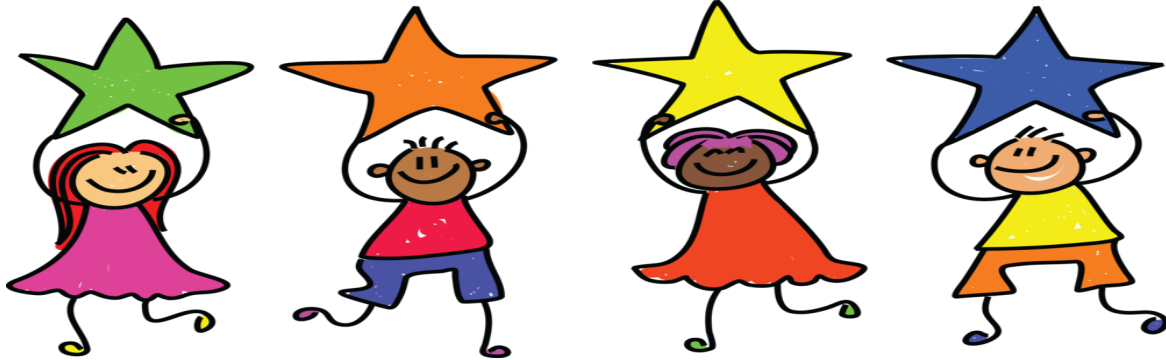
Melodee Johnson
Gianna Pearson
Sydney Deuesenberry

Fourth Grade

Jackson Moats
Laila Ullom
Brady Collins

Fifth Grade

Alexander Whetsel
Nathan Whetsel
Brayden Solomon



May Ridgedale Shining Knights

Kindergarten

Hayden Tichenell
Emberly Spooner
Taylen Triplet

First Grade

Aliayah Kirkpatrick
Elin Smyth
Landen Thorne

Second Grade

Atticus Bays
Emma Bond
Khloe Lazzelle

Third Grade

Justin Thompson
Lucille Ice
Ryan Shreves

Fourth Grade

Cami Smith
Nathan Ross
Kayleigh Zickafoose

Fifth Grade

Abigail Christopher
Evan Porrini
Hannah Hudson

Library News

I can't believe it is the end of the year! It seems like it was just August, and now we are just a few days away from ending another wonderful year. We have had our last round of book checkouts and are starting to get ready to close up the library. Please return all materials by Friday, May 10th. Hopefully, all of our missing and lost materials will find their way back to the library. I will continue searching around the library and classrooms for books as I hope you will do at home. Working all together, I am sure we will be able to get all of our wonderful books back to their library home.

A couple of other things...

· Just because the school year has come to an end, that definitely shouldn't mean the end of reading. The summer reading challenge will happen again this year. You will be getting more information about this opportunity very soon. · Students will still be able to access Myon at home. Students can go to www.myon.com. The username is the student's full lunch number and the password is read.

· Here is a link to a list of summer reading books from KidsLit: <https://kidlit.tv/2019/03/2019-summer-reading-list/>

The Scholastic and Barnes and Noble lists haven't been published yet, but when they are out, I will put them on the Ridgedale Homepage.

· Finally, I hope everyone joins me for the three weeks of Library Summer Snowflakes. We will be having great fun with books, technology, and STEM activities again this year. The program will run from July 8-18 (Monday-Thursday) from 11:00-1:00. It is always a great time!



Technology News

Just a few things to wrap up the year:

· Chromebooks in grades 3-5 will be staying at school from this point forward. Students with missing chargers and/or bags will be responsible for either returning those items or paying for them (\$25.00 for chargers and \$10.00 for bags).

· Students should be able to continue using the educational programs throughout the summer (at least through June and July). Students should be able to get into Iready, Myon, SmartyAnts, and Reflex Math. Hopefully they will remember their passwords! · At www.common sense media.org there are lists of websites, apps, and other media that is appropriate for different age levels. This site lets you know which things your children should and should not be watching.

· Lastly, as great as technology is, make sure you and your kids take time to be "UNPLUGGED" and enjoy the summer break!

