

Ram News

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Happy official Fall, everyone! A hearty thank you to so many of you for joining us for Curriculum Night on September 24. You have another great opportunity to get involved in your child's education by coming to Parent/Guardian Conferences the first week of November. Last week you should have received the "Conference Request Form" via your child, due to your child's teacher yesterday, Monday, October 7. Teachers will be sending home the Conference Confirmation Letter next Monday, October 14. Please be looking for this letter and save the date so you can meet with your child's teacher to discuss the progress being made and any other points for discussion.

Another annual occurrence in the fall is Halloween. Over the past couple of years, several stakeholders have questioned the traditional practices at school around this holiday. We never want to make students/families feel uncomfortable or excluded. I sent a survey out to the Ridgecrest staff to collect their feedback on Halloween.

Ridgecrest strives to build a community that values the diversity and culture of our students, families, and staff. With that in mind, the essential question we keep at the center of our collective work is: **How will we put in place structures, routines, and rituals for creating intellectually and socially safe classrooms and school communities where all students are engaged in challenging and meaningful work?**

We want to include everyone in all of our school activities and want to be intentional in making sure all children and families can participate without conflicting with their families' values or beliefs. To ensure that, Ridgecrest has chosen to offer alternative celebrations not associated with Halloween.

Given the feedback we received from staff, here is what we will do at Ridgecrest this year:

- There will be no Halloween parade nor any parties in school on Halloween. Many of our students cannot participate due to cultural or religious reasons and this creates an exclusive school environment
- While we will not encourage students to wear costumes to school on Halloween, no one will be asked to remove them or change clothes—unless the classroom teacher feels they are distracting or disruptive to the learning environment
- No masks or hoods are allowed
- As always, no violent, graphic, or inappropriate attire is to be worn at school
- We will continue to be sensitive to racial and cultural perspectives in all lesson planning and teaching

We fully encourage you to enjoy and celebrate whatever holidays you wish with your family, and hope you understand that our schools need to be inclusive for all. We are working hard to show our kids, inclusivity, tolerance, and acceptance.

Here are some of the ways that classrooms/schools can celebrate together:

Classroom Events: At the end of every Unit of Study there could be a celebration that is related to the to the children's learning. Teachers and children may plan a Silly Dress Up Day at the end of the Clothing Study, or a Family Feast Day at the end of the

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Bread Study as two examples - but each classroom can choose something unique and fun for them!

School-Wide Events: There will also be school events regularly over the year. Examples include assemblies, popcorn days etc. as we celebrate as a school, community.

PTA Planned Events - There will also be PTA planned events and activities. PTA events are planned and scheduled outside the school day. They are optional and may include a wide variety of celebrations.

We value celebrations that bring us together as a whole community. That type of celebration and party can continue, ones not based on a religious or commercial holiday and that include all students. We understand that this may cause disappointment about a tradition that has long existed in our schools. We do, however, believe that this offers an opportunity to explore different ways to build a more inclusive community.

Elizabeth Nunes, Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 9 Early Release @ 1:20
- 11 ELL and Title I?LAP Family Breakfast 8-8:40, RC Library
- 11 Story Time in the RC Library for our Littlest Rams 8:40-8:55am
Reader: Curtis Campbell - Shoreline District Public Information officer
- 15 Reflections Art Submissions Due
- 16 Early Release @ 1:20
- 18 Story Time in the RC Library for our Littlest Rams 8:40-8:55am
Reader: Molly Boone (3rd grade teacher at RC)
- 18 Popcorn Friday
- 18 All unclaimed Lost & Found sent to The WORKS
- 23 Early Release @ 1:20
- 24 Camp Seymour Presentation for 5th Grade Parents 7pm, Room 308
- 25 Story Time in the RC Library for our Littlest Rams 8:40-8:55am
Reader: Monica Bender (1st grade teacher at RC)
- 25 Walk-a-Thon 1-2:30pm
- 25 Harvest Carnival 6-8pm
- 28 PTA Meeting 6-8pm, RC Library
- 30 Early Release @ 1:20



**MISSION**

Provide a collaborative learning community which engages all students in learning the academic and work-life skills needed to achieve their individual potential and become responsible citizens.

