



RAM News

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Ridgecrest Elementary: Creating Change Together



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ABSENCES, LATE ARRIVALS, AND EARLY

Thank you to the families that are contacting the attendance office if their student will be absent or late. It is extremely helpful to receive this information in advance. Please send an email (and cc your student's teacher to be sure they know) to: rc.attendance@shorelineschools.org or call 206.393.1493. If we are unable to answer, please leave a message. Absences that are not excused within three days are permanently unexcused on your student's record.

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BREAKFAST

Elementary breakfast is only \$1.75; if your student qualifies for free or reduced price meals, breakfast is absolutely free! You are welcome to join your child at breakfast for \$2.75. Take one thing off your morning to-do list and have your child join us for a nutritious breakfast at school. Doors open at 8:05am.

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SAFETY REMINDER

For the safety of all Ridgecrest students, staff, and visitors we ask that you stop in the office to sign in and get a visitor's sticker even if you are only going to be in the school "for a minute." Then, please sign out when you leave. This helps us keep track of who's in the building in the event of an emergency. Thank you for your cooperation!

LIFE SKILL FOR APRIL: Flexibility – Ready and able to change so as to adapt to different circumstances

LIFE SKILL FOR MAY: Common Sense - more to come in the May 8 RAM News



Principal's Note



Thinking about next year's classroom placement already? Oh my!

It's hard to believe that in just a few short weeks we will begin the important job of creating balanced classes for next year. As we approach this task, we ask our Ridgecrest community for the trust and flexibility needed to meet the needs of all students. Our wonderful staff spends significant time assessing the needs, strengths, and challenges of each child. Teachers from each grade level and Specialists work together as a team to discuss and develop heterogeneous groups based on the information presented. Multiple factors are considered in the process of developing classes.

We consider, but are not limited to:

- θ The program needs of the student
- θ A class balance of achievement levels in reading, writing, and math
- θ The social needs of students and their leadership skills
- θ Independent work habits of students
- θ Motivation level of students
- θ Behavior factors
- θ The compatibility of students with each other
- θ Information from previous schools
- θ The ratio of boys to girls
- θ Equity of class size
- θ Recommendations of school staff

We ask that **parents do not request a specific teacher** since teacher assignments may change between now and September. You may, however, share additional information to further assist us in this placement process. **A "Parent Input Form" will be available in the school office beginning Monday, May 7.**

Examples of the kind of information that can help in configuring classes include: changing family dynamics which could impact the classroom, newly diagnosed or potential learning difficulties, specific learning styles, peer relationships in or out of school (positive and negative), and any other factors which we might be unaware of that relate to your child's learning.

Forms should be returned to the school office **no later than 3:30pm on Friday, May 18.**

Thank you for your trust and support as we prepare for another wonderful school year at Ridgecrest!

Sue

Shoreline Highly Capable Summer Testing Information

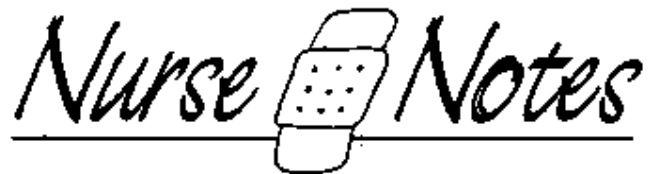
Registration for Highly Capable (HiCap) Program Assessment is open to any Shoreline student **not already screened or tested** during the 2017-2018 school year.

Testing will take place at the Shoreline Center on Monday, July 23, 2018.

Link to Registration: <https://goo.gl/forms/ynPoGlxioCmvKwFx1>

The deadline for registration is 4:00pm on Friday, June 8, 2018. Late registrations will **not** be accepted.

If you have any questions or have difficulty registering online, please contact the Highly Capable Program office at 206-393-4771 or by e-mail at highlycapable@shorelineschools.org.



