

Ram News

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A Time to Give Thanks

November is a month when we express thanks and I want to take the opportunity to do that. You all do so much to support your children, our school, and our local community. The most immediate thank you is for the generous outpouring of care and financial support to the family who suffered the tragedy last week. Situations like these are heartbreaking, but also remind us of the power and strength of family and community. **THANK YOU** for your contributions in multiple ways.

I also appreciate how many of you made the time to attend your child's parent conferences last week. These opportunities to sit down with you and share your child's progress, strengths, and areas of need are very important. If you were not able to attend, please reach out to your child's teacher and set up a time to talk, preferably in person, but at the very least, on the phone, so you can connect and learn about how your child is doing at school and how you can help at home.

Finally, thank you for getting your child to school on time each day, prepared with a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, and whatever materials, work, or forms are needed to attend to learning. We know that your lives are equally busy, and the investment you are making now for your children will pay off for years to come!

Elizabeth Nunes
Principal
Ridgecrest Elementary School

Complete Educational Effectiveness Survey by Nov. 15

We are committed to continuous improvement throughout our schools and district. To support that work, it is important for us to know how parents and guardians view the job we are doing in providing a high-quality education for all students.

Parents and guardians are [being asked to participate in an important online survey](#) to help us quantify strengths and opportunities for improvement. This will be our second year using the surveys to support the development and implementation of school improvement plans and school district priorities. The information you provide will help us support the continuous improvement of our schools and classrooms.

The Educational Effectiveness Surveys measure perceptual data based on [OSPI's Nine Characteristics of High Performing Schools](#). Staff, families and students (grades 4-12) will be asked to participate in the surveys.

The surveys are conducted annually to support our schools and staff as we continuously support and improve student achievement. You can find last year's district-level survey reports on our website [HERE](#). You can also find school-level reports on each school's website.

The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete and are 100 percent anonymous and confidential. The data gathered will be used to support the development and implementation of school district priorities for continuous improvement and school improvement plans.

[Click HERE to take the Survey](#) The deadline to submit a survey is November 15.

The online survey is available in English and Spanish, but you can also fill out hard copies of the survey in Amharic, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Tigrinya and Vietnamese by visiting any school office for a copy.

If you have children attending multiple schools, you should take one survey for each school they attend.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Information Office at public.info@shorelineschools.org or 206.393.4412

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 13 NO EARLY RELEASE TODAY - **Students will be dismissed at 3:00 pm**
- 13 Social Emotional Workshop for Parents 6:30-8pm, Meridian Park
- 20 Early Release @ 1:20
- 27 Half Day Release @ 11:15 for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28-29 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

- 4 Early Release @ 1:20
- 11 Early Release @ 1:20
- 18 Early Release @ 1:20
- 23-31 NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK

JANUARY

- 1-3 NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK
- 6 School Resumes
- 8 Early Release @ 1:20
- 15 Early Release @ 1:20
- 20 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 22 NO EARLY RELEASE TODAY - **Students will be dismissed at 3:00 pm**
- 29 NO EARLY RELEASE TODAY - **Students will be dismissed at 3:00 pm**
- 31 NO SCHOOL - Non-Student Work Day





Ridgecrest Multicultural Dinner

You are invited!

When: Friday Nov. 15, 2019

6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Where: RC Lunchroom

Bring a dish to share if you would like to

Help us to plan better this event, please return this form by Nov. 13th to let us know that you are coming.

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- **Student name:**
 - **Your name:**
 - **How many are coming:**



Can You Spare One Hour? Holiday Food Drive Volunteers Needed

Did you know each year over 700 families receive food supplied by our food drive? It's a huge district effort and relies completely on volunteers. We need your support.

Each morning for the weeks of **Dec 2nd-6th and Dec 9th-13th we need 3-4 adult volunteers** to help with the food drive **from 8:30-9:30**. Volunteers help pick up and count food donations from each classroom and then help sort and store donations until the 13th. One Dec 13th, we also need volunteers from 3:15-4:00 to help load the food and drive it over to Kellogg.

If you can volunteer on any of those morning, please sign up one of these ways;
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4AA9AB29A7FB6-ridgecrest> or contact Lori Lynass at lynassl@gmail.com or return this to your child's teacher:

Yes, I can volunteer on the following date(s) for the food drive:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Date(s) I can help: _____



Nurse Notes



Sending medicine for your student to 5th Grade Camp?

