



# Ridgedale Reporter

## Friendship February

Ridgedale Elementary School

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### IMPORTANT RIDGEDALE WEBSITES

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Flower Sale	1/27-2/7
Counselor's Week	2/3-2/7
5th Grade Wax Museum	2/7
Friendship Party Week	2/10-2/14
Ridgedale's Got Talent At MET	2/14
NO SCHOOL STUDENTS	2/17
PTO Meeting 4 and 6 PM	2/18
End of Term 2 Report Cards	2/20-2/24
STEM Literacy Night	2/27
Early Dismissal	2/28

February has always been associated with love, hearts, flowers and candy, but this year, Ridgedale has decided to focus on "Friendship. We will be having our parties the same as we did for the fall party. We have the parties scheduled throughout the week. The schedule is included in this newsletter on page 2. Please keep this in mind when you plan for your child's party.

The fifth grade flower sale is going on now. We will end the sale on February 7. The flowers will be delivered to your child in their classroom on Thursday, February 13. Make sure you send your money to school and specify who the flowers are for when the money is sent to school. We appreciate your support in this endeavor.

We will be celebrating our counselor the week of February 3 to February 7. Mrs. Beech does a lot for our school and we want to make sure she realizes that she is appreciated. If you see Mrs. Beech let her know that you appreciate all the hard work she does for Ridgedale.

Remember that there is NO SCHOOL for students on February 17. Teachers will be out of the building at a training. We will also have an early dismissal on February 28. Be sure to write these dates down so you won't forget the upcoming days off.

Our annual Ridgedale's Got Talent will be taking place at the MET theater on Friday, February 14. It is always a fun time for everyone. We really looking forward to the night of entertainment from the best acts in town....Our own Ridgedale children. Please join us for the fun.

Kindergarten registration is coming up on March 20. If you have a child that will be 5 by June 30, please call the school to set up your appointment for registration. There is also going to be a Pre-k registration coming up. You will have to call Dorsey to set up your appointment for these registration dates. Children must be 4 years old by June 30th to register for Pre-K. Hard to believe we are already preparing for the next school year.

Finally, our building construction is progressing well. We are getting more and more excited as we realize the move is coming up. We will be happy to give you a date when it gets to the point that the structure is ready for occupancy. It is an exciting time for our Ridgedale community. We look forward to the days ahead.

Kindergarten Registration  
March 20, 2020  
CALL FOR YOUR  
APPOINTMENT TODAY!



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## News from Pre-K

Pre-K has been enjoying the mild winter we have been having so far! Each class has been exploring winter and winter activities in some capacity. The children are becoming quite independent in completing their play plans and are expanding their language, math, and science skills. Friendship Parties are coming up quickly, please check with your child's teacher for your individual class's date and time. A class list of names for Valentines will be sent home prior to the party. We encourage the children to complete their own valentines (with your help). If that is too challenging for your child, please encourage them to sign them.

We would also like to request that you complete and return the Monthly Activity calendars that are sent home. Our classrooms receive funding support for family participation based upon the number of calendars we receive, so each one counts! Finally, please remember to send your child dressed for the weather as we do try to get outside whenever the weather permits. Hopefully February will be as mild as February and there will be no interruptions to our calendar!



## News from Kindergarten

It is hard to believe that it is already February. Thanks to all the parent volunteers that helped kindergarten celebrate the 100th day festivities. The children were very excited to share their 100 things.

Keep your eyes open for Friendship Day class lists and notifications for the party times and activities. This could come from your child's teacher or the homeroom parent. Teachers will be sending class lists home soon if not already.

February 17th there is no school for students and February 28th is an early dismissal. Report cards will be sent home February 24th. As always if you have questions or concerns, contact your child's teacher.

Remember to read with your child nightly, practice sight words and number sense. Have a great February.



### FRIENDSHIP PARTY WEEK SCHEDULE



TIME/DATE	Mon., 2/10	Tues., 2/11	Wed., 2/12	Thurs., 2/13	Fri., 2/14
9:15-9:45			Mohan, 1st	Briscoe, 3rd	Friend, 1st
10:15-10:45	Matuga, Pre-K	Jarmon, Pre-K	Doney, 1st	Nichols, 3rd	Hatton, 1st
11:15-11:45	Scotti, Pre-K	Hunter, 2nd	Stickler, 5th	Edgell, 5th	Parsons, 5th
1:15-1:45		Malinovich, K	Riggleman, K	Pride, K	Livengood, 3rd
2:15-2:45	Spaziani, 4th	Harki, 4th	Calhoun, 4th	Carter, 2nd	Himes, 2nd

