

Ram News

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A Time to Give and the Gift of Time

This is the time of year when there is a huge focus on giving: whether it is the items donated to the recent Furry Friends Thankful Pet Drive, donations being made to our current Holiday Food and Teen Gift Drive, buying gifts for those whose names and wish lists appear on a Giving Tree somewhere nearby, or a host of other ways we give. Our gifts—whether they be things, our talent, or our time—are all appreciated and a sweet reminder of the ways we can be part of and help serve this wonderful community.

But the holiday season also gives us one of the best gifts: time. I am out for a few days this week, recuperating from foot surgery. Yesterday I had the time to call and chat with my son, Austin, who is a chef in Oslo, Norway. How wonderful to hear his voice, find out all that's been going on, and share our lives, even though we are 4,568 miles away from each other! In a world where technology makes it easy to keep in touch (and we utilize that, too, in order to stay connected), there is nothing like a real, live conversation with a loved one.

Once school gets out on December 20, I encourage and challenge you to take that gift of time and talk with your own children: in person, face-to-face. As I work through the week at Ridgecrest, it is clear that our children (not unlike our adults) want and need to talk to and connect with others. They have many needs; some that may seem small and insignificant to us, but mean the world to them at this point in their changing lives.

Here are a few ideas for how/where to connect:

- Make some hot chocolate and sit on the couch and talk (no TV, no music, just your voices)
- Bake some holiday food together—lots of wait time for good chats
- Take a drive and look at the holiday scenes. Psychologists say this is one of the most effective ways to chat with your children, especially as they grow older and may not want the sit-on-the-couch kind of talk time. They are captive audiences and you can share as you both look in the same direction
- Take a walk. Nature is good for us on so many levels and this provides a nice opportunity to talk as you walk

Thank you for giving to others this holiday season, and thank you for carving time to enjoy the gift of time itself for your children and family. My children are now 34 and 32, and I can't believe where those years have gone. Enjoy connecting with yours in person while you can!

I wish each and all of you a wonderful, blessed holiday season—however you and your family enjoy this time of the year. And, a bit early, Happy New Year!

Elizabeth Nunes, Principal

A Message from the Attendance Office



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 11 Early Release @ 1:20
- 13 RC Multicultural Breakfast 8:30-9:30am, RC Staff Lounge
- 18 Early Release @ 1:20
- 20 Popcorn Friday
Unclaimed Lost & Found to The WORKS
- 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**
- 25 Kinderfest 10am-12pm, Shoreline Center, Shoreline Room, 18560 1st Ave NE
- 29 NO EARLY RELEASE TODAY - **Students will be dismissed at 3:00 pm**
- 31 NO SCHOOL - Non-Student Work Day





Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020

10am – 12pm

Shoreline Center, Shoreline Room

18560 1st Ave NE

Kinderfest is a great opportunity for families to hear and learn about the programs offered by the Shoreline School District such as: Food Services, Transportation, Nurses, ELL/Special Services, Highly Capable Program, and PTA. Each elementary school in the Shoreline School District will have representatives there to answer questions. Spanish, Amharic, Tigrinya, and Korean interpreters will be available.

Limited, no-cost childcare will be available on-site for children over 2 years old who are potty-trained. Please note that food will not be allowed in the childcare room due to possible allergies.

Presentations will begin at 10:00am including a message from our Superintendent Dr. Rebecca Miner.

Kindergarten registration will begin on Tuesday, February 4th at your neighborhood school. Registration is not on a first-come, first-served basis. All students registered by the close of business on February 28th will be put in a drawing to fill Kindergarten spaces available at their neighborhood schools. Incoming kindergarten students who have a sibling at their neighborhood school will be given priority placement (at their neighborhood school) if registered prior to the close of business on February 28th. Those registering after February 28th will be added to their neighborhood school's wait list as they register.

In order to attend kindergarten in the fall, your child must be five years old by August 31, 2020 and reside in the cities of Shoreline or Lake Forest Park.

For more information on registration please contact your neighborhood school or visit the Enrollment page on our website: www.shorelineschools.org/enrollment

If you have additional **Kinderfest related** questions, please contact Trinitee King at trinitee.king@shorelineschools.org or 206.393.4365.

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: _____





Happy Holidays RC Families!

May you enjoy peace, good health, and family!

We would like to thank you for sending your students to school well rested and healthy. This impacts how they learn, play, and interact with one another. Also a huge thank you to those who volunteered for fall health screening – we couldn't do it without you!

Joy to you,

Nurses Joan and Stacey

Parents of 5th grade camper's : Did you send medicine to camp?

Please pickup the medicine in the health office.
Thank you!

Did you know family's can access immunization records online?

Now you can review and print your family's official immunization records online.
Visit WA.MyIR.net and follow the registration instructions or the steps below:

1. To register visit the Washington State Department of Health website at:
www.doh.wa.gov/imsrecords
2. Download an Authorization to Release Immunization Records form. Complete form, sign and return it by fax, mail or email.
3. Then you will be registered for MyIR and will receive an email with a temporary PIN. Log in as soon as possible and activate your account. If you need further assistance, call 1-866-397-0337.

Once fully registered, you have immediate access to your family's immunization records to view, download, or print! Obtaining required immunization records now will be easy when students are heading to school, camps, or college.

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/>.



December Life Skill - Generosity

MAKE
generosity
PART OF YOUR
GROWTH
STRATEGY

Generosity:
The habit of
giving freely
without expecting
anything
in return.



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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

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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 Night!

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



Ridgecrest Multicultural Breakfast

You are invited!

When: Friday, Dec. 13, 2019

Starting 8:30am to 9:30am

Where: RC Teachers Lounge

You can bring a breakfast dish to share if you want.

Let's get to know each other and share about important holidays and traditions.

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