5th Graders soon to be 6th Graders -

The Tdap vaccination is a requirement for school attendance for students upon turning 11 years of age. If your student will be 11 years of age before 6th grade starts in the fall, he or she will need proof of having the vaccine prior to the first day of school. Please notify the nurses when your child receives the vaccine and we will update his or her school medical records. If your student turns 11 years old during the 6th grade school year, he or she will need to receive the vaccination at that time. If a student does not receive the Tdap for medical, religious or philosophical reasons, he or she will need to have an exemption form on file at school signed by the doctor and parent.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Thank you in advance for keeping us updated with your student's vaccination information!

Nurse Joan and Nurse Stacey
joan.forbush@shorelineschools.org
stacey.chesnut@shorelineschools.org
 206-393-4276

Friday Family Story Time

DID YOU KNOW?

Ridgecrest has a weekly story time for future Rams and their caregivers!

Friday Family Story

Time is every Friday
8:40-9:00 in the library.

Join us with your child who is not yet in kindergarten.

We are enjoying stories, and connecting families to each other and school.



Calendar

APRIL

29 "Fill the Truck" FUNDrive 11am-2pm

MAY

7 HiCap Open House 2:30-3:30pm
9-11 6th Graders to Camp Caber
11 1st and 2nd Grade Spring Music Program 2pm
17 Open House / Ice Cream Social
Ice Cream Social 6-8pm; Open House 6:30-8:30pm
21 No School - Staff Work Day
24 PTA Parent Meeting 7-8pm
28 No School - Memorial Day Holiday

JUNE

8 No School - Staff Work Day
19 Field Day 1-2:30pm
22 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - **11:15am Dismissal**

You are invited to a monthly Multicultural Family Breakfast Meeting (Estás invitado a una reunión familiar de desayuno.)

When (Cuando): Friday, April 13, 8:40-9:40 am.

*Special thanks to the Ridgecrest PTA and the Washington Alliance for Better Schools (WABS) for sponsoring our breakfast.

What (qué): Build relationships with families, share ideas and information about Ridgecrest and Shoreline programs that support your child's learning.

Who (quien): Families of students in the ELL program, bilingual/multilingual families, anyone who is interested.
(Younger siblings are welcome to attend - there will be a story time 8:40-9:00AM).|

Where (dónde): Ridgecrest Room 104

We hope to see you there! ¡Esperamos verte ahí!

Sheryl Lundahl, ELL Teacher

To help us with planning, please let us know if you are coming and if you need an interpreter: email sheryl.lundahl@shorelineschools.org or evangelina.vederoff@shorelineschools.org



PTA Information

Here is the link to the current PTA Newsletter. Please take a few minutes to read through it as it contains a lot of important information:

<http://ridgecrestpta.org/Doc/Newsletters%202017/RCPA Newsletter April 2018.pdf>

2018-19 School Year Registration

Registration for Shoreline residents with students starting in the fall of 2018 is open. All families are invited to enroll their student(s) for the 2018-19 school year. If you have a kindergarten student, your child must be 5 years old by August 31, 2018.

To complete the registration process, parents should bring their child's birth certificate or passport, current immunizations, and valid proof of residency to the Ridgecrest office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8am and 3:30pm.

NOTE: The District is CLOSED to new K-6 students living outside of the Shoreline School District.



HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL
BY DONATING
CLOTHES & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS!



Our **FUNDrive**
will be held at:

Ridgecrest Elementary
School
16516 10th Ave NE
Sunday, April 29th 11am- 2pm

Fill
The
Truck!

and will benefit:

Ridgecrest
Elementary PTA &
Girl Scout Troop
42037 trip to NY



learn more:

Email rc_treasurer@yahoo.com or
girlscouttroop42037@gmail.com
for additional info. Thanks for supporting your
local community

FUNDrive
value village

we accept:

CLOTHING
SHOES
BEDDING / TOWELS
ACCESSORIES
CDs, DVDs
ELECTRICAL ITEMS
TOYS & GAMES
KITCHEN ITEMS
KNICK-KNACKS
SPORTING GOODS

Prize for largest donation from RC family!