## News from First Grade

Our first grade team is looking forward to some great learning this winter season! Using technology is a great tool to practice and enhance learning especially when more time is spent inside. Here are some ideas you can try:

1. Sight word practice: Find a sight word apps you can try. "Kids Learn Sight Words" is a free one. Another is "Sight Word Ninja". It's best to engage in the app with your child to ensure they understand the directions.
2. Listen and read books on MyOn. Go to our school webpage ([res.mono.k12.wv.us](http://res.mono.k12.wv.us)), then "Students", and "Student links". There your child can access MyOn, I-Ready, and other websites. Your teacher can provide login information if you need it.
3. Coding: Students can go to [Code.org](http://Code.org) and practice this relevant skill in this age of technology!

To finish up Term 2, students will be working on strategies for adding three numbers and making a ten in Math. They will continue to work on opinion pieces in Writing and story elements in Reading. Thank you for your support and helping your child succeed!!

## News from Second Grade

We are off to a great start to 2020 in second grade! The students wrote their resolutions and set goals to become successful learners and citizens. January was a busy month as we got back into our routines and took some middle of the year assessments. The students completed the iReady benchmark and running records. The results from each of these assessments will show how your child is progressing as well as help guide the instruction for your child. Report cards will be coming home on February 24. In math, we continue to practice place value of three digit numbers as well as adding and subtracting. Looking ahead in math, our next unit will be on Measurement and Data. Just a reminder that our Friendship/Valentine's Parties will be throughout the week of February 10-14th

## News from Third Grade

Third grade students have just completed their middle of the year benchmark for I-Ready math. These data points serve as a great place to evaluate students' strengths, how much they've grown as math learners and concepts they can work on. Students can work on I-Ready math lessons both at home and at school. These individualized lessons are designed to help students meet their learning goals. As we work through our I-Ready lessons at school, our students will be moving forward with concepts related to two step word problems using the four operations, multiplication number patterns and sequences, and then we will begin with fractions. Third grade students will be participating in an Ice Cream Social at the end of year as a celebration of learning their multiplication facts, so please keep encouraging students to study their weekly facts at home.

We finished our novel study and many of our students thoroughly enjoyed stepping out of the reading book momentarily and into this class study. We will be returning to our Journey's book and working through the next few stories in our basal. As part of our third-grade standards, students will be working on some researched based projects in class, focusing on informational text, text features, comparing and contrasting, and citing text-evidence. Stay tuned for more details!

The next few weeks are usually our most unpredictable when it comes to the weather. Please be sure to review procedures for Arctic days. If we happen to have an Arctic day, students will need to have their Chromebooks to complete their assignments. Staff will report on Arctic days, so if you have questions reach out! Stay warm and think SPRING!



## News from Fourth Grade

Welcome back from the holiday break! Fourth grade students were able to slide right back into the normal classroom routines without much difficulty. Over the past few weeks, we've picked back up in reading with our Journeys reading stories and skills while math's focus has shifted to fractions. During social studies, we've finished with the causes of the American Revolution and are now looking at the battles. Once complete, we will shift into the Westward Movement. In science we will continue to focus on sound and light waves. Afterwards, we will begin learning about the Earth's systems.

Students were given information about the Invention Convention upon returning from break. Expectations concerning the invention, booklet, and display board were previously discussed with all three classes. At this point, their proposal page should be submitted and each child should have their own invention booklet. Students will need to create a work timeline for themselves along with parent assistance if needed. The display board and model invention should arrive at school on Monday, March 9th. The Invention Convention itself will be held in the gymnasium on March 13th. Once more decisions have been made, we will provide more information regarding time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

## News from Fifth Grade

Fifth grade has had a busy January! From working on Wax Museum projects to finishing up novel units, we are delving deeply into academics as we move into the second half of the year. The Wax Museum project is our biggest Social Studies and Language Arts project of the year and will be taking place on February 7, 2020. All classrooms are invited to see what fifth grade has been working on so diligently on this past month. Parents are encouraged to attend afterwards; session times will be announced. Come and meet Steve Irwin, Jane Goodall, Albert Einstein, Frida Kahlo, Joan Jett, and more!

Another upcoming event for fifth graders is the Monongalia County Spelling Bee. After going through several competitive rounds, Ava Newman and Colin Ridgeway came away with the win. They will represent Ridgedale in the county-wide competition on at South Middle School February 6, 2020 at 6:30 PM. All are encouraged to support our Chargers.

