



RAM News

16516 10th Avenue NE * Shoreline, WA 98155 * 206-393-4272 * Dr. Sue McPeak, Principal

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 permanently unexcused on your student's record.

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 nutritious breakfast at school.

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!

Table of Contents

Page 2

News from the RC Library

Nurse Notes

Page 3

Family Story Time

Calendar

Life Skill of the Month

Multicultural Family Info

Page 4

RC After School Activities Info

Gifted Education Day in Olympia

Hi Cap Screening for 2nd Grade

Reminder: School Releases at 3pm

Page 5

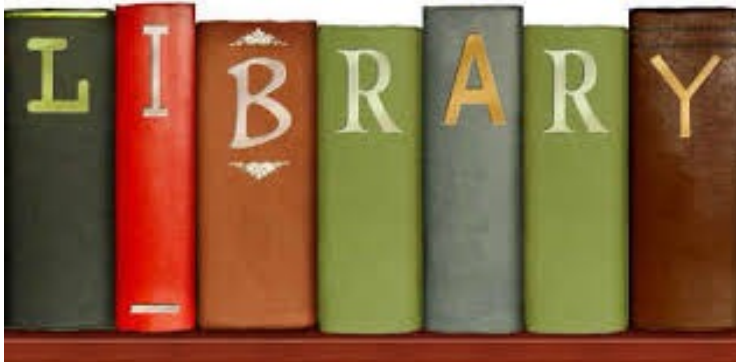
PTA Information

5th Grade Debut Concert

Page 6

State Testing Schedule

News from the RC



Choosing a Book

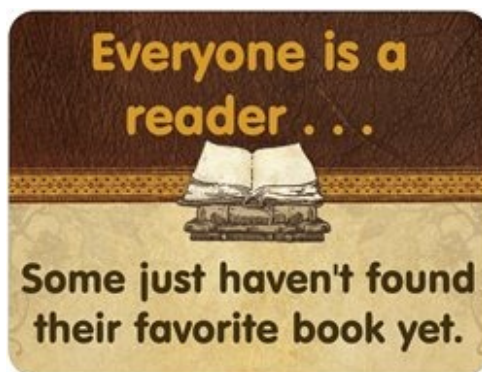
FAQ: Where are your books in my Lexile level?

Answer: The Ridgecrest Library books are not labeled with Lexile or other levels. We believe that libraries should give everyone equal access to books and information. Our library does not limit checkout by age, grade level, or reading level

Our library's main reading goals are:

- To help students choose books based on their interests
- To encourage joy in reading and libraries

We help students check out books based on their interests and for fun. We respect students and their choices as they check out books they can read or look at themselves or share with someone at home.



Sometimes students may bring home a book that is too hard or too easy for them, but it is important to them because they chose it. Ask your child why they chose a book to spark discussions about what they like to read or want to learn to read.

Joanna and Liz

Nurse Notes

We are seeing colds and flu so please remember to wash hands often and cover coughs in a tissue or catch the cough in your elbow.

Please keep children home if they exhibit any of the following symptoms:

- ¥ Fever 100 degrees F or over
 - ¥ Diarrhea
 - ¥ Vomiting
 - ¥ Thick mucus draining from the eye or nose
 - ¥ Inability to contain cough or sneeze in elbow
 - ¥ Sore throat: if combined with fever or swollen neck glands
 - ¥ Rashes: unrelated to heat or other known non-communicable diseases
 - ¥ Unusual tiredness, paleness, lack of appetite, irritability or lack of energy to participate fully in class.
- These symptoms indicate your child may be contagious. Students should remain home until they are symptom free (without medication) for 24 hours before returning to school.

Thank you Ridgecrest families for helping to keep us all healthy!

Campers get ready!

6th grade camp will be here before we know it – May 9-11th. If your student has a doctor appointment and needs medications while at camp; bring along a medication form to be filled in by the doctor. This will save you time and last minute run-around before send off. This form is available on the district website or by calling or emailing the nurses.



Thank you!