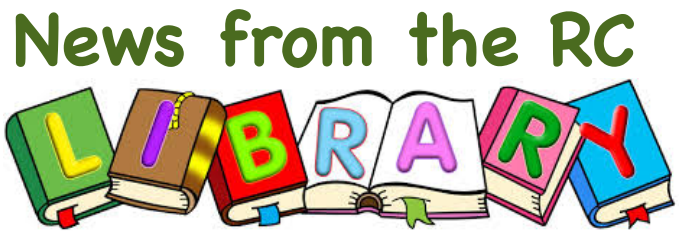
**Title I School-Parent Compact
2019-20 School Year
Ridgecrest Elementary School**

Your child attends a Title I school where we are all committed to providing your child with a world-class education. We see families and schools as partners, and this compact outlines the roles we each play in helping your child succeed in school. We welcome your contribution to this plan to support your child's learning. ☺ Please contact Vanessa Mark with questions: vanessa.mark@shorelineschools.org

District	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Support a culture of ongoing learning and growth.</i> • <i>Embrace equity and diversity.</i> • <i>Know our students and meet their social, emotional and academic needs.</i> • <i>Foster students' ability to develop academic, life, and career skills.</i> • <i>Teach in ways that are relevant, engaging, innovative, student-driven, and rigorous.</i> 	
<p align="center">School/Teacher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ School and classroom environments support high quality learning for all students. ✓ Provide systems that meet the instructional needs of all students. ✓ Facilitate two-way communication between teacher and family (parent conferences, emails, etc.). 	<p align="center">Activities to Build Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ School shares information on what resources are available for families ✓ _____ ✓ _____
<p align="center">Family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Involved in my child's learning. ✓ Support my child's learning at home. ✓ Communicate with school about how things are going ✓ Reach out to meet with teachers as needed (even if it isn't conference time) ✓ _____ ✓ _____ 	<p align="center">Student</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Actively engage in my learning. ✓ Ask questions when I need help. ✓ Bring materials home and back ✓ _____ ✓ _____



October 8, 2019



Thank you Health Day Volunteers:

Alison McCallister; Jamie Malek; Lindsay Duzan; Rachelle Mitchell; and Victoria Pentz! These volunteers assessed students hearing and assisted with vision screenings all day Friday. Thank you for helping us accomplish this state mandated testing!

Camp Seymour 5th Grade Parents



If you are sending medication to camp for your student, please remember to bring the nurses your **Permission to Administer Medication Form and medication by October 30th. Any medication, over-the-counter or prescription, at school or camp needs this form.** The physician will provide

dosing information and signature and a parent needs to sign providing permission for the nurse to administer.

Please call the nurses if you have questions.

Flu Shot Clinics:

Get vaccinated to prevent your family and yourself from getting sick!



Flu Shot Clinic Locations:

- ✧ Shorewood High School, 17300 Fremont Ave. N – Thursday, Oct. 10 from 3-6 pm
- ✧ Shorecrest High School, 15343 25th Ave. NE – Thursday, Oct. 17 from 3-6 pm

The Clinics are open to all Shoreline Public Schools faculty, staff, students and their families (children four years of age and older). Please note that students under the age of 18 will need a [Patient Consent Form](#) signed by a parent or guardian. Please complete one for each person and bring with you to the event. Forms will also be available at the clinic.

All participants will be asked to provide their health insurance information (card) to receive an immunization. SVNA (Seattle Visiting Nurse Association) will electronically bill your insurance plan for your flu shot. They bill almost all insurance plans, but are not able to accept Cigna.

Students 18 years and under without current health insurance coverage will be offered a flu shot at no cost. Adults without current insurance coverage may pay the \$40.00 immunization fee with cash or check.

Library Frequently Asked Questions

My child has misplaced a library book. Can they still check out?

Students can still check out if they have overdues. Students may have up to five books out. If they have less than five, they can still check out up to the limit, even with overdue books. Books are checked out for two weeks and can be renewed.

We want students to love books and the library, and we want students to check out books. We want to help students take responsibility for their library books, but we don't want overdue or temporarily lost books to be stressful for students. We all misplace things sometimes. We encourage students to keep looking for missing books at school and at home, and usually they turn up!

Should we pay a fine for a lost book or buy a replacement?

Most books are eventually found, so please wait to pay unless you know a book needs replacing. If the book is permanently lost or destroyed (dog ate it, water bottle leaked, sibling colored in it, etc.), we hope the book will be replaced (new or gently used is fine) or a replacement fee will be paid so other students can enjoy the book. We accept cash or check or the same or similar title as a replacement.

If you would like to discuss a lost or damaged book with me, please email the library.

Joanna and Liz

joanna.freeman@shorelineschools.org



You are invited to a breakfast meeting to learn more about Ridgecrest's ELL (English Language Learners) and Title1/LAP (reading support) Programs.

When: Friday, October 11th, 8:00-8:45 am

What: Information about the ELL and LAP programs at Ridgecrest as well as ways to support your child's learning and development at home.

