

RAM News

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So Much is Uncertain . . . But Some Things Are

My cherished Ridgecrest families, I want to acknowledge that this is an incredibly stressful time. We are individually and collectively worried about our health and safety, that of our children and family members, our jobs and financial challenges, the loss of connection with friends and others in our community, and of course, the schooling of our children.

We are all waiting to hear the next steps in our return to the hybrid teaching model beginning on Monday, March 8. Meanwhile, we wonder about what decisions to make regarding returning to school or remaining in the remote setting, concerns about our children's teachers and if they will be there or a new face will greet them. We worry about the social/emotional needs of our children. For us adults it is daunting to think about all of this; how scary it must be for a child with just as much on their minds and hearts!

But it is important to acknowledge what we **do** know and **can** depend on. We often hear the term "It takes a village" and this has never been truer than during this pandemic. In the Ridgecrest school community we often say "They are all our kids" and we mean it. Here is how I see that reflected from both the teacher and the family perspectives:

Teachers:

- Meet together, plan together for all students at their grade level, ensuring that everyone has access to the same learning opportunities and experiences
- Look at all of their grade level students' data and learning outcomes, then ask thoughtful questions about what they see and discuss how they can support their students in strengthening their academic skills
- Rotate (when in the building) students across other classrooms to provide interventions for specific skills or fun activities like art projects for students to enjoy with other peers at their grade level, while making new friends
- Treat every child at Ridgecrest as if they are theirs

Families:

- Have assisted staff with distribution of materials and pick up of their children's belongings
- Have welcomed other children into their homes for learning, supporting working parents who have limited options for childcare
- Continue to donate to our local community groups, truly making a difference to many in our schools and neighborhoods
- Understand and have shared with me just how hard our teachers and fellow staff members have been working to teach their children and serve their families, expressing the same gratitude I feel to be at Ridgecrest

So this is certain: the things noted above will continue to happen, whether in school or remote. We love our Ridgecrest students and their families and take pride in going above and beyond in service to all of you. Hang in there, and we will be right by your side as we enter and navigate the next phase of this bizarre school year!

Elizabeth Nunes, Principal

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Calendar of Events



FEBRUARY

- 1 - 5 Black Voices Week; Black Lives Matter at School Week
- 1-28 Parent Book Study: "How to Be an Antiracist"
- 3 Early Release Wednesday -- Dismissal at 1:45
- 8 Open Enrollment for Kindergarten (Class of 2034) Begins @ 8am
- 8 School Board Meeting -- 7pm
- 10 Early Release Wednesday -- Dismissal at 1:45
- 12-26 Read-a-Thon
- 15 **NO SCHOOL -- President's Day**
- 16-19 **NO SCHOOL -- Mid-Winter Break**
- 24 Early Release Wednesday -- Dismissal at 1:45
- 26 Kellogg Middle School counselors in 5th grade Zoom classes to explain middle school registration process

MARCH

- 1-5 Early Release for Spring Conferences -- Dismissal at 11:45
- 10 Middle School Registration Forms Due
- 31 Open Enrollment for Kindergarten (Class of 2034) Closes @ 3:30pm

Black Lives Matter At School Week

This week, we are celebrating the Black Lives Matter movement during the Black Lives Matter Week at School, with lessons, read-alouds and class discussions. Black Voices is also hosting several events this week (and through the end of the school year, too!). Please take a look and we hope you find something that interests you and your children, to extend the learning past our class time! All events are free, but you need to register to get the Zoom links.

About Black Voices Events

This series of events seeks to center Black voices, as well as celebrate and affirm our Black students and their families. We recognize that when the lights go off in our buildings, we still live, work, and socialize together throughout our community. We learn best when we learn alongside one another and recognize the wealth of knowledge those within our communities offer. As a community, we affirm our commitment to learn from, and look out for, our neighbors, including those whose voices have been underrepresented in our current systems.

Author Event: Dr. Jewell Parker Rhodes and Black Book Fair

Wednesday, February 3rd, 6pm

Dr. Jewell Parker Rhodes will be back to conclude our district read-along of her novels, *Ghost Boys* and *Ninth Ward*. Thank you to those of you who have joined us so far.

