



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

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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.

Have You Ever Wanted to be a Safety Patrol?

Will your child be in 4th, 5th or 6th grade next year? If your child is interested in joining the Ridgecrest Safety Patrol applications are due by this **Thursday, April 12th**. For the 2018-2019 school year safety patrol will be open to 4th, 5th and 6th graders.

Please see your teacher for more information and an application packet. Please contact Ms. Miller with any questions by email at annika.miller@shorelineschools.org



Important Information for the 2018-2019 School Year

The first day of school for the 2018-2019 school year will be **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018 (BEFORE Labor Day)**. Students who do not attend the first four days of the school year **must be withdrawn** and this makes it difficult for class placements. **Please plan your family vacations accordingly.**

The last day of school for the 2018-2019 school year will be **June 14, 2019.**

Nurse Notes

Greetings Ridgecrest Families!

Spring break is coming fast. We hope your family enjoys the time together having fun, exercising and relaxing! Take care so your student can return to school refreshed.

Campers Get Ready to Go -

If you have a 6th grade camper who requires medicine, please remember to have your student's permission form signed by the doctor and parent. Medications and forms need to be turned into the health office when we return from break, Monday, April 23. Prescription and over-the-counter medications (Tylenol, Benadryl, Ibuprofen, etc.) require this permission form.

Adults please bring in the medications.

Sending sunscreen with your child would be a good idea too - no form required!



Thank you.

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

- 11 Class Photos
- 11 "Understanding Our Kids' Anxiety – and How to Help
Shoreline Room @ the Shoreline Conference Center
6:30-8:30pm
- 13 First Nation Salmon Story Telling 9:20am
- 14 Salmon Release @ Grace Cole Park 10am
- 16-20 NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK
- 29 "Fill The Truck" FUNDrive 11am-2pm
(more information on last page of this Newsletter)



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/RCPTA_Newsletter_April_2018.pdf

A Message from the Shoreline HiCap Advocacy Group

"Understanding Our Kids' Anxiety—And How To Help"

A community forum co-sponsored by the Shoreline Hi Cap Advocacy Group and the Shoreline Special Needs PTSA

Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Shoreline Room at the Shoreline Center (18560 1st Ave. NE, Shoreline)
Spartan Room for childcare provided by the Dale Turner YMCA

Program Highlights:

Are you concerned about your child's anxiety? Looking for more ways to help? You're not alone! Join us for this community forum to connect with other parents and learn about:

- societal stressors and causes of anxiety
- ways that Shoreline schools are providing emotional and social support for students
- mindfulness practices and other strategies to reduce your child's (and your own) anxiety

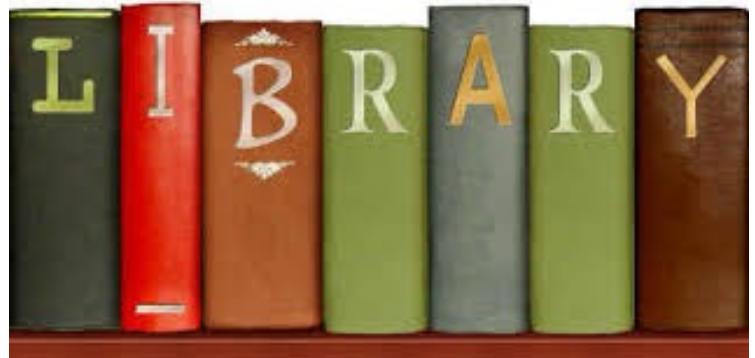
Free Event – Open to All Shoreline Families

Dale Turner YMCA childcare:

A limited number of free childcare spots are available via 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 must be potty-trained.

For additional event details and about our guest panelists: <https://www.shorelinehicap.org/april-11-event.html>

News from the RC



Global Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the 4th and 5th grade students who participated in the Global Reading Challenge this year. We partner with the King County Library System children's librarians, who chose five books for students to read. Students compete in teams to answer detailed questions about the books at Challenges run by the KCLS librarians. Thank you to our local KCLS librarians for their support!

Ridgecrest had three teams this year and the "Neon Narwhals" represented our school at the District Challenge. Teams from local public and private schools competed at the Shoreline Center on March 8th, and Ridgecrest placed second among tough competition!

The books selected this year were exceptionally good, as always. They included:

- Dash by Kirby Larson
- El Deafo by Cece Bell
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- The Sasquatch Escape by Suzanne Selfors

• Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer by Kelly Jones

We recommend any of these books for students third grade and up to read on their own or with families. For more information about the Global Reading Challenge and the books, see the KCLS website: <https://tinyurl.com/RC-GRC2018>

~ Joanna

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

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



we accept:



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

Needed: Counselors for 6th Grade Camp

MAY 9-11, 2018



RIDGECREST ELEMENTARY IS ON THE
SEARCH FOR AMAZING AND SUPER TALENTED

Camp CABER Counselors

Be a counselor for 6th grade camp! Earn a bunch of community service hours and have a ton of fun while doing it.

If you have any questions, email Jaclyn Cox at
jaclyn.cox@shorelineschools.org.

If interested, fill out an application
using the link below or the QR code.

Application: tinyurl.com/caberapp

