



# Ridgedale Reporter

## SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR

Ridgedale Elementary School

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It is so hard to believe that November is here. We are so very pleased with the way our learners have responded to the "new normal" for school. We have all struggled the past seven months, but our students have truly worked hard to make sure they doing all that needs to be done each and every day. We realize this is a hardship on many families, but we would like to say THANK YOU for standing with your children and working hard to keep them on track.

We are sure you have heard that Monongalia County will continue the current education plan until the end of the first semester January 20. Attached to this newsletter we have provided the Blended Learning schedule for the next nine weeks. There is a schedule for Pre-K and for K-5. We have included both of the schedules for you to have as the next few weeks unfold.

Our teachers are having Parent-Teacher Conferences November 2 and November 10. If you have not scheduled an appointment with your teacher, please call the office and do that today. Our teachers want to talk to you to help to alleviate any concerns about your child's progress and address problems you and your child may be having this year with the academic progress your child is showing.

Schools will be closed on November 3 and November 11. We will also have Arctic Academy Days on November 23, 24, and 25. Teachers will put activities online for your child to do on their own. The teachers will be available on November 23 and November 24, but there is staff development on November 25. The activities should be such that your children can do on their own so they should be fine to complete their work with little or no support.

The weather has taken quite a turn with the changing of the month. With that happening we want to remind you that your child **MUST** dress for the weather. The children will be going outside for recess any day that that the temperature is above 32 degrees. Please make sure your child has everything he/she needs to be outside in the weather.

Finally, as we go through this month, please join us in being thankful for all that you have been given. One of the biggest blessings is your children. We would like to thank each of you for sharing this great blessing with us. Enjoy the holiday and the month.

### 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

Parent/Teacher Conference Night	11/2
Election Day NO SCHOOL	11/3
Custodian's Day	11/6
Parent/Teacher Conference Night	11/10
Veteran's Day NO SCHOOL	11/11
Arctic Academy at Home Instruction	11/23-11/25
Fall Break	11/26-11/29
Return to School	11/30



## News from Pre-K

We would like to share some exciting things that are happening in pre-k! The kids are doing so great with wearing their masks and social distancing! We are really blown away by how well they have adjusted to the "new normal." Although we wish pre-k were as it has been in years past, we are still trying to make the best of it. The kids have done so well with learning the school routines and seem to be finally settling into the classroom lifestyle. Also, in Miss Lucy's class, the in-person kids are really enjoying having the distance learners and at-home learners in their "virtual classroom!" We really hope you and your child feel included in the daily circle time and activities. If you have any suggestions on how to better this experience, we are certainly open to listen, as this is something new for us all!

As the weather turns chillier, we will be sending home warm-weather clothes to switch out for pants and long sleeves. Jackets are preferred in the mornings as it's chilly in the mornings, but warming up through the day. We hope to keep going outside for some fresh air as long as the weather is cooperative! As a reminder, please remember to send in their blankets at the start of each week, as well as a filled water bottle daily. Please keep completing those daily self-screeners for your child -- these should be completed before your child gets on the bus or enters the school building.

We appreciate all the hard work the kiddos are doing on their at-home learning days! We all really enjoy looking over their Seesaw activities, seeing their learning and thought processes, as well as reading how the adults are supporting each child's learning at home through the pre-k activity form. We know it's not easy juggling multiple children, working or working from home, among all other things that we have to do on a daily basis, so we want to commend the efforts and dedication to the pre-k parents!

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Monday 11/2 and Tuesday 11/10. If you haven't already, please schedule with your child's teacher. As always, we are here to help, so if you need anything, please don't hesitate



## News from Kindergarten

Thank you to all of our kindergarten parents for keeping our students working during their At-Home Learning days. Continue to view and listen to the assignments on the E-Learning Calendar when your child is working At-Home! You are doing an excellent job at turning assignments into your child's K-teacher and we appreciate your hard work!

Parent Conferences will be held on Monday, November 2nd and Tuesday, November 10th from 3:45pm to 6:45pm. Please call the office at 304-291-9231 to schedule a 20-minute conference with your child's teacher. Let us know if you can Google Meet or you need by phone.

The students have been doing an outstanding job with wearing masks, social distancing, and washing their hands! We are so proud of them! Students are settling into the routines of our Kindergarten school day and are beginning to get into academic activities. Reading-students are working on letter identification, letter sounds, and sight words. Math-students are working on counting sets of objects to 5 using one to one counting, writing the numbers, and counting everyday. Writing-students are writing letters with correct formation and beginning to write complete sentences during Writer's Workshop.