Dr. Rhodes will talk with students about these 2 texts, the power of telling our own stories, and discuss her work as a young adult author. She will help us wrap up our giveaway and kick off our Black Books Fair, in partnership with Third Place Books. A portion of the proceeds will go towards putting Black author titles in school libraries. [Sign up HERE!](#)

Come Learn About HBCUs

Friday, February 5th, 4-5:30pm

Interested in learning more about HBCUs, Historically Black Colleges & Universities? Join us as we hear from Shoreline Schools graduates and current HBCU attendees and other guests as we talk about the significance & history of HBCUs, their current significance (Vice President-elect Kamala Harris and the late Chadwick Boseman of Black Panther are both HBCU graduates of Howard University), and how to make a plan to attend one if you or your student might be interested. This event will run from 4:00-5:30 and will feature current Shoreline students. Sign up [here](#) --we hope to see you there!

Black Voices - Book Fair Information

Please click the link below to access information for the Black Voices - Book Fair happening in connection with Third Place Books.

[Third Place Books Link](#)

Don't Forget to Order Your Books From the RC Library!

Book Request Form and FAQ: <https://tinyurl.com/RCCheckout>



Ridgecrest Library

Curbside Checkout

Request books using the Google Form Wednesday-Sunday
Pick up on Tuesday before or after school.

Bring your books back next Tuesday





The Nurse's Corner

Let's Stop Covid-19!

Get tested if you have been exposed or feel sick

If you or a family member believe they have been exposed to Covid-19 or are experiencing any of the following: fever, chills, trouble breathing, cough, new loss of the sense of taste or smell, muscle aches, headache, congestion or runny nose, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea; please call your doctor and get tested for Covid-19.

People experience a variance of symptoms with Covid-19. Some experience many symptoms, while others experience none. Also Covid-19 is a tricky disease since we can spread the virus without feeling sick. Testing for the virus and following health guidance such as quarantine (after exposure or until test results are known) and isolation are important steps to prevent infecting others.

For more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

Free Local Covid-19 Testing Sites

Neighborcare Health

Location: Meridian

10521 MERIDIAN AVE N Seattle, 98133 [Directions](#)

(206) 296-4990 Call to make an appointment

Spanish, Amharic, Somali, Vietnamese, Tagalog available onsite; Phone interpretation available

Open: T, Th, 1PM - 4PM

Is insurance required? No – Testing is free

<https://neighborcare.org/coronavirus/>

Curative Walk-Up Kiosks

Location: Northgate Community Center

10510 5th AVE NE Seattle, 98125 [Directions](#)

Open: M-Sat, 8AM - 3PM

Is insurance required? No – Testing is free

Schedule appointment online

<https://curative.com/#9/47.5431/-122.3786>

City of Seattle

Location: Aurora (North Seattle)

12040 AURORA AVE N Seattle, 98133 [Directions](#)

(206) 684-2489

Open: M-Sat, 9:30AM - 5:30PM

Is insurance required? No – Testing is free

Schedule appointment online via the website. Interpretation available including ASL and tactile interpretation

<https://www.seattle.gov/mayor/covid-19/free-covid-19-testing>

See additional Covid-19 testing sites by visiting: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/testing.aspx>

Covid Vaccine Availability

Covid vaccine information changes quickly. Here is what we know: Currently Washington is in Phase 1b - tier 1 of vaccine distribution.

Visit findyourphasewa.org to check your COVID-19 vaccine eligibility. The Washington State Department of Health list of vaccine locations is available on their website. ICHS-Shoreline is listed as a resource for vaccination appointments in Shoreline. Additional vaccine information is available on the Department of Health website. Source:

<https://www.shorelinewa.gov/services/emergency-services/covid-19>

Take care, Ridgcrest Families! Contact us if you have questions.

Nurse Joan and Nurse Stacey 206-393-4276

joan.forbush@shorelineschools.org and stacey.chesnut@shorelineschools.org



RIDGECREST LIFE SKILLS

The Life Skill for February is:

Perseverance

per·se·ver·ance

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Noun

1. persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.



Continued effort to
do or achieve
something despite
difficulties, failure, or
opposition.

