

RAM News

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Assessment for Learning

In just two months our teachers will be preparing your child's report card so you can be informed on their progress toward priority standards in accordance with OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction). Throughout the semester, teachers gather information as they teach, observe, and work with students. This is called formative assessment, or assessment *for* learning. Teachers review student work, analyze it, and get a more accurate picture of what students know and can do, which informs and guides the next phase of their instruction.

There are many variables present in this unique remote learning environment, but what hasn't changed is the need to see and gather data on students' skill levels so we can meet the individual needs of each student. Some students attend their Zoom classroom meetings each day but do not participate nor do any work, which makes it challenging to accurately report to you on their specific progress toward these priority standards.

I want to thank each and every one of you for the support and assistance you are providing for your child during this time. We see you in Zoom classroom meetings, many of you have reached out with questions or feedback, and several have acknowledged the extensive time and work our teachers are investing into your child's education. You are our partners in this endeavor and we value that greatly.

Now we need your assistance with getting your child's work shown and submitted so our teachers have the information needed to prepare report cards at the end of this semester (Thursday, January 28). Whether you are able to sit with your child during the school day, send them to an alternate learning setting, or work with them after you get home from work, please encourage them to perform the learning tasks assigned by their teachers. We can't help your child learn if we do not have evidence of their school work.

We are here to support you in this work. If you have questions about assignments in Seesaw, our main communication tool, do reach out to your child's teacher. If you are concerned about the lack of motivation or absence of school work demonstrated or turned in by your child, contact your child's teacher and/or another member of our Ridgecrest team: our dean, Mr. C., our current counselor, Ms. Yilmaz, our family advocate, Ms. V., or me. We can help now before the semester draws to a close, and we do not want you caught off guard when you see the grades that reflect the evidence of learning gathered from your child.

Thank you again for doing all that you are to support your child and our Ridgecrest school community. Our collective efforts will pay off as we serve our students in the best ways possible. I wish each and every one of you a safe, lovely holiday season with your loved ones.

Elizabeth Nunes, Principal
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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

Now - Dec 11 Holiday Baskets Food and Teen Gift Drive
11 Highly Capable Registration Deadline
9 Early Release Wednesday -- Dismissal at 1:45
16 Early Release Wednesday -- Dismissal at 1:45
21 NO SCHOOL -- **Winter Break through Jan 1**

JANUARY

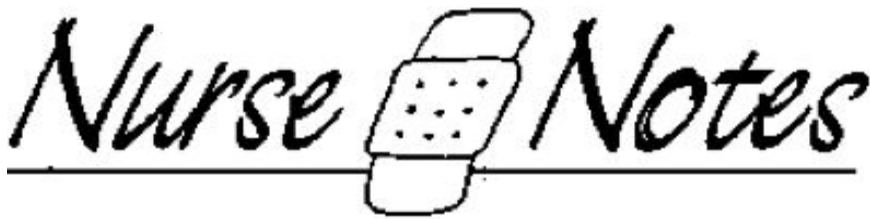
4 School Resumes
6 Early Release Wednesday -- Dismissal at 1:45
13 Early Release Wednesday -- Dismissal at 1:45
18 NO SCHOOL -- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
20 NO EARLY RELEASE TODAY!!!
27 NO EARLY RELEASE TODAY!!!
28 End of First Semester
29 NO SCHOOL -- **Staff Work Day**



Family Conversations About Race

As we move toward our goal of having more conversations about race, we have some resources to share from **Black Voices: Family Room Conversations About Race**. Please click on the link to find resources to access video, book recommendations, and articles to assist in these important conversations: [Resource Packet](#)





Happy Holidays Ridgecrest Families! We miss you!

We wish you joy and health this holiday season.

Please celebrate safely by limiting your family's exposure to the virus. Covid-19 cases have risen dramatically in our area. Testing is averaging an 8.6% positivity rate in King County the last 14 days. So please be careful, wear masks, reduce time spent on non-essential activities, avoid indoor spaces with others not in your household, stay 6 feet apart while in public, wash hands, and limit social gatherings to people who live with you. Check out current guidance by clicking the following link:

<https://kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/constantine/covid-response/current-guidance.aspx>

Covid-19 Testing

If you or your child are feeling ill, please call your doctor. If testing is needed, register for an appointment to help avoid wait times. Asking about insurance accepted may be helpful. Some sites provide free testing. Check out the King County Covid-19 website for more Information and testing Sites: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/testing.aspx>

Covid-Testing Sites in North Seattle:

- **City of Seattle at Aurora (North Seattle)**

Make reservations online

[12040 Aurora Ave N., Seattle, WA 98133](#)