Tuesday, November 3rd-No School for Students

Wednesday, November 11th-No School for Students

Friday, November 13th-Independent Learning At-Home on E-Learning Calendar

Monday to Wednesday, November 23-25-Independent Learning At-Home using the E-Learning Calendar

Thank You and Happy Thanksgiving

## News from First Grade

The First Grade Team would like to thank parents for assisting their children with "At Home" Learning. We know you are juggling many responsibilities with family and work. Thank you for the extra effort in supporting your child.

Students are improving with following routines and completing their work. We are encouraging students to organize their materials and manage their logins independently as much as possible. Please make sure your child is doing both IReady reading and math lessons. We are assigning lessons to meet their individual needs and close gaps that they may have due to an unusual school year in kindergarten. As shown in the "Assignment Calendar," students should do 45 min each of IReady Reading and Math. They also can do 20 min of MyOn and Iknow-it math for their "At Home" learning days.

Please have children complete their own work for assigned quizzes and computer lessons. This will give us an accurate picture of what students can do independently. It will also guide our instruction so we can see what students know and what they are ready to learn.

Fostering independence at home transfers to school and builds your child's confidence. (Of course, we always consider "age appropriate" responsibilities) Here are some ideas of tasks students can do at home to encourage this:

- Login and shut down their computer

- Allow them to oversee their backpack (unpack when they get home, and prepare it for the next day)

- Have them participate in making their bedtime and morning routines

- Work on tying their own shoes

Encouraging independence is a win-win for both children and adults! Students learn to be responsible for themselves and their belongings. They feel pride when they can do things independently and want to do more!! Adults are relieved from some responsibilities that the child can handle.



## News from Second Grade

The second-grade pumpkin patch was a great success!! You all did an amazing job decorating the pumpkins to look like your favorite characters. Thank you for your continued home support!!

We completed Unit 1 in math and are beginning to learn 2-digit addition and subtraction. Please remember to practice your basic addition and subtraction facts often to improve those skills. We have been impressed with the students' writing skills. Please remember to encourage your child to use complete sentences, capitalization, and punctuation in their writing. Cooler weather is upon us, please remember to send jackets with your child. We will go out for recess as often as possible.

## News from Third Grade

The first week of November the third grade students will begin their multiplication facts. They will begin working on fact fluency with index cards. They will have weekly quizzes to track their progress with their fact fluency. The students will be finishing their personal narrative unit and starting an opinion writing unit.

Please ensure that your students are dressing appropriately for the weather because we will be going outside daily as long as it is not raining or below freezing. Please wash your child's masks daily or weekly. Remember to complete the Daily Health Screener everyday. This includes on your at home learning days.



## News from Fourth Grade

The fourth grade teachers would like to let the students and parents know how pleased we are with the attitudes and procedures being displayed as we continually grow accustomed to this school year. Although it's not the ideal situation, students are doing a fabulous job with wearing masks and socially distancing as much as possible. Over the past several weeks, students have reviewed place value concepts in math and are currently focusing on understanding multiplication. As for reading, we have been discussing character traits and making inferences as well as reading the weekly stories. Grammatically, we're continuing to examine the different parts of speech with a focus on regular and irregular plural nouns. The focus in science thus far has been on the human machine or learning about how our body reacts to certain stimuli. In social studies has focused on voting and elections.

As we move through the next month, math will continue focusing on multiplication and division, more specifically factors and multiples. We will continue reading a weekly story from our Journey's reading book and reviewing a different skill weekly. Grammar's focus will shift back to nouns and the different types such as common and proper. Writing will continue to look at personal narratives and how to edit and revise. Science will cover the Earth's systems, such as rock formations and erosion. Social Studies will shift from elections and voting into government and democratic values/beliefs. Remember there are weekly assignments available in spelling and a test on Fridays. The students are also assigned Myon, iReady, and Must Do Math exercises that are routine and expected to be completed daily



## News from Related Arts

The related arts team has enjoyed watching your pumpkin drop videos and we have loved seeing your family participation! We look forward to many new, inventive ways to keep our traditions going.

The hallways finally have art on display, there is musical sounds as you walk down the hallway and our chargers have been getting their heart rate up in P.E. These are a few of our favorite things.

Mask on, Chargers strong!

## News from Fifth Grade

Congratulations to our newly elected 5th Grade Class Officers! All participants from each class did a fantastic job with their speeches. Great job to all students who ran for a position! Each class elected a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. All students from each class voted each representative into office after hearing their speeches.