Never say:

“I can’t”

Always say:

“I’ll try”



From the Desk of the Registrar and Attendance Secretary

Report Cards

You can expect first semester report cards to be mailed home over Mid-Winter Break (week of Feb 15th). Please see the linked report card information below for more description on our first semester report cards. There are two versions in Spanish and two versions in English -- each one has the same information but the information is presented in different ways. We appreciate all the support you give your children to join our Zoom sessions and do their best work on their assignments. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions about their work.

Spanish Versions:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZLQ18fqfeZNbfNtdALDXQQGEAghp-j/view?usp=sharing>

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P-OapCCSbwrB1_-8yVU56TK8cTWuaXKR/view?usp=sharing

English Versions:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tlz2SGzALAjN2We-yQpJ-qKAXIry8-PU/view?usp=sharing>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZbP6VIX19kudOYsABi8-DNcj2QfCX5zh/view?usp=sharing>

Amharic Version:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12leENpD7Fk0SuiEiN1V2gZKBiVHNU6wd/view?usp=sharing>

Open Enrollment for the Kindergarten Class of 2034

February 8 through March 31 is the Open Enrollment period for the kindergarten class that will begin in September 2021. If you are a current family, here is the link for registering your upcoming kindergarten student: <https://www2.nwrhc.wa-k12.net/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=wshorels71/sfemnu01.w>

If you know of any new families that need to enroll their child(ren), please share this link with them:

<https://www2.nwrhc.wa-k12.net/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=wshorels71/skyenroll>

Please keep in mind that the enrollment window will not be available until 8:00am on Monday, February 8th. The window will close at 3:30pm on Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

We will also have paper enrollment packets available for pickup in the Ridgecrest Elementary School office. Please make an appointment to pick up a packet by calling 206-393-1493 or by email:

janina.pacunski@shorelineschools.org

Attendance

If your child has been absent from school or has an upcoming planned absence, please contact the Ridgecrest Elementary School office at: rc.attendance@shorelineschools.org or call and leave a message at 206-393-1493. Your child's attendance is important to their success at school. Your phone calls and emails help us to ensure your child's attendance is accurate and that they do not accrue unexcused absences.

Tech Help and Device Care

Keeping your child's district iPad or district Chrombook in good shape is very important. Please remind your child that there should be no beverages or food near their device and that they are responsible for neglectful damage. We recently had a computer returned that had glue on the cover and keyboard. Thank you in advance for your support.

- Damage or loss should be reported immediately
- Below are fees associated with such:
 - Accidental damage fee- \$50 per incident
 - Neglect damage fee- \$100 per incident (eating or drinking damage)
 - Loss due to reported theft fee- \$100 per incident (police report required)
 - Neglect loss fee- \$200 per incident

Remember the school district has a Home Tech Help Page where you can find Zoom and Chrome book troubleshooting tips. You can also find a home tech support request form. We encourage you to submit any tech support needs there. Our amazing IT technicians are closely monitoring tech tickets and will respond quickly.

Home Tech Support Request Form: <https://www.shorelineschools.org/hometechhelp>

Food Service Updates

Meal Box Orders

- Thank you for supporting the food and nutrition department by ordering [weekly meal boxes](#). Please remember to place pre-orders so we can ensure to have enough food prepared each week.
- Meals for students will remain free for the remainder of the school year. If you think you qualify for free or reduced meals, please complete and submit an [application](#) as there are other benefits that might be available to you.
- Our District will have meal distribution during Mid-Winter Break on Wednesday, February 17th! The special menu for the non-school week will include a whole cheese pizza, a six-pack of whole grain bagels, fresh fruit and veggies, and milk. The order process will be just like ordering a regular meal box. Be sure to place your order between February 8th and February 10th. To accommodate reduced staffing, the Edwin Pratt Early Learning Center will not be a pick-up site for this special week.



Pandemic EBT (P-EBT): Emergency Food Funds for Qualified Students

Last year, the federal government launched the Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) program to help families buy food when schools were closed to in-person classes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds were issued to families whose K-12 students had qualified for school meal benefits for the 2019-2020 school year.

