

Ram News

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Frequent Monitoring, One of the Nine Characteristics of High Performing Schools

It was a pleasure to present the results of our Parent Educational Effectiveness Survey (EES) at the PTA meeting on Monday night. If you were not able to join us, I would like to re-cap the most critical information that was shared, then touch on one specific area.

First, a big thank you to so many parents (297) that completed the survey. We need to hear from you in order to improve our work. This is the first year that Shoreline is doing the EES. Next year we want to hear from even more families, as we will be provided with longitudinal data to see what changed and consider next steps.

In general, the parent perceptions of Ridgecrest is that we are a welcoming, respectful community, culturally responsive, and ensure that communications sent to families are in a format and language they can understand.

What parents shared that we can improve on is more frequent communication, better sharing of details to help keep parents better informed regarding goals for the school and for students, and more opportunities for academic challenge.

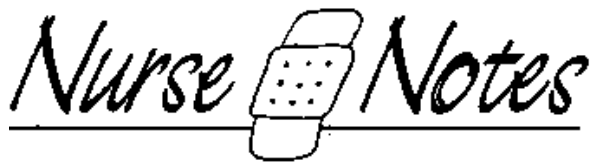
One of the most impactful of the Nine Characteristics of High Performing Schools (the basis of the EES Survey) is Frequent Monitoring of Teaching and Learning.

I heard some thoughtful feedback from parents during my presentation, some that lead me to encourage you to reach out to us for several reasons:

- Set a time to meet if you were not able to attend parent conferences
- Follow up on the conversation you had at conferences and next steps
- Ask specific questions about your child's progress or needs: academic, behavioral, social/emotional. We are here to serve your child in all areas.

Our teachers are reminded to frequently monitor teaching and learning and we know that when you do the same at home, our partnership has a positive impact on student learning outcomes. Please continue to call, e-mail, make an appointment to see your child's teacher or me, and know that we are committed to serving your family to the best of our ability.

Elizabeth Nunes, Principal



Is your family protected against the Measles?

Measles are a highly contagious serious disease spread by respiratory droplets in the air or by droplets landing in the environment. Coughing without covering the mouth sprays droplets airborne and onto objects surrounding us. We inhale the virus or touch and rub our eyes, nose or mouth and these germs enter our bodies. The State of Washington has seen an outbreak of 54 cases of measles. One case was in King County. The measles symptoms start with a high fever, cough, runny nose, and red watery eyes. After 3-5 days a rash appears on the face and travels downward on the body. A person carrying the measles virus can spread the virus 4 days before symptoms appear through 4 days after the rash appears.

The Measles vaccination protects against the disease. Two doses of the Measles, Mumps, Rubella vaccination (MMR) protect against the measles virus with a 97% effective rate. The MMR vaccination is safe and has been researched many times by highly regarded medical doctors in replicated studies published in respected medical journals.

If you are uncertain if your child is up-to-date on the MMR vaccination or other immunizations, please contact the nurses. We will be happy to help!

For more information:

Measles information flyer: https://www.clark.wa.gov/sites/default/files/dept/files/public-health/CD/Resources/Measles_Basic_Info_english.pdf

<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html>

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/Measles/MeaslesOutbreak>

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/Vaccine-Safety-The-Facts.aspx>

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/concerns/autism.html>

Nurse Joan & Nurse Stacey

News from the RC



2019 Global Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the thirty 4th and 5th grade students who participated in the Global Reading Challenge this year.

Shoreline schools partner with the King County Library System children's librarians, who choose six books for students to read. Student teams read the books, then answer detailed questions at Challenges run by KCLS librarians. We love working with the Shoreline, LFP and Richmond Beach librarians to support our students.

Ridgecrest had five teams this year and the **Giant Nerd Pandas** represented our school at the District Challenge on February 28th against teams from local public and private schools. Ridgecrest did well in a tough competition, and congratulates Parkwood on winning the District Challenge.

The books on the list this year:

- At the Bottom of the World by Bill Nye
- Gaby Lost and Found by Angela Cervantes
- Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks
- Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper
- *Story Thieves* by James Riley
- A Whole New Ballgame by Phil Bildner

We recommend all of these books for students third grade and older to read by themselves or with families. For more information about the Global Reading Challenge and the books, see the KCLS website: <https://kcls.org/blogs/post/global-reading-challenge/>



**You are invited to a Special Evening
with a Guest Storyteller
for Ridgecrest Bilingual Families!**

When: Thursday, March 14th, 6:30-8:00PM

What: Potluck Dinner *(Please bring a dish to share, ethnic foods welcome!)*
Storyteller, Carlos Xavier, and your children will present stories & songs!
*(*Special thanks to the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation for the grant funding.)*

FREE BLANK HARD COVER BOOK *(for writing family stories)* & **COLORED MARKERS** will be given to the first 36 families who send in the form below & attend the event. **Thank you for returning this form!**

Who: Families of students in the ELL Program or students who are bilingual

Where: Ridgecrest Cafeteria

We hope to see you there! ☺
Sheryl Lundahl, Ridgecrest ELL Teacher

To help us with planning, please have your student return this slip to school or email the information to: sheryl.lundahl@shorelineschools.org Thank you☺

