



# Ridgedale Reporter

## What A WILD RIDE IT HAS BEEN

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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

Cook's Day 10/9

NO SCHOOL STUDENTS 10/9

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK 10/12-10/16

Midterm First Trimester 10/16

Bus Safety Week 10/21-10/25

What an opening of the school year this has been. We have waded through the waters of Remote learning at the beginning of the school year. We have children who are now able to sit and listen online when teaching is going on during the school day. Is this the right way to educate our kiddos? **NO WAY**, but we now know, when there is something that causes school to be closed, we **CAN DO IT!!!!**

We are so happy to have our students back in the school building. Please remember to do the daily health screening for your child each morning. You can find the link to the health screening at the top banner on the school and county web page. It is also easily accessible on the Monongalia County Schools App. If you need help with this please let us know. Also, a requirement for the return to in person learning is a mask while in the building. Your child **MUST** have a mask from the time the exit the car, enter the bus, and/or school until they exit the bus and/or school. Your constant attention to this requirement is greatly appreciated. Please remember if you child is absent to utilize the on line excuses. You will need to notify the school and send an excuse when they return, either virtually or with your child.

Unfortunately, with the way things are constantly changing there was a decision to **NOT** have any other adults in the building. You may call the school with any requests you have for the school please call the school and give them to the secretary who answers the phone. She will then relay the request to the appropriate person. We appreciate your cooperation in this situation as well.

Now to more **GREAT** news. Our building project continues to move along. We are so excited to have the improvements in the building. The office area and new kindergarten rooms are amazing. We cannot wait for **ALL** of you to see what has been done. We are sure you will be as excited to see the updates and the way the new areas look at this time. We are fortunate to have the county support this building project.

As your children come to school, please remember all of the "To Do" things each day. We want this to be a great experience for all children and families. Help us to keep everyone safe.



## News from Pre-K

Hi everyone! We know it's taken a little time to get adjusted to the virtual learning life, but we appreciate your patience and persistence. We hope you are enjoying completing the Seesaw activities with your children because we sure love viewing them! It's great to be connected and learning about your children and families! As we move on, activities will become more academic in nature and will increase in submissions per day. Please remember that these activities are intended to be a representation of your child's skills and abilities. With this in mind, allow them to complete the assignments with little prompting from adults. If they don't know the answer, it's okay! We just want to assess where the children are so we can better support them in their learning and independence. Just a little reminder: treat Google Meets as school -- be on time, be dressed, no food/drink, no other toys or activities other than those requested by the teachers for small group. We understand there have been many issues with connectivity; if this is something you are having trouble with, please let us know. Hopefully we will all be together in person soon, but until then, we will just keep working together to make this a positive experience for everyone!

-Miss Lucy and Miss Kim

## News from Kindergarten

Thank you for all of your patience and understanding as our Kindergarten year has started remotely! During the month of September we have enjoyed seeing the children through Google Meets. We appreciate that students are up and ready to learn by 9:00 am, and they are attentive and ready to learn during group sessions. We encourage you to practice having your child wear a mask, practice social distancing, and washing their hands for 20 seconds (sing ABC song or birthday song). Just like when you are out and about, Ridgedale has incorporated floor markings to indicate direction for social distancing.

When we begin In-Person Learning, we will be communicating through their yellow communication folders. On the days your child is learning from home, the E-Learning calendar will guide them through the curriculum for the day. For example: if your child's at-home day is Tuesday he/she will complete assignments for Tuesday only, if it's Wednesday do Wednesday only etc. Please remember to check the yellow communication folder for any additional work or information.

If and when we return to school, Kindergarten recess will be in the morning before lunch. Please dress for the weather accordingly. Also, remember to send a change of clothes to keep in their locker. Review your child's teachers Virtual Open House slide show to preview important information before returning to school. They are located on the Ridgedale homepage as well your homeroom Google Classroom!

Thank you and Happy Fall

## News from First Grade

The First Grade Team would like to thank parents and students for their cooperation and support through remote learning. We couldn't do it without you!

When we return to school, please teach your child this chant: Masks up, Back up, and Wash up! We will be teaching and practicing these routines to ensure the safety of everyone! Your child should wear a clean mask to school every day. (using a lanyard would be helpful too) Classrooms and hallways have arrows and pathways to ensure social distancing. We will be doing frequent handwashing. Please practice these routines at home too.