Who: Families of students in the ELL or Title/LAP programs

(Coloring will be available for children and younger siblings are welcome to attend – there will be a story time 8:40-9:00).

Where: Ridgecrest Library

We hope to see you there!

Sheryl Lundahl, ELL Teacher
Vanessa Mark, Title 1/LAP Teacher

To help us with planning, please have your student return this bottom slip.

Yes, I/we will attend the breakfast meeting on Friday, October 11th:

Your name/s: _____

Your email or phone number: _____

Your student's name: _____

Interpreter needed **Yes/No** (for which language: _____)

Parent-Teacher Fall Conferences

This year, Fall Conferences will be held the week of November 4 - 8.
Conference dates will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Student dismissal times for conference week will be **11:15am EVERY DAY**
that week (Monday - Friday).

Please be sure to be in touch with your student's teacher to set up your
conference times.



Attendance Matters





HARVEST CARNIVAL

Friday - October 25th 6 - 8 PM

JOIN US FOR A
NIGHT OF FAMILY
FUN!

TICKETS - \$.50 each
25 for \$10.00
50 for \$20.00
(All students receive 10
free tickets)

**Food will be provided
as a fundraiser for
Camp CABER**

Awesome Activities!



Bobbing for Donuts

Selfie station



Bouncy Castle

Fortune Teller



Catapult

Quiet Room



Balloon Stomp

Pie Eating Contest



Cupcake Walk

Crafts, Harvest Carnival Store
and So Much More!

Interested in volunteering or donating to the cake walk?
Contact Sara Hartmann at shartmannn@outlook.com / (206) 549-6126

SHORELINE SCHOOL DISTRICT
INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT
INVITES YOU TO

HEALTH CURRICULUM NIGHT

During Health curriculum preview families will have the opportunity to be introduced to and ask questions about the health curriculum in Shoreline prior to classroom instruction and receive modification/opt-out options if necessary.

Please see the [Washington State Healthy Youth Act](#) and SLSD procedures [2125](#) and [2169](#) for details.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019

6:30-7:30 PM

SHORELINE CENTER, SHORELINE ROOM
18560 1ST AVE NE, SHORELINE, WA, 98155

FIND OUT MORE AT

THE GREAT BODY SHOP: <https://bit.ly/2kLrEoN>

FLASH: <https://bit.ly/2sgEvCq>

206-393-4211

Ridgecrest Elementary After School Activities – Fall 2019

Activity Registration Form: <https://tinyurl.com/RCClassesFall19>
 (or go to the Ridgecrest Elementary website and click on After School Activities)

Sign-ups close **Sunday, Oct. 13, 9pm**

Most of the Fall classes run from **Oct. 29- Dec. 3** Classes are 3PM-4PM.

Ridgecrest Elementary offers after school activities for students, taught by Ridgecrest staff usually for no cost. PTA offers classes taught by outside providers, which often have a cost, but scholarships are offered. Payments for the PTA-sponsored classes are made to the provider or PTA directly, not to Ridgecrest.

To indicate interest in these classes, fill out the form above or find a paper form in the office. You will receive a permission slip or a notice that your child is on the waiting list before the first day of the class.

At the end of each class, students are released to a parent or guardian or after care program, or walk home with permission. Students will be removed from the class if they are not picked up promptly at 4pm.

If you have questions contact andrea.early@shorelineschools.org

Ridgecrest Staff Classes open now:

- **Video Editing Club (g. 4-6) - Tuesdays**
- **Fun with Playing Cards (g. 3-5) - Tuesdays**

Other ongoing staff sponsored activities with alternative sign-ups or not doing sign-ups now

- Homework Help for English Language 1-6 Learners (Invitation from teacher) Tuesdays
- Global Reading Challenge (alternative sign-ups) 4,5 Fridays
- Running Club - 4,5,6, Mondays
- Gardening Club - 3,4 -Tuesdays, sign up through Ms. Carlson
- Student Leadership Team - 5,6 Tuesdays, alternative sign-up with Mr. Dom.

PTA Sponsored classes

PTA classes are ongoing and are run entirely through PTA volunteers. Contact PTA for more info.

CLASS 1 - Video Editing Club

(Mrs.Cox) - grades 4, 5, 6

Students will come to Room 316 to learn how to create and edit RC videos used in announcements and assemblies.

Tuesdays, Oct. 29- Dec. 3rd - Room 316

Registration: Activity Registration Form

Fee: Free

CLASS 2 - Fun With Playing Cards

(Mrs. Laviola) - grades 3, 4, 5

Students will play various card games,

Tuesdays, Oct. 29-Dec. 3 - Room 305

Registration: Activity Registration Form

Fee: Free

