

RAM News

Ridgecrest Elementary * 16516 10th Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155 * 206.393.4272 * Principal: Elizabeth Nunes
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TONIGHT!!

Ridgecrest Open House and PTA Family Math Night

This planned event helps us reach two of our School Improvement Goals:

Teaching and Learning: Teachers implement with consistency the agreed-upon look-fors in math curriculum

Culture and Community: Increase family and community involvement

Many of you came to our fall PTA Parent Math Night, where our instructional coaches taught you the main components to our new Bridges curriculum. Now we invite you to bring your families to Ridgecrest to enjoy an evening of learning, fun, and dessert.

Here is what you can look forward to:

Ice Cream Social: 6-8pm, Cafeteria -- fundraiser for Camp Caber!! **CASH ONLY!!**

Learning about and playing at Work Places in your child's classroom (1st-5th grades)

Learning about and playing traditional and technological math games (6th grade)

Solving random math questions, equations, and games in our hallways

All students visiting their OWN classroom and playing Work Places with their family will get a prize!

We hope to see everyone tonight!

A reminder -- the Ice Cream Social is **CASH ONLY!!**



EES Parent Survey Results

In case you were not able to join us at last month's PTA Parent meeting when I presented this information, I wanted to provide a re-cap of what we learned from you regarding your perception of Ridgecrest and how we are serving you. The Educational Effectiveness Survey (EES) looks at the Nine Characteristics of High Performing Schools and provides us information on our performance in these areas. We get this information from students in grades 4-6, parents, and staff.

We had 195 parent surveys completed this year, representing all grades and multiple ethnicities. We heard predominantly from our White, English-speaking families. Next year we must do a better job of reaching out to all families and provide other options for completing the survey that will elicit a more representative response. We need to hear from *all* of you!

We were happy to see that overall, there was a 15% increase in positive scores compared to last year. The highest were in: Collaboration and Communication, Effective Leadership, High Standards and Expectations, and Supportive Learning Environment. For some of these, Ridgecrest compares favorably to high improving nationwide schools. That is a source of pride for us.

Overall, the areas that need more of our attention are: Valuing and respecting racial/cultural identity; Parents participating in important decisions about their child's education; Parents having input into plans for improving the school; and Offering more activities to celebrate different cultures.

Two specific areas of concern were in the characteristic of Frequent Monitoring of Teaching and Learning:

- Teachers accommodate my child's specific special needs by adjusting instruction
- Struggling students receive early intervention and additional help at this school

We have a large school filled with students with unique skills and needs. It is our responsibility to ensure that each child gets the instruction, materials, and resources they need to be successful at school. We are committed to doing this.

Thank you for your input and your involvement in the Ridgecrest school community. We are taking these survey results to heart and will include them in our daily work as well as consider them when we create our next School Improvement Plan for the 2020-2021 school year. If you have any questions, ideas, or additional feedback to share, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me.

Elizabeth Nunes, Principal

Calendar of Events



FEBRUARY

- 25 RC Open House and PTA Family Math Night
Ice Cream Social: 6-8pm **CASH ONLY!!**
Open House (in classrooms) 6:30-7:30pm
- 26 6th Graders Visit Kellogg 9:30-11:30am
EARLY RELEASE - **Students will be dismissed at 1:20 pm**

MARCH

- 2-6 Spring Elementary Conferences -- **Students will be dismissed at 11:15am ALL WEEK**
Band/Orchestra will be TUESDAY ONLY this week
- 9 6th Grade Middle School Registration Forms due to teacher
- 14 RC Auction & Food Truck Rodeo 5pm. Shorecrest High School; Tickets available on the RC PTA Website / This is a 21+ event
- 25 5th Graders Visit Kellogg 9:30-11:30am
RC Open House & PTA Family Math Night 6-8pm, RC Cafeteria (see information on page four)
- 30 5th Grade Middle School Registration Forms due to teacher

Parent Conferences

Parent conferences are coming up March 2-6. We highly encourage all families to participate in conferences as it is a time to reflect on and discuss goals for your student. During conference week, students will be dismissed at **11:15am** each day, Monday through Friday. Please be sure to make arrangements for your student's after school plans all week.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

2020 RIDGECREST AUCTION NEWSLETTER

Please join us for a fun evening at the Ridgecrest Food Truck Rodeo & Auction to connect with our wonderful community and to raise funds for our students. Tickets are on sale now!

