RAM News

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Ridgecrest Elementary: Creating Change Together



1 ABSENCES, LATE ARRIVALS, AND EARLY RELEASES

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

2 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

3 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 MARCH: Perseverance / Effort means to keep at it even when it's hard to do
LIFE SKILL FOR APRIL: Flexibility – What do you think that means? Stay tuned next month for the definition.

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2018-19 School Year Registration

Registration for Shoreline residents with students starting in the fall of 2018 began 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.

Please share this information with your neighbors and friends!

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 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!

Welcome Spring!

Please send your children prepared for northwest Spring weather! Rain is our norm, so a waterproof coat or jacket and appropriate shoes/boots will help your student stay dry, comfortable and ready to learn.

Do You Have a 6th Grade Camper?



Be sure to send in your camp health forms if your child needs prescription or over-the-counter medication during this outing. Tylenol, Benadryl, vitamins – **ANY** medicine sent to camp needs medication forms signed by physician and parent. Sending sunscreen is great idea and no longer requires a medication form.

The medication and signed complete forms are due April 23rd, the day we return from Spring break. Ready early? Bring it all in! Questions- call or email us.

Thank you!!

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

5	Yearbook Order Forms Due
5	RC Musical - Aladdin @ SC Theatre 7pm
6	NO SCHOOL - Staff Work Day
6	RC Musical - Aladdin @ SC Theatre 3:30pm & 7pm
16-20	NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK



Life Skill of the Month

The Life Skill for March: Perseverance / Effort
How are you able to teach your child about this important Life Skill?

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 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_March2018.pdf

Yearbook Pre-Order Forms



Pre-order forms for the 2017-18 Ridgecrest Yearbooks are due by April 5th (original due date of April 6 is a non-student work day).

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

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





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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

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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

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:
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- SHOES
- BEDDING / TOWELS
- ACCESSORIES
- CDS, DVDS
- ELECTRICAL ITEMS
- TOYS & GAMES
- KITCHEN ITEMS
- KNICK-KNACKS
- SPORTING GOODS

Shoreline STEM Festival & 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



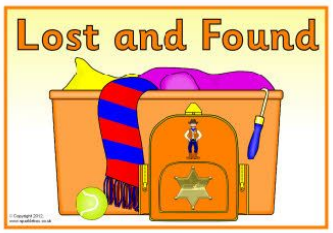
Be a counselor for 6th grade camp! Earn a bunch of community service hours and have a ton of fun while doing it.

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

Last Call for Lost and Found

If your student(s) is/are missing their coat, hat, gloves, lunchbox, water bottle, or any other items, please have them check the Lost and Found in the cafeteria **before** Friday. Our PTA will have members collecting any items not claimed and they will be taken to The Works on Friday, March 30th.



One way to be sure items find their way back to your student is to put their name on the item. Our PTA volunteers always try to match labeled items up with their owners.