The class officers for the 2020-2021 school year are as follows:

Mr. Edgell:

President - Hayley Street

Vice President - Jackson Toth

Secretary - Justin Thompson

Treasurer - Lucille Ice

Mrs. Stickler:

President: -Avery Garvin

Vice President-William Esguerra

Secretary-Porter Morris

Treasurer-Jaxon Howell



Mrs. Warman:

President - Reese Wisman-Raven and Ethan Terneus

Vice President - Prestlea Nestor

Secretary - Evan Christopher

Treasurer - Natalie Thibodoux



5th grade is continuing to make great progress academically as we continue to learn and grow as learners both at home and in the building. We just finished working on Multiplying 3 digit by 2 digit numbers in Math. In English Language Arts, we have read several stories throughout the year and have worked on skills such as comparing and contrasting, theme, author's purpose, sequence of events, and have been working hard on keeping up with our grammar and spelling skills. Students have also written several essays already this year, including several narrative essays, as well as an opinion piece. Students have also enjoyed learning about Earth, Space and the Sun in Science and are currently working on keeping a night sky log. In Social Studies, we have spent much of the beginning of the year learning about prohibition, civil rights and government.

Thank you to our students for working so hard and to our parents for all that they do. We look forward to continuing with a great year of learning at Ridgedale in 5th grade!



## TECH NEWS

### Just a few reminders about Chromebooks:

In order to keep your chromebook battery healthy you can do the following things: never let it get below 10% charged, charge it fully (not just 10 or 15 minutes here and there), don't use it while it is plugged in to the charger, only keep it plugged in for about 2 hours (plugging it in every night, all night long, is extremely damaging to the battery).

If you are having issues with your chromebook, the best thing to do is to sign out and completely shut down. Shutting completely down, will update the machine and usually fixes most problems. Closing the lid is not shutting down. You should be doing a complete shut down at least once daily.

If shutting completely down doesn't fix the problem, three other things to try would be to clear the browsing data, update the chrome version, and removing the account and then adding the user back.

Remember also that the chromebooks need to be taken care of whether they are at home or at school. This means, leaving them in the case when they aren't being used and carrying correctly using the shoulder strap (chromebooks should never go into backpacks). Avoiding food and liquids when using the chromebooks. Make sure to always set the chromebooks down gently on a flat surface.

If your chromebook is running slow or being "glitchy" try closing unneeded tabs, remove extra extensions and avoid changing the settings to add different "features." These added things, can cause the chromebook to have issues.

If you have problems with your chromebook, please email Ms. Tennant at [wendy.tennant@k12.wv.us](mailto:wendy.tennant@k12.wv.us)

**In Person/At Home (Blended) Learning for Grades K-5, November 2 - January 20, 2021**

*This schedule is subject to change based on guidance from WVDE or the Monongalia County Health Department.*

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. Last names A-L will attend on Mondays and Wednesdays. Last names M-Z will attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Friday schedules will vary.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Last Names A-L</b>	<b>Last Names M-Z</b>
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
Monday, November 9	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Tuesday, November 10	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Wednesday, November 11	Veteran's Day -- No School	
Thursday, November 12	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Friday, November 13	Independent Learning	
Monday, November 16	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Tuesday, November 17	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Wednesday, November 18	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Thursday, November 19	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Friday, November 20	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Monday, November 23	Non-Traditional Instruction Day -- Remote Learning for Students	
Tuesday, November 24	Non-Traditional Instruction Day -- Remote Learning for Students	
Wednesday, November 25	Non-Traditional Instruction Day -- Remote Learning for Students	
Thursday, November 26	Thanksgiving -- No School	
Friday, November 27	OSE -- No School	
Monday, November 30	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Tuesday, December 1	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Wednesday, December 2	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Thursday, December 3	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Friday, December 4	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Monday, December 7	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Tuesday, December 8	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Wednesday, December 9	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Thursday, December 10	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Friday, December 11	Independent Learning	
Monday, December 14	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Tuesday, December 15	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Wednesday, December 16	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Thursday, December 17	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Friday, December 18	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Monday, December 21	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Tuesday, December 22	Non-Traditional Instruction Day -- Remote Learning for Students	
Wednesday, December 23	Non-Traditional Instruction Day -- Remote Learning for Students	
Thursday, December 24 through Friday, January 1, 2021	No School for Students (Out of Calendar Days/Holidays)	
Monday, January 4	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Tuesday, January 5	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Wednesday, January 6	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Thursday, January 7	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Friday, January 8	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Monday, January 11	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Tuesday, January 12	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Wednesday, January 13	In-Person School	At-Home Learning
Thursday, January 14	At-Home Learning	In-Person School
Friday, January 15	Independent Learning	
Monday, January 18	Martin Luther King Day -- No School	
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