In fall 2020, the federal government passed continuing resolution H.R. 8337 that extends and expands Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) for the 2021 federal fiscal year.

We are awaiting final details about when and how the one-time benefits will be issued to qualifying families. **In order to qualify for P-EBT benefits, your student must be approved for free or reduced meals for the current school year, even though school meals are currently free for all students.** If your student has not already been approved for free or reduced-price meals for **this school year** and your family may qualify for benefits, **please submit a benefit application now.** Electronic applications can be found by logging into your [FAMILY ACCESS](#) account, on the Food

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Service tab. An application in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) , along with income guidelines, are attached to this email. Printable applications in multiple languages can be printed from our webpage, [HERE](#). Applications can be returned by [email](#), fax, or US Mail (contact information below).

It is also critical that your mailing address on file with the Shoreline School District is up-to-date.

Please contact us with any questions.

Thank you, Shoreline Food Services

Contact Information: email- nutrition.services@shorelineschools.org, fax-206.393.4104, phone-206.393.4209, mailing address- Shoreline Food Services, 18560 1st Ave NE, Shoreline, WA, 98155

It's more than a meal application.

We strongly encourage all parents/guardians to submit a Meal Application. Completing an application takes less than 10 minutes, and parents only need to complete one Meal Application.

Meal Applications may be downloaded from our website. Additionally, families may complete meal applications online. Once you submit an application, you will receive a notice in the mail as to whether your child/children can receive free or reduced-price meals.

EVERY ELIGIBLE FORM COUNTS!

Every eligible form that is not submitted means lost resources for our schools.

Filling out the School Meal Application may help provide:



This organization is an equal opportunity provider.

From the Family Advocate



Dear Ram families: this is Evangeline Vederoff your Family Advocate. I would like to let you know that I will be taking a few weeks off for medical reasons. I will be gone February 3 and will return remotely February 22 until I am cleared by my doctor to return in person. If you need anything during my absence, please contact our wonderful dean, Mr. C: nathan.christian@shorelineschools.org or counselors, Mr. Dom: dominic.sickich@shorelineschools.org or Ms. Yilmaz: esra.yilmaz@shorelineschools.org. Mr. Dom and Ms. Yilmaz are job sharing the counselor position. Mr. Dom is available on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Ms. Yilmaz is available on Tuesday and Friday.

The WORKS Clothing Room

The WORKS clothing room provides high quality, clean, gently used children's and teen clothing to Shoreline School District families experiencing economic hardship. The WORKS is open on Wednesdays from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. Due to social distancing requirements, families must make a reservation to shop in advance at tinyurl.com/works2020

TO SHOP AT THE WORKS:

- Families must have a Shoreline School District address or have a child who attends a Shoreline School District school.
- Each qualifying family may sign up in advance for only one (1) 30 minute time slot. No walk-ins allowed.
- Please leave children at home. Up to two adults from the same household may enter The WORKS. Masks and gloves are required and will be provided, if needed. For urgent needs, please email theworks@shorelinepta.org or leave a message at 206-393-4916

Free Internet Access for Qualifying Families

Washington's K-12 Internet Access Program is now offering FREE internet service to families who qualify. Families that show they are low-income and eligible for free or reduced-price meals and did not have internet connectivity in their home prior to August 2020 qualify for this free service. You can learn more about this program and how to sign up by contacting our Family Advocate, Evangelina Vederoff (Mrs V) If you have questions, please email evangelina.vederoff@shorelineschools.org or call 206-393-1495.



Plaza Comunitaria-Tutorías para adultos/Tutoring for Adults

https://bit.ly/KCLS_Plaza

Mondays, 10am-1pm

Wednesdays, 5:30pm-8:30pm

Saturdays, 10am-1pm

Description: Mientras las bibliotecas están cerradas, llámenos para ver si podemos ayudarlo a comenzar sus estudios en línea.

Comunicate con Teresa, 425.369.3443, tlcid@kcls.org.

Clases gratuitas en español para adultos. Consigue tu certificado de primaria y secundaria de la SEP (Secretaría de Educación Pública de México). Programa individual para personas de cualquier nacionalidad.