Phone: (206) 684-2489

Available: Mon-Sat, 9:00am-5:30pm

Languages: Interpretation available including ASL and tactile interpretation

- **Neighborcare Health at Meridian (North Seattle)**

[10521 Meridian Ave N., Seattle, WA 98133](#)

Available: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Call for appointment: (206) 296-4990

Languages: Amharic, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese; interpretation available

Also available at this location:

DRIVE-THROUGH IMMUNIZATION CLINIC- Call 206-296-4990 to schedule

December 8 & 9, 8:30am-4:30pm

ALL immunizations available for children

Flu shots available for adults

Nurse Joan and Nurse Stacey

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

206-393-4276





RIDGECREST LIFE SKILLS

The Life Skill for December is:

Generosity

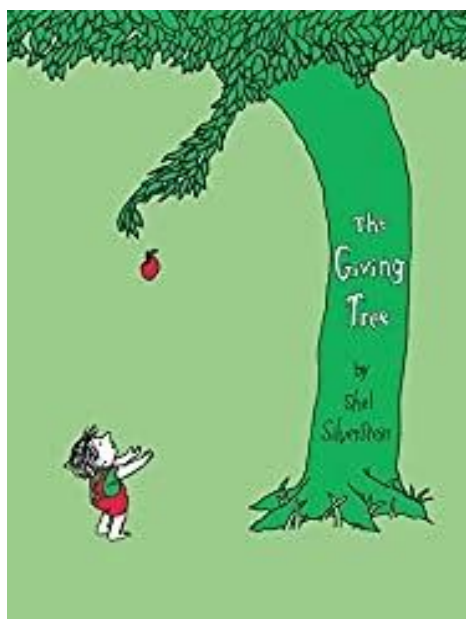
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noun

1. the quality of being kind and generous.

Never look down on someone
unless you are helping them up



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>

Meal Box Orders



Don't forget to pre-order your meal box. **The order form opens on Monday and closes at midnight on Wednesday. Meal box pre-orders are for pick-up the following Wednesday.** Pre-orders ensure enough food is prepared each week.

To place an electronic order, click [HERE](#).

For more information about the meal box service, please review the information on [this page](#).

For assistance in filling out the order form or if you do not have internet access, call the **Meal Order Hotline at 206.393.4103. Calls will be responded to on Wednesdays between 7:30am-3:30pm.**

If you are experiencing barriers that prevent you from utilizing the meal box pick-up program, please call us at 206.393.4103 or contact the [Family Advocate](#) at your student's school for assistance.

PICK-UP NOTE: to help our staff maintain social distancing and minimize risk, we are asking that you please do the following when picking-up your order:

- Write your order on a piece of paper (or on this [printable sheet](#)) and hold it up.
- Allow staff to load meal boxes into your trunk or back seats whenever possible.

Food and Nutrition Services
Shoreline School District
206.393.4209 or nutrition.services@shorelineschools.org

Highly Capable Screening for 2020-2021

This school year, screening for entry into Highly Capable will look a bit different. See information on each grade-level below:

- All Kindergarten students will be screened this school year. More information about this soon.
- All first grade students will be screened using currently available assessment data. Students who meet the screening threshold will be invited for further assessment. Families of students in first grade that qualify for further assessment will be notified of this in early November.
- Students in grades 2-5 will be screened using current assessment data if their family registers using the form in the link you see below. The registration deadline is December 11 at 4:00 p.m. Students in these grades will only be screened if their family registers:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfL1BHY_P8druzVBDOOrMcxyBXV-6ux_wTiWp-YL9N9TnH2u4g/viewform
- Students who pass the screening step will be provided the opportunity to have further assessment to qualify for Highly Capable services. This second testing will be done remotely during the school day in January.
- There is no appeal process for the screening or second round testing.