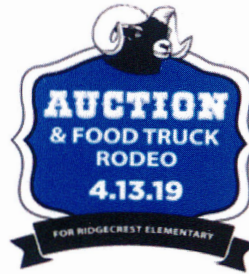
Yes, we will attend the Storyteller Evening on Thursday, March 14th:

Your name/s: _____

Your email or phone number: _____

Your student's name: _____

Interpreter needed? **Yes/No** for which language: _____



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL
OF \$25,000

We need the following donations:

- **Tickets** to concerts, sporting events or theaters
- **Time and talents** – whether it be photography, gardening, cooking or painting
- **Vacation** getaway, timeshare or cabin stays
- **Unique experiences** – hosting themed dinner or sign-up party with other parents, or boat trips
- **Items** such as gift cards, autographed sports items, electronics, wine or food baskets
- **Sponsorship** or donation from your employer or local businesses

Donation form is available at the PTA website and the Ridgecrest School Office. Thank you for your support!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 14 Natural Leaders Event: Storyteller 6-8pm, Cafeteria
- 20 Early Release Day - Dismissal at 1:20pm
- 22 Family Movie Night 6-8pm, Cafeteria "Mary Poppins Returns"
- 27 Early Release Day - Dismissal at 1:20pm
- 27 East Side District Band Festival 7:30pm, SCHS Gym
- This is the rescheduled event due to the snow storms

APRIL

- 2 Class Photo and Personality Photo Day
- 3 Early Release Day - Dismissal at 1:20pm
- 4 & 5 RC Presents Beauty & the Beast **7pm**, SCHS Theatre
- 6 RC Presents Beauty & the Beast **2pm**, SCHS Theatre
- 10 Early Release Day - Dismissal at 1:20pm
- 13 Food Truck Rodeo & Auction 5pm, Shorecrest High School **ADULTS (21+) ONLY**
- 16 Skate Night 6-8pm, Lynnwood Bowl & Skate
- 17 Early Release Day - Dismissal at 1:20pm
- 22-26 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

**Rescheduled:
New Date due
to snow: 3/20/19**

March 12, 2019



Co-sponsored by
**Shoreline PTA
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**Shoreline Hi Cap
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Shoreline PTA Council
<http://www.shorelinepta.org>

Shoreline Hi Cap Parent Association
<http://www.shorelinehicap.org/>
Email:
shoreline.hicap.advocacy@gmail.com

What Parents & Educators Need to Know About Smart Kids

Presented by Austina De Bonte

*** This is a free event and all families are welcome***

Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: Shoreline Conference Center, Auditorium
18560 1st Avenue NE, Shoreline, WA 98155

Program highlights:

Many people are surprised to learn that their bright child's unique "quirks" are actually well-studied social & emotional behavior patterns that appear across large populations of highly intelligent children. Whether it's refusing to wear shirts with buttons or tags, overreacting to the slightest criticism, gravitating towards adults and older children, forgetting to turn in their homework, trouble with handwriting, anxiety about trying something new, or preferring a book to a party, these and many other perplexing behaviors are common in this population. Learn what's normal, what to expect as they grow, and why genuine challenge is vitally important for kids' social and emotional development, as well as developing their academic talents, from the preschool and elementary years all the way to high school and beyond.

About Austina De Bonte

Austina De Bonte is the current President of the Northwest Gifted Child Association (www.nwgca.org), the Washington State support and advocacy organization for families with gifted children. Founded in 1963, NWGCA is the oldest gifted organization in Washington state. A dynamic and engaging presenter, Austina speaks regularly at conferences, as well as conducts parent education talks and professional development workshops for educators. She is a parent advocate who is passionate about speaking about the unique social and emotional development of highly capable (HiCap) or "gifted" children. Austina's signature style combines her experience as a parent and parent coach along with synthesized research and cutting edge neuroscience. Austina is a certified SENG Model Parent Group facilitator.

Note: A limited number of free childcare spots are available on RSVP first come first serve basis. If you are interested in childcare, please email us at shoreline.hicap.advocacy@gmail.com with your name, the number of child(ren), and their names and ages. (Child need to be potty trained.)

Reserve your seat via Eventbrite:

Scan the QR code or follow
the link to register:
<https://tinyurl.com/y2mvsvno>





Ridgecrest Elementary
Parent Teacher Association

HELP SEND 2019/20 5TH & 6TH GRADERS TO
CAMP CABER!
GET YOUR TACO TIME COUPON BOOKS!



Every year our 6th graders conduct fundraisers to help pay for their trip to Camp Caber. Since next year both 5th and 6th graders will be attending camp, our fundraising target has doubled to \$14,000. Please consider supporting our students and lowering the cost of camp so that everyone can attend.

Each coupon book is \$5 and contains 10 - \$2 off your purchase (\$20 value).
Coupons expire April 30th 2019. 100% of the coupon book price goes to support the students go to camp.

Please fill out the form below and send money to order your coupon books and they'll come home in your students boomerang. (checks payable to Ridgecrest PTA attn.: CampCaber)
To purchase online, please visit www.ridgecrestpta.org/ttbooks or hold your smartphone camera over the QR code below.

Student name: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

Teacher name: _____

Number of books: _____ X \$5 each = _____

caberttbooks@gmail.com