Free drop-in tutoring for Spanish-speaking adults seeking to obtain their elementary and/or middle school official diploma from the SEP (Mexican Secretary of Public Education). This is an individualized program for people of all nationalities.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Class

<https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/events/search/q=ESL>

Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm

Description: For adults. Learn English grammar, reading, writing and conversation skills with an experienced instructor.

Classes are free via Zoom.

Assessment and registration required. Please call Cascadia Community College at 425.352.8158.

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) in English

Saturdays Feb. 27-May 22 (see flyer more details)

Sessions on Zoom. [Register online](#)

PLTI offers free trainings twice a week for 11-weeks to learn about systems and develop civic, leadership and public speaking skills.

CLTI is open to families and community members and children (ages 5-12) whose parents attend the PLTI. Contact [WA Family Engagement](#), Info@wafamilyengagement.org with questions.

El Instituto de Liderazgo de Padres Y El Instituto de Liderazgo de Niños

Saturdays Feb. 20-May 15 (see flyer more details)

Sessions on Zoom. [Register for Spanish](#) sessions online

EL Instituto de Liderazgo de Padres es un curso universitario en línea gratuito de 11 semanas, que enseña a los padres, miembros de la comunidad y profesionales que trabajan con las familias a comprender sistemas y desarrollar habilidades liderazgo cívico y comunitario y para hablar en público. EL Instituto de Liderazgo de Niños es un curso gratis basado en la alfabetización para los hijos (de 5 a 12 años) de los padres que asisten al PLTI. Preguntas? Envíenos un correo electrónico a: info@wafamilyengagement.org

RESOURCES & COVID INFO

[United Shoreline Organized Against Racism](#) is a community group with the mission to dismantle systemic racism in the community by raising awareness of and promoting anti-racist ideas. Weekly virtual meetings and regular opportunities for learning and action. Go to [webpage](#) to learn more.

Free Take-away Meals available from [Hunger Intervention Program](#) Mon/Wed/Fri 11:30am-12:30pm at Spartan Rec Center (202 NE 185th St.). Contact Hunger Intervention Prog for more info. 206-538-6567. (See attached flyer.)

[WASAT](#) is a non-profit online community space for American Muslims and those interested in learning about Muslim traditions in context of today (see attached program schedule). HeartCentric Community check-in is facilitated by expert psychologists with meditation practices rooted in Islamic traditions. All are welcome! Contact Kanwal Yousuf at kanwal_yousuf@outlook.com with questions.

City of Shoreline Neighborhood News – If you would like to receive a monthly e-newsletter (see attached) from the City of Shoreline, go to the [Neighborhoods webpage](#) and sign up for eNotifications.

[Hopelink ESL English for Work Classes](#) – Register now for winter quarter 2021. Orientation is January 12. Classes January 20 through March 30. Morning and evening options available. Clients who enroll and who do not have a computer may be able to borrow a Hopelink Chromebook to participate in the class. To register contact 425-250-3007 or englishforwork@hopelink.org for more info on these classes.

New Youth Resource Navigator program serves youth (ages 12-24) and their families who are experiencing homelessness or housing instability in Shoreline and Lake Forest Park (see flyer). Support includes referrals for housing, mental health, chemical dependency support, education & employment, legal support, etc. Contact Sarah Young for more info. sarah.young@youthcare.org or 206-484-9365.

[COVID TESTING](#) - Early testing is important to help prevent COVID-19 from spreading to friends, family, and the community. If you have a [sign/symptom of COVID-19](#) or were exposed to someone with COVID-19, please get tested. King County [testing sites](#) are available to anyone who cannot access a COVID-19 test through their regular healthcare provider, regardless of immigration status.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

[Social Justice Fund](#) is hiring a [Program Director](#) to develop and supervise grantmaking and fundraising programs. Learn more and [apply online](#). Review begins Jan. 15. Contact thr@socialjusticefund.org with questions.