When: Saturday, March 14, 2020. Door opens at 5pm.

Where: Shorecrest High School - 15343 25th Ave NE, Shoreline

Featuring:

- 4 food trucks
- Trivia and games (mechanical bull station, chicken poop bingo, photo booth, heads/tails, raffles and prizes)
- Chance to bid on classroom art projects, teacher experiences (including principal for the day!)
- Live Bands
 - ✓ Shoreline Community Jazz Band with Jeff Kashiwa
 - ✓ Funk and Groove (cover band from Shoreline JC)
 - ✓ The Good Ideas (recent RC graduates)

Ticket: \$40 per person (\$30 for teacher/staff) and includes:

- Entrance to the event
- One sample from each food truck (5 – 6pm)
- One main entree from a food truck (6 – 8pm)
- One drink voucher

*Tickets will be \$50 at the door day of event
This event is 21+ and will take place rain or shine*



**Early Bird ends February 7!
(\$35/ticket)**

**Get your tickets now at
RidgecrestPTA.org/Auction**

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

February Life Skill -- Perseverance (persistence)

Our February Life Skill is Perseverance.

Perseverance *noun*

persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.



SHORELINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY SCHEDULE CHANGES

In the event of a school delay or cancellation, families will be contacted by phone and/or email using our mass notification system. Please ensure that your contact information is up-to-date at your student's school.

You may find school delay/cancellation announcements on local television and radio stations,

by calling our information line at 206.393.6111 or online at: www.shorelineschools.org,

www.facebook.com/shorelineschools

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, or www.twitter.com/shorelinek12

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THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS MAY BE USED FOR EMERGENCY CONDITIONS:

1. SHORELINE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

1. All schools will be closed for the day. All meetings, field trips, after-school activities, etc. will be canceled for the day.

2. SHORELINE SCHOOLS OPEN - 2 HOURS LATE - BUSES OPERATING ON REGULAR or SNOW ROUTES

1. a. All zero period secondary classes will be canceled.
b. K-12 and Head Start classes will begin 2 HOURS LATE.
c. AM Early Childhood Program, STEP Preschool, and out-of-district transportation will be CANCELED.
d. PM Early Childhood will begin at REGULAR TIMES.
e. When schools open 2 hours late, the Shoreline Children's Center and Extended Day sites will open 2 hours late, at 8:30 a.m. instead of 6:30 a.m. Preschool classrooms scheduled to begin at 8:45, 9:00 am, or 1:00 pm will start at normal times.
f. Breakfast is not available at elementary schools. Breakfast service for secondary schools may be altered, please see the [Food and Nutrition Services webpage](#)
2. [Opens in New Window](#)
3. for more information.

SNOW ROUTES:

Snow routes have been designed to avoid areas where hazardous road conditions exist. [Click here](#)

[to learn about](#)

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to find the snow routes for your specific school. When snow routes are in effect, they will be used on both the morning and afternoon routes even if roads have cleared. There may be occasions when schools start at the regular times but "snow routes" will be utilized.

EMERGENCY DISMISSAL:

If it becomes necessary to close a school during the school day and send students home early, our mass notification system will be used to contact families by phone and/or email. A message will also be placed on the District homepage and social media accounts. Because a parent/guardian may not be at home if there is an emergency dismissal, they must make plans for an alternate place (neighbor/relative) for their child to go. Families should keep their emergency contacts up-to-date and discuss this alternate plan with their children so they know what to do in case of an emergency closure of schools. There will be no SPS after school daycare.