From the Family Advocate



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

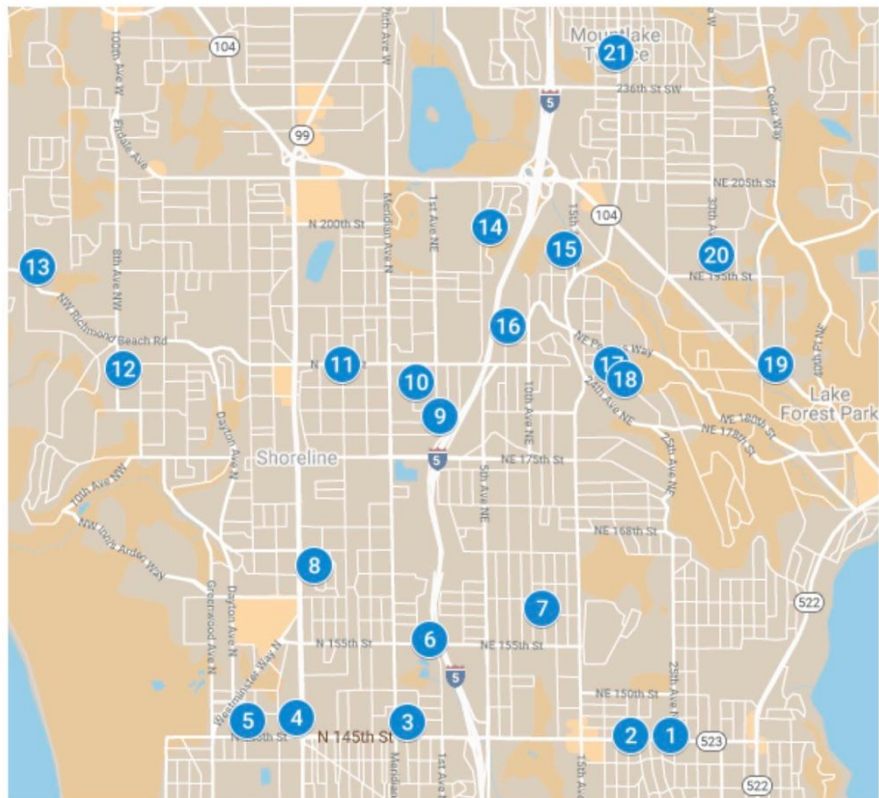
Washington's K-12 Internet Access Program is now offering FREE internet service to families who qualify. Families that show they are low-income and eligible for free or reduced-price meals and did not have internet connectivity in their home prior to August 2020 qualify for this free service. You can 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 or call: evangelina.vederoff@shorelineschools.org 206-393-1495.

1. Briarcrest: 14511 25th Ave. NE, in front of Shoreline United Methodist Church
2. Briarcrest: Prince of Peace 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.

Little Free Pantries Shoreline, Lake Forest Park area

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





[North Seattle College Open House for Adult Basic Education and I-BEST Job Training](#)

Tue. Dec. 8 at 1pm-2pm or Wed. Dec. 9 at 6:30pm-7:30pm

[Register online](#) to receive Zoom link

Learn about North Seattle College's programs in Winter Quarter 2021 (January 4 - March 17). Earn a high school diploma or GED, improve college skills, or start career training in Health Care, Business, IT and more. Contact Shan Lackey at 206-934-4537 or shan.lackey@seattlecolleges.edu for more info.

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.

Welcoming Center: Immigration Legal Clinic

<https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/events/5e0d62604916b039006a38ad>

Wednesday, December 2, 5:30-8pm

Description: The Welcoming Center at Kent Library is a place for immigrants, refugees and new arrivals - connecting you to the people and resources in the area you live.

The Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP) provides free 1-hour virtual/phone consultations with an immigration attorney to King County residents who qualify for assistance. Attorneys cannot represent clients but can refer to other assistance.

Assistance is via phone or online; available by appointment only. Please call ELAP's main line, 425.747.7274, to determine if you qualify for assistance and to schedule an appointment at the Kent Library. ELAP has over-the-phone translation services available.



CURBSIDE CHECKOUT @ RIDGECREST

- 1) Look at the online library catalog and choose books or go straight to Step 2.**
- 2) Fill out the Book Request Form by 6:00PM on Sunday.**
- 3) Pick up books on Tuesday 8:00-8:30AM or 3:45-4:45PM at Ridgecrest.**



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

Students can check out up to 3 books each week.
Books will be checked out for 2 weeks.

CURBSIDE CHECKOUT @ RIDGECREST INFORMATION

Video introduction: [Curbside Checkout](#)

[Book Request Form](#)

VIDEO: [How to request books using the form](#)

LINK TO LIBRARY CATALOG: [Online Catalog](#)

VIDEO: [How to search the library catalog](#)

Students can check out up to 3 books a week, and can have a total of 6 books checked out. Students and families request books using the Book Request Form between Wednesday and Sunday at 6:00PM.

If requested titles are available, Ms. Freeman and Liz will check them out to the student and they will be ready for pick up by Tuesday. If requested books are not available, Ms. Freeman and Liz will select similar books based on information provided. This is a good way to find a new favorite book.

Librarians will be wearing masks and gloves during the entire process: check in, check out and pick up. We ask that families also wear masks when picking up books. Please maintain a distance of 6 feet at all times, and DO NOT COME if you are symptomatic. Call or email to discuss alternate options.

Participation in the curbside checkout program is completely voluntary.

Pick up books

Tuesdays - 8:00-8:30am or 3:45-4:45pm
in the circle in front of Ridgecrest

Drop off books

7:45am-4:00pm weekdays in a bin outside the
school office