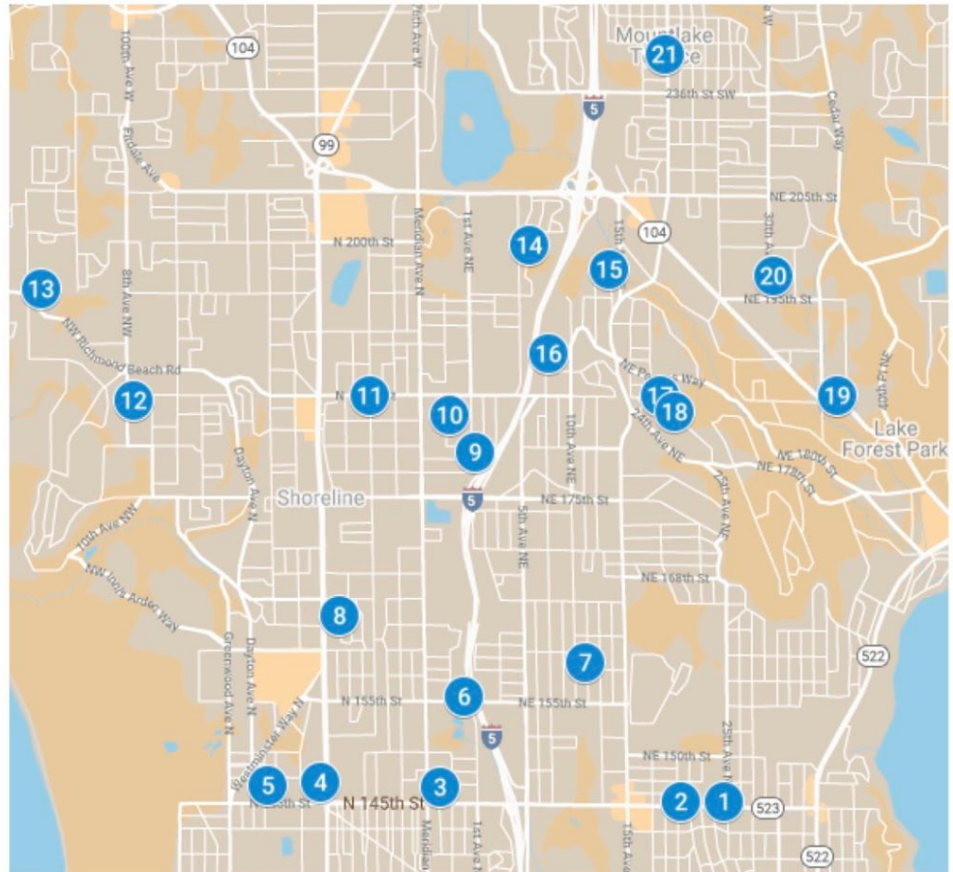
City of Shoreline is hiring a [Remote Learning Camp Instructor](#). Visit the [City of Shoreline's Jobs page](#) for more info.

Little Free Pantries Shoreline, Lake Forest Park area

A neighborhood food-share program. Take what you need, share what you can.

1. Briarcrest: 14511 25th Ave. NE, in front of Shoreline United Methodist Church
2. Briarcrest: Prince of Peach Lutheran Church, 14514 20th Ave NE
3. Parkwood: Rainbow Little Free Pantry, 2133 N 147th St.
4. Stay SAFe Pet Pantry: 14717 Aurora Ave. N in front of Seattle Area Feline Rescue (supplies for pets)
5. The Triangle Little Free Shed: 14544 Evanston Ave. N.
6. Parkwood: St. Barnabas Anglican Church, 2340 N. 155th St.
7. Ridgecrest: 15815 11th Ave NE
8. Meridian Park: 16173 Midvale Ave N.
9. Meridian Park: 17916 1st Ave. NE
10. Meridian Park: 18312 Corliss Ave N.
11. Echo Lake: Shoreline Covenant Church, N 185th and Ashworth Ave N
12. Richmond Beach, First Lutheran Church: 18354 8th Ave NW
13. Richmond Beach: 1422 NW 195th St.
14. Echo Lake/Northridge: 20008 6th Ave NE (park on 200th side)
15. Ballinger: 1230 NE 198th St.
16. North City Little Free Pantry: 18910 8th Ave. NE - food, clothes, & household items
17. North City: 1674 NE 185th
18. Lake Forest Park: 25th Ave NE and NE 184th St
19. Lake Forest Park: 18492 Ballinger Way NE
20. Lake Forest Park: 19706 30th Ave NE
21. Mountlake Terrace: 23222 56th Ave W., between Calvary Fellowship Church & Espresso Break

If you have updates to this list, please email
Susie.moore@shorelineschools.org.