Our first-grade team will be working diligently on writing skills. Please encourage writing at home. You can make a grocery list, keep a daily journal, record the weather daily, or write a weekend plan.

Practicing sight words is also encouraged. You can write them in sentences, paint them or make the words with playdough (for a few ideas). Use what your child likes and be creative.

For distance learning, please refer to the Assignment Calendar and Google Classroom. You can refer to the letter sent home with Chrome books as well as your child's teacher for help!

Thank you for your support and patience as we navigate this school year! Go Chargers!!

## News from Second Grade

Welcome to Second Grade! Even though we kicked off our school year remotely in an untraditional manner, we are off to a great start! It has been wonderful getting to know our students and parents. We want to thank all parents/guardians for their patience, flexibility, communication, and support as we work our way through these changes and challenges. We want to thank our students as well! They have been amazing in participating in our Google Meets and completing their assignments at home.

In reading we have been practicing sight words, reviewing phonics, and practicing a few comprehension strategies, such as sequencing and compare and contrast. In Math, we have been learning various strategies for addition and subtraction and using the Make 10 strategy. As we continue Unit 1 we will learn about odd/even numbers, arrays, and solving 2-step word problems.

The students have also had many opportunities to practice their writing skills through journaling and writing a friendly letter. Soon the students will be taking the i-Ready Reading and Math Diagnostic that will provide data on their academic abilities and help the teacher plan instruction to meet each of their individual needs.

We cannot wait to get the students back into the classroom! Even when we re-  
turn, things will look a little different, but we are confident that everyone will  
adjust and we will make this a positive learning experience!



## News from Third Grade

Our third grade Chargers have been doing a fantastic job with remote learning. We have overcome struggles and challenges. We will get through whatever this year brings us together, because we are CHARGER STRONG!

Students will be taking the iReady Math and Reading diagnostic test during the month of October. The purpose of this test is to get an idea of your child's strengths and weaknesses. Please encourage your child to take their time and do their very best.

In reading, we will begin learning about story structure, inferring and predicting, using illustration to gather information about a text. They will be comparing and contrasting text to text. We will continue working on our personal narrative unit.

In math, we will continue to explore the properties of multiplication. They begin to focus on division and its meaning. We will begin to make connections between multiplication and division. Students will continue daily math spiral review. Please encourage your child to practice math facts.



## News from Fourth Grade

Welcome back to Ridgedale fourth grade students and families! Although the school year started off differently this year than in previous years, it was great getting back into the classroom and seeing the children. The fourth grade teachers would like to express our appreciation for the patience and kind words our students and families have been offering us while we're all adjusting to virtual teaching. So far the students have been doing a wonderful job of attending meetings and completing their assignments. We understand that sometimes technology doesn't want to work when we need it to and that can be frustrating. Thank you for letting us know when you aren't able to access a meeting or assignment. Most of the time we are unaware unless informed by you.

Academically, we have gradually increased the workload over the last few weeks and will continue to do so until all subjects are being covered in the classroom. The topics discussed in math thus far have focused on place value and comparing numbers. We will move into addition and subtraction, rounding whole numbers, as well as multiplication and division over the next month. As for reading, we have learned about story structure and the author's purpose. The skills that will be covered next will be cause and effect, theme, and understanding characters. Grammatically we've covered nouns and verbs. We will move into adjectives, adverbs, and pronouns afterward. Remember there are weekly assignments available in spelling and a test on Fridays. Science and Social Studies will be the next and last content areas to be added to the school day. As a reminder, when our school is virtual each classroom/teacher has assigned Google Meet times for the day. If your child will miss one of the meetings, you should inform his/her teacher so they will not be marked absent. They will need to log into Google Classroom daily to complete and submit the assignments for that day.

## News from Fifth Grade

The 2020 school year has begun, but in a much different way than we have ever experienced. However, just because we haven't had students in the building does not mean we aren't learning. Students have been faithfully participating in Google Meets and distance learning. It is important that we continue to put our best foot forward and try to make the best of the situation.

Fifth grade class officer candidates have been campaigning for the offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. We will be voting soon and will announce the winners so tune in to next month's publication!



### TECH NEWS

This is a big year for the students in Monongalia County. We are now 1:1 in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Students in grades Kindergarten through second grades all have a cart with their chromebooks that will be kept in the classroom. Grades third through fifth have been bringing them home for a few weeks now. Things seem to be going really well with the students being responsible, safe, and respectful. Keep up the great job!