Nurse Joan and Nurse Stacey
206.393.4276

Friday Family Story Time

DID YOU KNOW?

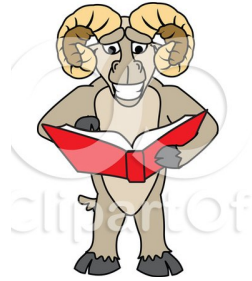
Ridgecrest has a weekly story time for future Rams and their caregivers!

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

JANUARY

27	Kinderfest @ Shoreline Center 10am-Noon
29	No School Non-Student Work Day

FEBRUARY

2	Kindergarten Registration Begins for 2018-19
6	PTA Parent Meeting 7-8pm
8	5th Grade Band / Orchestra Debut Concert, 7pm
9	Read-a-Thon Kickoff
13	Election Day - Don't Forget to Vote!
19	No School HOLIDAY Presidents Day
20-23	No School MID-WINTER BREAK
27	Skate Night 6-8pm

Life Skill of the Month

The Life Skill for January: Courage

How are you able to teach your child about courage?



Election Day is Feb. 13
Please be sure to vote!

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

When (Cuando): Friday, February 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



RC After School Activities Winter 2018

<p>Registration/Forms: https://goo.gl/forms/hFSTI28cQoG2Z4cA2</p> <p>(or on the Ridgecrest Elementary website and click on After School Activities)</p> <p>Ridgecrest Elementary offers extra-curricular activities for students, taught by Ridgecrest staff and PTA offers classes taught by outside providers... Activities from outside groups are arranged by the PTA and often have a cost associated with them, but scholarships are offered. Payments for the PTA-sponsored classes are made to the provider or PTA directly, not to Ridgecrest. Classes offered by RC teachers are usually no cost, and sign-ups are done online only.</p> <p>The Fall Season runs from Feb. 5th- March 23rd Classes run from 3PM-4PM. (no classes during March conference week)</p> <p>For classes offered by Ridgecrest staff, sign-ups close Sunday Jan. 28th, 11pm</p> <p>At the end of each class, students are released to a parent or guardian or after care program, or walk home with permission. Students will be removed from the class if they are not picked up promptly at 4pm.</p>	
<p>Ridgecrest Staff Classes open now:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K'Nex & Coloring Pages - (Mondays) 1st- 3rd grade • Fitness Games (Thursdays) 1st and 2nd grade • Dodgeball - (Tuesday) 5th and 6th grade • Magic The Gathering Club - (Thursday) 4th-6th grade <p>Other ongoing staff sponsored activities not doing sign-ups right now:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework club 3-6 - teacher nominated • Homework Help for English Language Learners (Invitation from teacher) • Global reading challenge 3 & 4, already going, ends Jan. 26th • Aladdin Musical Jan-April, 4th-6th • Honor Choir - 5th and 6th 	<p>PTA Sponsored Classes</p> <p>Pta offers many programs and classes afterschool which can be found on the PTA website under Programs and Events. Please check the PTA website for these classes.</p> <p>http://ridgecrestpta.org/Page/Programs%20and%20Events/Enrichment%20Program</p>

Ridgecrest Staff Classes - In most cases, Feb. 5th- March 23rd

CLASS 1 K'Nex & Coloring Pages

(Mrs. Laviola and Ms. Della) - grades 1, 2, 3

Mondays - Room 306

Build with K'Nex or choose a fun coloring page to decorate.

Registration: Ridgecrest Activity Online Form

Fee: Free

CLASS 2 Fitness Games (class does not start until 2/15)

(Ms. Robinson, Ms. Boone) - grades 1,2

Thursdays - Gym

Get your body moving and your heart pumping with fun cardio activities!

Registration: Ridgecrest Activity Online Form

Fee: Free

CLASS 3 Dodgeball

(Mr. Steadman) - grades 5,6

Tuesdays -Gym

We will be playing many different versions of dodgeball, including individual and team games. Please make sure you wear gym shoes, as there will be a lot of running and dodging going on.