What is peachjar ?

Peachjar is where informational flyers are collected on the district website. Go to:
<https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/all/districts/3134/> to access the flyers.



Ridgecrest Elementary
Parent Teacher Association



Ridgecrest Read-a-thon

Always Reading Together

This is our annual fundraiser to emphasize, and inspire reading for all of our Ridgecrest students! We are raising money to help fund teachers, and classrooms for remote learning. As well as, increasing funding to the library, and other PTA initiatives to benefit Ridgecrest! We know that this school year has been a challenge for all of us, however this is our opportunity to pull together as a community and ensure that these crucial programs are funded.

How it Works:

- Students can start collecting pledges now! Pledges may be made by anyone, but relatives, friends and neighbors are likely to be the most supportive. ***Please do not go door to door collecting from strangers!***
- Submit your pledge sheet to rcptafundraising@gmail.com or to the shared PTA drive [here](#) by February 12th.
- Students read as much as they can between February 12th and February 26th. Students who meet, or exceed the grade-level goal will be entered into a drawing and win prizes.
- Pledge forms will be returned to students by March 5th to collect the pledge money.

Money and pledge sheets MUST be submitted via email, or to the shared drive by Friday March 26th at the latest to qualify for prizes.

Submit your pledge sheet to the shared PTA drive located [here](#). Checks should be made payable to the Ridgecrest PTA, and mailed to the school. Payments can also be made on the Ridgecrest PTA website [here](#).

Timeline of Events:

- **Now!** User pledge sheets to begin collecting pledges.
- **Friday, February 12th** – Return Pledge sheets to shared PTA drive [here](#) or email them to rcptafundraising@gmail.com, and use reading logs on Seesaw.
- **February 12th to February 26th** – Read as much as possible and remember to log those minutes!
- **Friday, February 26th** – Turn in reading logs to Seesaw, or take a picture of your minutes read!
- **Tuesday, March 9th** – Minutes will be counted and pledge sheets will be sent back to collect funds.
- **Friday, March 26th** – Money due to Ridgecrest
- **April** – Prizes announced!

Prizes include: One Art Supply Prize basket per grade and the classes with the highest numbers will get special recognition and a classroom gift. All students who meet their grade-level goal will be acknowledged. Due to COVID precautions, we are not able to award physical medals this year.

Email Questions to: RCPTAFundraising@gmail.com



From: **Ridgecrest PTA**

Washington State
PTSA
empowering parents

WHAT'S HAPPENING: Read-Along for Parents
FROM: Family and Community Engagement Chair,
Kayla Welch

You're invited!!!

Who: All Ridgecrest Parents/Guardians/Families.

What: Book Club/Read-along

Book: How to be an Anti Racist, by Ibram Kendi

When: February 2021

Where: From the comfort of your own home! Read at your own pace! For those who are interested in joining in on a group discussion, we will host 1-2 zoom meetings.

Why: As a PTA, we are engaging in Anti-Racism work. There are many resources and books out there, but we chose "How to be an Anti Racist" because it is the same book the RC staff is reading this year. We're hoping to create an opportunity that will point us toward new ways to think about ourselves and each other. How to Be an Antiracist is a combination academic treatise and memoir in which the author, Ibram X. Kendi, considers the different forms of racism in society and how we can best eliminate them, while also sharing his personal experiences with racism.

This book is available for purchase from any local or online bookstore, and is also available through the King Country Library system. If you would like assistance in purchasing this book, you may request the PTA to purchase a copy for you in the RSVP form. Those who request a book from the PTA will be contacted about how to pick-up their copies.

Let us know if you're in! Please RSVP to commit to reading along with other parents and to receive invites for our Zoom discussions. [RSVP HERE \(https://tinyurl.com/yysojvzb\)](https://tinyurl.com/yysojvzb)