Camp is NEXT WEEK!! Please bring medicine for camp in **NOW** as it is overdue. Questions? Please contact us.

Thank you!

WHY WASH HANDS?

Good hand washing is the first line of defense against the spread of many illnesses — from the common cold, hand, foot & mouth, to more serious infections, such as meningitis, bronchiolitis, the flu, hepatitis A, and many types of diarrhea.

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO WASH HANDS?

Here's how to scrub this germs away. Teach this to your kids — or better yet, wash your hands together often so they learn how important this good habit is:

1. **Wet your hands** with clean, running water (warm or cold). Make sure the water isn't too hot for little hands.
2. **Use soap** and lather up for about 20 seconds. Antibacterial soap isn't a must — any soap with work!
3. Make sure you **get between your fingers**, on the backs of hands, and under the nails where germs like to hang out. Don't forget the wrists!
4. **Rinse and dry** well with a clean towel.



When kids come into contact with germs, they can become infected just by touching their eyes, nose, or mouth. Once they are infected, it's usually just a matter of time before the whole family comes down with the same illness.

So don't underestimate the power of hand washing! The time you spend at the sink could save you trips to the doctor's office.

Abbreviated from kidshealth.com

Thank you!

Nurses Joan and Stacey



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Ridgecrest Elementary Prearranged Absence Form

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARENTS:

Please complete the below information and return Janina in the Ridgecrest front office.

Families should try to not schedule vacations or travel while school is in session. If a family vacation or travel must occur while school is in session, it must be prearranged prior to the first date of the absence and approved by the principal (or designee).

As a courtesy to family needs, the principal (or designee) may excuse up to five (5) school days for a prearranged absence per student each school year.

Assignments requested for a prearranged absence will be provided to the student or parent/guardian if requested three (3) to five (5) school days prior to the absence. **Please note:** Not all learning activities/opportunities can be reproduced outside of the classroom.

Student #1 Name: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____	Student #2 Name: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____
Student #3 Name: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____	Student #4 Name: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____

Date(s) of Planned Absence: _____ Total Missed School Days: _____

Reason for absence:

- ☐ Vacation
 ☐ Family Event (wedding, cultural event)
☐ Family Emergency
 ☐ Other _____

PARENTS

I have met/communicated with my student's teacher(s) regarding this planned absence and ways for my student(s) to complete requested assignments. I am aware that this absence may affect my student's learning and being prepared for the next grade.

 Parent/guardian signature

 Date

 Phone

The following are available vacation dates for this year. We appreciate your scheduling vacations/time away from school during these times so that we can serve your child and help them achieve their best in school.

- **November 27th (11:15am early release)-November 28th-29th—Thanksgiving**
- **December 23rd-January 3rd—Winter Break**
- **February 17th – February 21st—Mid-Winter Break**
- **April 20th – April 24th—Spring Break**

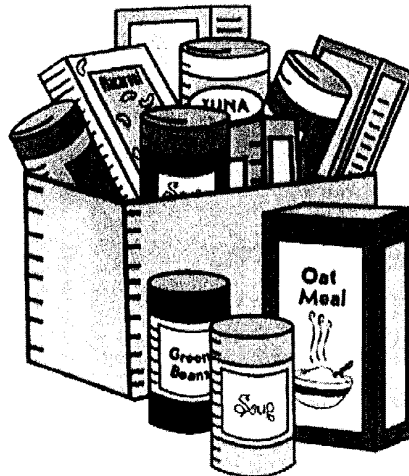
RIDGECREST PTA FOOD DRIVE

December 2nd – December 13th, 2019



RIDGECREST'S
TARGET ITEM IS
Cooking Oil

Yogurt Parfait Party for the
Primary and Secondary Classes
With the Most Points!
Send In Your Donations!



Most wanted
food items:

macaroni & cheese
cereal / oatmeal
canned soup
granola bars
pasta & rice
canned meats
ramen noodles
shelf stable milk
spices, salt & pepper
canned fruit / veggies
canned tomato products

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Ridgecrest Elementary
Parent Teacher Association

Please join us for the
PTA General Meeting

Monday 11/18

Ridgecrest Library
6:30pm

Childcare Provided in the gym

Special Topic:

Following our Meeting, Principal Nunes
and Mr. Christian will present about
internet safety for our kids

November Life Skill - Growth Mindset