Finally, please note that the Friendship parties will take place on different days. Mrs. Stickler's class will have their party on Wed., Feb 12; Mr. Edgell's will be on Thursday Feb. 13; Mrs. Parsons's class will be on Fri., Feb. 14. All three parties will start at 11:15AM and end at 11:45. We hope to see you there. Happy Valentine's Day!



## Library News



In January, we started the year 2020--which is so hard to believe! We celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday by talking about kindness and treating people fairly. We read the book, *Martin's Big Words*, which talk about the "big words" that ring true still today: Freedom, Equality, Love, Fairness, and Dreams. We talk about 20/20 vision as being good and clear. Hopefully, we will have "2020" vision this new year and remember to treat people like we would want to be treated, and put those big words into action in our daily lives.

Even though January was unseasonably warm and snow free (hopefully February will be too), winter is officially upon us, it is a great time to spend finding a great book and spending the long evenings reading. Speaking of reading, students can also read online using the MYON reader program. Just go to [myon.com](http://myon.com) then put the school as Ridgedale, type in the students full lunch number and then use the password: read This program has something for everyone of all reading levels and interests. So go check it out!

One last little housekeeping issue though is that there are some students who have books that have not been turned in for quite some time. I would much rather have the books back so that others can enjoy them, but if they truly cannot be found, the cost of the book will need to be paid for in order for the students to check out more books. Please take a little bit of time to help search for these MIA books!!

## News from Related Arts

Be sure to attend this year's RGT at the MET Theater on Valentine's Day @ 7:00PM! Our kiddos will show off a variety of talents such as singing, dancing, aerial acrobatics, hoverboarding and more! Again, this year our \$1 shout outs will be available for donating before the show.

The PE program would like to welcome Coach Kelly to the Ridgedale family.

*Roses are red, violets are blue,  
Ridgedale is sweet,  
and Related Arts loves YOU!*

## Technology News

Just a few little things about technology (specifically for our 3rd-5th graders with chromebooks):

- Remember that our chromebooks should be handled carefully, both in and out of the sleeves. Out of the sleeves, they should be carried with two hands. In the sleeves, the shoulder strap should go cross the body diagonally. In either situation, the chrome book should gently be placed flat on surfaces.
- There should never be food or liquid around the chromebooks. Liquids could fry the insides and food can become stuck underneath the keys, make the keys sticky, and cause glitchiness and problems with the machine itself.
- Remember to not leave the chromebooks outside in a cold vehicle for long periods of time, as that it can do permanent damage to the battery.
- Although there are many fun games and activities, they are NOT to be used for non educational purposes. Please be sure that sites and usage is monitored at home, just as they are at school.
- Finally, students need to make sure that they have their chromebooks charged and brought to school each day ready to use. Chromebooks are educational tools, just the same as textbooks, paper, and pencils that students need each day to be successful



## Ridgedale Shining Knights

### Kindergarten

Peyton Claypole  
Aiden Himes  
Audrey Mason

### First Grade

Tyler Whetzel  
Beatrice Raber  
Cora Rogers  
Judah Cost

### Second Grade

Luke Poland  
Michael Hanlon  
Preston Calvert

### Third Grade

Leyna Munroe  
Calvin Robinson  
Lena Edris

### Fourth Grade

William Stangle  
Morgan Singleton  
Reese Wiseman-Raven

### Fifth Grade

Greta Laurita  
Timothy Barnett  
Joseph Bast

## ROBOTICS....IT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT RIDGEDALE!

Ridgedale Elementary has added a new extracurricular team this year and they are electric! For the first time ever, Ridgedale had eight fifth graders who competed with other 4th - 8th graders in West Virginia in the First Lego League. The team met weekly during the fall to design a robot that could complete multiple missions. Each mission represented a different way that engineers make our cities safer and more efficient. The team also completed a research project designed to make our planet better. The team partnered with Engineers Without Borders to recreate a wooden press used to turn cardboard boxes into wooden fire logs. On November 16, the Robo Chargers traveled to the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Beckley to compete with thirteen other teams at the regional qualifier. The team took home the Robot Design - Best in Show Award and earned a spot at the state invitational at Fairmont University on December 7. With the help of their teammates and mentors, Mrs. Ray, Mr. Finley, and Ms. Tenant, the novice team was able to leave a lasting impression on the judges. Although the team did not advance to worlds, our Chargers scored high marks in all categories. The team is looking forward to continuing their recycling efforts next season and coming back stronger than ever!

### Team Members:

Haley Finley  
Lucia Vargas-Lacasell  
Emily Collins  
Colton Hetzer  
Reid Halbritter  
Aidan Petsko  
Camden Quinlan  
Joseph Bast