Shoreline Festival &
STEM Science Fair

May 5, 2018, 10:00am – 1:00pm at Shoreline Community College

The Shoreline STEM Festival and Science Fair is a community-led event that celebrates the learning of Shoreline students in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and exposes them to a variety of STEM careers. Alongside hands-on STEM exhibits from academia, industry and professional organizations, the festival features robotics displays, science trivia, and a student science fair. The event is intended to be both aspirational and inspirational. Shoreline STEM is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit.

Dear Teachers - Please help us spread the word about how to enter the science fair and/or t-shirt design contest, and encourage your students to take part! We are providing you with flyers to post in your classroom, as well as a sample proposal form.

Why encourage your students to enter a project in the science fair?

- Students get practice in written and verbal communication with a diverse audience, which aligns with science standards.
- They receive constructive feedback based on interviews with community volunteers. Higher quality projects based on feedback scores will earn a Medal of Distinction.
- Show the community what you are teaching, critical for public support for education.
- It will get them to the festival, where they can interact with professionals from a variety of STEM labs and organizations to learn about careers in STEM.

Projects can take a number of forms:

- **Curriculum-based projects:** Students can use projects from the classroom, such as end of semester projects. Teams of two are allowed as long as both attend.
- **Independent projects:** Students can extend learning from lessons at school or explore a completely different area in work at home.
- **Club-based projects:** Did your science, engineering or computing club work on something really cool? Encourage club members to share their work with the community in the form of a project. Perhaps they want to host a hands-on activity at the festival instead of enter individual projects – that works too! Just get in touch to discuss possibilities.

What are the steps to doing a project?

1. Students select a category and project idea. Our website has resources to help, including a student-made video about how to do a project!
2. To register, students **submit a planning proposal online by April 6, 2018**. They can fill out an online form at shorelinestem.org or turn in a paper copy if computer access is an issue.
3. Students complete the project, make a tri-fold and show it on May 5, 2018. Everything is free, and all participants receive a festival t-shirt.

Please also consider extra credit for students who attend the festival, even without a project. We will have passports that students will have stamped by exhibitors for evidence of attendance.

Encourage artistic students to submit a STEM design by March 11, 2018. Winners will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card and a free Festival t-shirt with their design on it.

Complete guidelines can be found at the Shoreline STEM website:

shorelinestem.org or email shorelinestemfestival@gmail.com

2017-18 Ridgecrest State Spring Testing Schedule 3rd - 6th Grade SBA and 5th Grade MSP Science

Below is Ridgecrest's state testing schedule for the 2017-18 school year. While we understand that student illnesses cannot be controlled, we respectfully request that you plan any appointments and other absences around the testing schedule to allow your student to test at the scheduled time.

The 5th Grade MSP Science date has been confirmed and will take place on Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

Thank you for your assistance in making sure ALL students are at school during their testing days.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 23	April 24 3rd / 4th ELA CAT Carlson Christian Cleary Della Gravett Laviola Ramfar	April 25 5th / 6th ELA CAT Steadman Whitney Cox Witzel Currier Peterson Skoog	April 26 3rd / 4th ELA PT Carlson Christian Cleary Della Gravett Laviola Ramfar	April 27 5th / 6th ELA PT Steadman Whitney Cox Witzel Currier Peterson Skoog
April 30 3rd / 4th MATH CAT Carlson Christian Cleary Della Gravett Laviola Ramfar	May 1 3rd / 4th MATH PT Carlson Christian Cleary Della Gravett Laviola Ramfar	May 2 5th / 6th MATH CAT Steadman Whitney Cox Witzel Currier Peterson Skoog	May 3 No Testing System Down Laviola Ramfar	May 4 5th / 6th MATH PT Steadman Whitney Cox Witzel Currier Peterson Skoog
May 7	May 8 5th WACS Science **	May 9 6th Grade Camp	May 10 6th Grade Camp	May 11 6th Grade Camp



Shoreline School District #412 does not discriminate against any protected classes. For further information on notice of nondiscrimination, including the address and phone number of the Title IX officer, visit: http://www.shorelineschools.org/info/title_ix.php
