



RAM News

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Ridgecrest Elementary: Creating Change Together



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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 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.

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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!

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Kindergarten Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year

Kindergarten Registration for Shoreline residents with students starting Kindergarten in the fall of 2018 began on Friday, February 2nd at ALL Shoreline elementary schools. In order to attend kindergarten in the fall, a 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! We are very excited to welcome the **Class of 2031!!**



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

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**.

Help Us Celebrate Read Across America 2018



READ ACROSS AMERICA

Feb. 26th – March 2nd

Monday - Fox in Socks Day

Crazy Socks & Stripes Day!

Wear crazy socks and stripes!

Tuesday - Cat in the Hat Day

Wear your favorite hat!

Wednesday - Read My Shirt Day

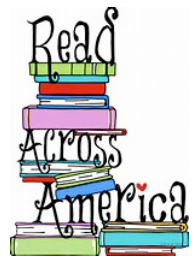
Wear a shirt with words on it (appropriate for school)

Thursday - Costume Day

Dress as a book character

Friday - Pajama Day & D.E.A.R.

(Drop Everything And Read)



The Ridgecrest Read-A-Thon is
Feb. 9th to March 2nd



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

MARCH

1	PTA Parent Meeting 7-8pm
5	NO SCHOOL- Staff Work Day
6-9	EARLY RELEASE @ 11:15 for Parent/Teacher Conferences
16	Science Night 6-8pm
26	BINGO Night 6-8 pm

APRIL

5	RC Musical - Aladdin @ SC Theatre 7pm
6	NO SCHOOL - Staff Work Day
6	RC Musical - Aladdin @ SC Theatre 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, March 2, 2018, 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

Newsletter

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

http://ridgecrestpta.org/Doc/Newsletters%202017/RCPTA_Newsletter_JAN2018.pdf



2018 Read-a-Thon Fundraiser

Read - A - Thon Fundraiser 2018
February 9th - March 2nd

We are looking for classroom parent/grandparent/guardian volunteers who would be willing to help with this great fundraiser. We are raising funds for field trips, school dances, art docent programs, science night, teacher and specialists grants and many other events. We also use this fundraiser to emphasize and inspire reading for all our Ridgecrest students.

Being a parent volunteer is as simple as making copies one time, or counting minutes for a classroom [or two] once a week for the duration of the three week read-a-thon. The minutes counted would be hung up in the hall so the school can get competitive with their minutes read. After the read-a-thon ends, counting the pledges and communicating this information with the students is also a helpful time to volunteer.

This activity is a great way to get involved with the PTA without too big of a commitment - please consider helping out with this wonderful activity!

Please do call or email with any questions. If you're interested in volunteering, please send your contact info as soon as possible if you'd like to get involved.

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Are You Planning to Participate in This Year's Family Science Night?

Family Science Night is an evening event sponsored by the PTA that provides an opportunity for students to share a science project or report they've worked on with other students and families.

Bring on the colored carnations, volcanoes, hovercrafts, and robotic arms!

All Ridgecrest students are invited to participate by preparing a science experiment or research project to present at Family Science Night. Family participation is not only allowed, it's HIGHLY encouraged! To present a project or poster, simply fill out an entry form and turn it in at the office. **Entry deadline has been extended to Friday, March 9th!**

For more information and links to age-appropriate experiment ideas, please visit the RC PTA's website. If you have any questions regarding Family Science Night, please email: ridgecrest.science@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 CAT Carlson Christian Cleary Della Gravett Laviola Ramfar	April 27 5th / 6th ELA CAT Steadman Whitney Cox Witzel Currier Peterson Skoog
April 30	May 1 3rd / 4th MATH CAT Carlson Christian Cleary Della Gravett Laviola Ramfar	May 2 5th / 6th MATH CAT Steadman Whitney Cox Witzel Currier Peterson Skoog	May 3 3rd / 4th MATH CAT Carlson Christian Cleary Della Gravett Laviola Ramfar	May 4 5th / 6th MATH CAT Steadman Whitney Cox Witzel Currier Peterson Skoog
May 7	May 8 5th MSP Science **	May 9 6th Grade Camp	May 10 6th Grade Camp	May 11 6th Grade Camp



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WASHINGTON ALLIANCE
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Shoreline School District Natural Leaders Training!

Join us on:

Monday, March 19th, 2018

6:00pm-8:00pm

**Spartan Recreation Center
202 Northeast 185th Street, Shoreline, WA 98115**

To register: Please use the link below or contact your Family Advocate.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/natural-leader-training-shoreline-registration-42691719081?aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing&utm-campaign=social&utm-medium=discovery&utm-content=attendeeshare>

Event Details:

- Learn about the many ways you can be advocates for your children and be better connectors between families and schools.
- A light dinner and drinks will be served.
- Childcare will be provided for children who are potty trained and at least 30 months old. Please let us know if you need childcare (see contact info below).
- Space is limited.

For further information, and if you need childcare, please contact
Rachelle Friskey at rachelle.friskey@shorelineschools.org.

Para mas información en español, y si necesita cuidado de niño, puede
contactar a Bridgette Shima: 206.496.3329 o por email a
shima.bridgette@gmail.com.