

Ram News

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Preparation and Thanks

I'm sure you share the absolute sadness I feel every time I think of the families that lost children at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14th, 2012. Schools should be the safest places on earth, and I have confidence that on almost every day at every school in America that is still true. To make certain Ridgecrest is as safe as possible we have to practice to be as prepared as possible.

Ridgecrest exercised a LockDown Drill yesterday, and it is important for our families to be in the loop on how that is practiced at our school. Students and staff are always alerted beforehand when we are scheduled by the district to conduct these exercises. Staff received an email on Sunday reminding them of appropriate procedures. At 10:00am I made an announcement that we were conducting a drill for our LockDown procedure at which point the students heard, "This is a lockdown drill. Lockdown, Locks, lights, out of sight. Lockdown, Locks, lights, out of sight." At this point students quietly moved into a predetermined location in their classrooms. Teachers then sent to the office their attendance and placed a color coded card under their doors that would help emergency responders visually triage the situation if intruders had indeed entered the building. Shortly thereafter, after the building was secured, which took approximately five minutes, I came back on the intercom system and announced that our LockDown Drill was complete and that now would be an appropriate time for classes to go over a powerpoint presentation* prepared by Shoreline School District Safety Director Chuck Goodwin.

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite times of the year. This year I am grateful for my immediate family as well as my Ridgecrest family. It is unfortunate that we have to conduct LockDown drills, but we owe it to your children to make sure we are always as prepared as we can be for any possibility. As you hold your loved ones closely during the holiday season, please know that we at Ridgecrest love them, too.

Nathan Christian
Dean of Students
Ridgecrest Elementary School

* If you would like to view the powerpoint presentation that your student saw, please email to the link below and we will be happy to send it to you:

janina.pacunski@shorelineschools.org

A Message from the Attendance Office



Definition of Chronic Absence



Missing 10% or more of school for any reason – excused or unexcused.

****Recommended by Attendance Works (www.attendanceworks.org)***



- If a student misses a day every 2 weeks, that is 10% of learning time missed – or almost 4 weeks of school.
- It is an indication that a student is academically at risk due to missing too much school.
- Distinct from truancy.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

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

10 PTA Family Movie Night 6-8pm

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



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

Dressing for the Cold Weather



The thermostat is dropping! Please start to think about dressing your children in layers as they head out the door. Wearing hats and mittens (if possible, they're warmer than gloves). Wearing hats is important because tons of heat escapes from your head. Be sure to tell your children to NOT share hats with friends. Jackets with a down filling or insulated with a manmade material is great protection from the cold. Also, please be sure to **PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME in their clothing**. As they start to peel off their layers, clothing can be misplaced. Names in their clothing helps us to get their items returned to them.



News from the RC



We have many technology resources in the Shoreline School District: Chromebooks, iPads, interactive whiteboards, databases, etc., that are engaging and useful learning tools, but we understand concerns about technology use at school and home.

Our students use these resources daily. The library is one place they learn how to search for information and how to be safe and aware online. We teach several lessons to grades 1-6 about internet awareness, based on a digital citizenship curriculum from Common Sense Media. Topics include:

- Searching efficiently
- Keeping information private
- Effective passwords
- How digital media fits into our lives
- The digital footprint we leave online
- Showing respect online
- Copyright/citing sources

For helpful information about technology use for families, check the Common Sense Media website. They share information about screen time, cell phones, monitoring usage, and safety:

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/parent-concerns>

The website also has book and movie reviews to help families make decisions about what to read and view. Please take a few minutes to check out the resources available at <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>.

**Half Day Early Release
Tomorrow, Wednesday,
November 27
at 11:15am.**



November Life Skill - Growth Mindset





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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



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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Registration for Highly Capable is Now Open

Are you interested in having your grade 1-6 student assessed for highly capable services for next year? Shoreline is offering testing for HiCap eligibility in January 2020 for any student not previously screened or tested during the 2019-2020 school year. **Please note: All Shoreline Kindergarten and 2nd grade students are screened for highly capable program eligibility in the fall. These students DO NOT need to register for testing.** Registration will close on December 20, 2019 at 4pm. No late registrations will be accepted.

For more information or to register on-line, please visit www.shorelineschools.org/Domain/90. You may also contact the HiCap program office at 206-393-4771.



Change in Movie

Our PTA Movie Night that was scheduled for Friday, December 6 has been moved to Friday, January 10, 2020. More information will be coming soon.

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**ENGINEERING
DISCOVERY DAYS**

Save the dates for 2020:
Thursday, April 23 and Friday, April 24

Join us at Engineering Discovery Days, where students can:

- Participate in over 100 interactive exhibits that demonstrate basic science and engineering concepts
- Explore cutting-edge UW research
- Learn more about engineering innovation

Discovery Days is geared toward students in 4th-8th grade.

Registration is required and will open at 9 a.m. on January 7, 2020.

Space is limited and registration will close when we reach capacity.

**Shorecrest High School/
Friday, December 13, 2019
Eastside Elementary Night
Shorecrest Basketball**
vs Shorewood High School
*Face Painting, Meet SC Cheer & Flag Team
members and the Otis mascot!*
Tip off at 7:15pm
Adults \$6.00 Students (with an Adult) \$3.00
Wear green and gold and cheer on the Scots!
Future Scots & Families are ALWAYS welcome at SC basketball
games! For full schedule, go to wescoathletics.com
Questions? Call us at 206-393-4286
Sponsored by Shorecrest ASB

Auditions for The Little Mermaid Jr.

This year's RC School Spring Musical for 4th, 5th and 6th graders is The Little Mermaid Jr.

Audition Packets for all interested students are outside the music room door. Detailed audition and rehearsal info is in the packet.

Auditions:

- 4th Grade Auditions: Tuesday Dec. 3rd from 3:00-3:30pm (Music Room)
- 5th and 6th grade auditions are Thursday, Dec. 5th from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Music Room)

Students will be able to call you and tell you when they are finished. Not everyone will need to stay till 4:30pm but may stay till 4:30 if you need them to.

- Callbacks – Monday, Dec. 9th from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Callbacks will be posted on music room door by 2nd recess on Friday, Dec. 6th outside the music room windows.

Note: not all parts will have a call back

- Cast List will be posted on **Friday, Dec. 13th** at **second** recess outside the music room windows.

Performances

- Thursday April 2nd — 7:00 p.m. Shorecrest Theater
- Friday April 3rd – 7:00 p.m. Shorecrest Theater
- Saturday April 4th – 2:00 p.m. Shorecrest Theater