1. If someone other than the parent will be picking up the child, parents should have already provided the school with the names of the individuals who are authorized to pick up the child. Unless an approved person picks up the child, the child will remain at school until the announced dismissal time.
2. It may be necessary in some situations to close schools early and hold students at school until a parent (or authorized person) comes to the school to pick them up. In this case, there will be an announcement that students are being held at school and will not be sent home.

Hazardous Weather Delays on Early Release Wednesdays :

In cases of a hazardous weather delay on a scheduled Early Release Wednesday, schools will release at their normal early release time.

RIDGECREST SNOW ROUTES

2019 / 2020 SCHOOL YEAR



ROUTE 104

AM STOPS

8:20 AM NE 180TH ST @ 12th Ave NE
8:21 AM 17536/17538 12th AVE NE (POLARIS)

PM STOPS

3:08 PM 17536/17538 12th AVE NE (POLARIS)
3:09 PM 12th Ave NE @ NE 180TH ST
3:11 PM 15TH AVE NE @ FOREST PARK DR NE

ROUTE 122

AM STOPS

8:16 AM 5th Ave NE @ NE 178th St
8:16 AM 5th Ave NE @ NE 180TH ST
8:17 AM NE 180TH ST @ 8TH AVE NE
8:17 AM NE 180TH ST @ 10TH AVE NE
8:18 AM 10TH AVE NE @ NE 185TH ST
8:19 AM NE 190TH & 10TH AVE NE
8:21 AM 10TH AVE NE @ NE 177th PI

PM STOPS

3:08 PM 10TH AVE NE @ NE 177th PI
3:08 PM NE 180TH ST @ 10TH AVE NE
3:09 PM 10TH AVE NE @ NE 185TH ST
3:09 PM NE 190TH & 10TH AVE NE
3:16 PM 15TH AVE NE @ 14TH CT NE

ROUTE 128

AM STOPS

7:52 am NORTH CITY SCHOOL
7:56 am 15TH AVE NE @ FOREST PARK DR NE
7:58 am 15TH AVE NE @ 14TH CT NE
8:04 am LFP FRONT
8:08 am BROOKSIDE ES
8:16 am BRIARCREST FLAGPOLE CURBSIDE

PM STOPS

3:09 pm 5th Ave NE @ NE 178th St
3:09 pm 5th Ave NE @ NE 180TH ST
3:09 pm NE 180TH ST @ 8TH AVE NE
3:17 pm LFP REG LOAD ZONE
3:21 pm BROOKSIDE ES
3:32 pm 17th Ave NE @ NE 146th St

SHORELINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JOB FAIR



Equity and inclusion makes our school community stronger. We encourage culturally and linguistically diverse applicants to attend.

Join us as Shoreline Public Schools begins hiring for the 2020-2021 school year!

SATURDAY
MARCH 7
9am-12pm

- Bring your resume
- Meet representatives from each of our schools and support programs
- Teachers and certificated attendees: Brief screening interviews will be offered between 9:30am-12:00pm on a first come, first served basis

SHOREWOOD HIGH SCHOOL - 17300 FREMONT AVE N - SHORELINE, WA

Register for the event at www.shorelineschools.org/jobfair
Just complete the application titled "Job Fair Registration"



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SAVE THE DATE! FEBRUARY 28TH!

COME AND JOIN THE PINK POLKA DOTS AND FRIENDS

6-10PM @ THE LFP CIVIC CLUB



KARAOKE NIGHT



ALL AGES (\$12/child, \$15/adult, \$40/family)

**KARAOKE, FOOD, ROOT BEER FLOATS, DESSERTS, PRIZES,
ALL PROCEEDS ARE FOR PEDIATRIC BRAIN CANCER RESEARCH!**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT www.pinkpolkadotsguild.org