Registration: Ridgecrest Activity Online Form

Fee: Free

CLASS 4 - Magic: The Gathering Club

(Ms. Currier) - grades 4,5,6

This club will involve the card game, Magic: The Gathering

Thursdays - Library

Registration: Ridgecrest Activity Online Form

Fee: Free

Ridgecrest PTA Classes

Information was sent home with students and classes are starting this week. PTA info can be found on the PTA webpage

<http://ridgecrestpta.org/Page/Programs%20and%20Events/Enrichment%20Program>

Gifted Education Day in Olympia

Save the date: Thursday, February 8th for Gifted Education Day in Olympia. Gifted Ed day is designated for families and their students to advocate for Highly Capable services in Olympia. We will meet with our legislators, tour the Capitol building to observe government at work, connect with Hi Cap families and understand the issues that impact Hi Cap services in our state today. This year, together with over 25 Shoreline families and students, we will advocate for prioritizing the identification of low-income students in the Hi Cap program. This is an excused absence for your student(s). If you are interested in joining us for a private tour or would like more details of the schedule please email

shoreline.hicap.advocacy@gmail.com

ALL District Second Graders to be Screened for Hi Cap

**Spring Screening - 2nd grade Only
February 2018**

- Testing for all current Shoreline 2nd grade students with the CogAT Screening Form.
- Testing will occur during the school day in each 2nd grade class.
- **Opportunity to Opt Out:** If you **do not** want your 2nd grade child to participate in the screener, you will need to submit the [CogAT Screener Opt Out form](#) to your child's school.

Reminder: After School

This is a reminder that school dismisses at 3:00. Unless a student is enrolled in aftercare or in an after school club or program, there is no one available to supervise them. Students need to be picked up promptly after dismissal. Students are **NOT** allowed to wait in the building for a sibling and are also not allowed on the playground after school without adult supervision.

If you have any questions, please contact the office by calling 206.393.4272. Thank you.

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.

Renee Calm
rcalm@spu.edu
206-999-3889

5th Grade Debut Concert

The Ridgecrest 5th Grade Band and Orchestra have been meeting regularly twice a week since the beginning of the school year. Your children have been working extremely hard to develop good music skills. Many thanks for all your help and encouragement, especially in the area of home practice. Those 20-30 minute sessions 4-5 times a week are the single most important part of achieving success on a musical instrument.

We take great pleasure in inviting you to attend our first concert of the year on **Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm**. The performance will be held in the RIDGECREST CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (also known as the cafeteria/gym!). The program will feature our **5th Grade Band and Orchestra** and will last under an hour. Please note that the 6th grade groups will NOT perform in this concert.

Please invite family and friends to this special event! Feel free to bring your cameras – flash pictures and videos are encouraged!

Arrival Time: **Orchestra:** 6:25 on the stage
Band: 6:25 in the band room

Attire: Performers should dress as if they are attending a wedding or having dinner in a fancy restaurant. Girls may wear pants or dresses. No hats please for girls or boys.

Attendance at concerts is a **required part of the instrumental program**. If you have a serious time conflict or other concern, please email or send a note to your child's instrumental teacher right away.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you and performing for you!

Vicki Ault, Orchestra
vicki.ault@shorelineschools.org

Dennis Ashbrook, Band
dennisashbrook@shorelineschools.org

Annual Chili Cook-Off

This February's lunch is a good old fashioned Chili Cook Off. Every year we have a contest for the best RC chili, side dish and dessert. Contest is open to everyone willing to cook. Staff gets to vote on the best in all 3 categories, winners get prizes. Best of all, it also feeds the staff!! Only people signed up on perfect potluck will be eligible for prizes as space is limited and ballots need to be made, so go to the perfect potluck link to sign up to bring something for our wonderful Ridgecrest Staff. This feeds over 65 people and we can't do it without YOU!



Where: Staff lunchroom

When: Mon Feb. 12th

Time: 10:00am to 1:30pm

Perfect Potluck link: <https://perfectpotluck.commeals.phpt=UUTJ6197&welcome=1>

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



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