Students in all grades can access MYON at home and at school. MYON is an online reading program that the county has purchased and includes thousands of books of various levels and subjects. The username for myon is the student's WVEIS number and the password is read.

All students can also access the IReady math program as well. It is part of the math adoption and provides lessons tailored to the student's needs based on the beginning year assessment. The username is the child's WVEIS number and the password is the student's full last name (all caps) and the two-digit birth month and day—no spaces. For instance, if my birthday was August 15<sup>th</sup>, my password would be TENNANT0815.

If you have any questions about technology or the chromebooks, email Ms. Tennant at [wendy.tennant@k12.wv.us](mailto:wendy.tennant@k12.wv.us)



## News from Related Arts

What is new in the Related Arts world?

Art Garvin, Coach Elliott and Mrs. Roskos have had a wonderful time getting back into the groove during Art, Music, and PE.

On behalf of the RA team we want to thank all of the families and students for making our remote learning happen, your patience and persistence are very appreciated! We are very proud of the work we have seen happening in our virtual classrooms and we thank you for letting us into your homes.

Keep on creating, moving and beating to your own drum.  
Look for pumpkin drop information soon!

# ATTENDANCE SPOTLIGHT



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## NEW DEFINITION OF STUDENT ATTENDANCE:

- Being present for learning opportunities provided to students:
  - A student is present for a learning opportunity when they demonstrate evidence of engagement with instructional content.
  - Physical presence in their classroom
  - Online interaction with teachers/peers.



## 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

## In-Person Classroom Attendance

- If the student is present in their assigned classroom, they are present for the learning opportunities provided there.
- Tardiness and missing part of the day will count as a tardy/half day absence.

## Virtual School Attendance

- Outside of the physical school building and are presented by WV Virtual School instead of the county school district.
- Virtual Learning is self paced.
- A student is present for the virtual course learning if they BOTH:
  - Log in daily
  - Maintain a course assignment completion with 10 percentage point of "on pace" for the virtual course.
- Elementary students **MUST** participate in a weekly check-in conference with their WV Virtual school/staff.

## Turning in Notes

- Notes must be turned in to excuse an absence.
- Notes can be turned into the school or they can be filled out online on the individual schools website.

## Remote/Distance Learning Attendance

- Outside of the physical school building and presented by the student's MCS teachers and school staff.
- A mix of real time and individual assignments, including Arctic Academy.
- A child is present for remote/distance learning if the student:
  - Logs in and participates
  - Completes assigned daily learning opportunities by the due date set by the teacher/ school.

“If connectivity or technology issues prevent a student from being present for remote or distance learning opportunities, the family must contact the school as quickly as possible to arrange corrective action and possible make-up opportunities for those learning opportunities.”

MONONGALIA COUNTY  
ATTENDANCE POLICY

## In Person/At Home (Blended) Learning Schedule for Grades PK-5

October 1–November 6, 2020

For households with multiple last names, the entire household should follow the schedule for the last name of the oldest child in grades K-12.

This schedule is for students grades PK-5, pending further information from WVDE and the Monongalia County Health Department. **In general, PK students do not attend on Fridays. Friday October 2 is an exception.**

Date	Last Names A-L	Last Names M-Z
The first two days will vary from the rest of the schedule.		
Thursday, October 1	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Friday, October 2	At-Home Learning	In-Person School—including PK for this Friday only.
The remaining schedule follows a pattern that keeps days of the week students attend consistent, with the exception of alternating Fridays.		
Monday, October 5	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Tuesday, October 6	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Wednesday, October 7	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Thursday, October 8	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Friday, October 9	Arctic Academy Independent Learning	
Monday, October 12	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Tuesday, October 13	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Wednesday, October 14	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Thursday, October 15	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Friday, October 16	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Monday, October 19	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Tuesday, October 20	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Wednesday, October 21	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Thursday, October 22	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Friday, October 23	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Monday, October 26	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Tuesday, October 27	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Wednesday, October 28	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Thursday, October 29	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Friday, October 30	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Monday, November 2	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Tuesday, November 3	Election Day—No School	
Wednesday, November 4	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Thursday, November 5	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Friday, November 6	At-Home Learning	In-Person School

More information for dates after November 6 will be released by Monongalia County Schools.