



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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Kinderfest 2018

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017

10:00am - 12:00pm

Shoreline Room, Shoreline Center
18560 1st Avenue N.E.

What is Kinderfest?

Kinderfest is a great opportunity for families to hear and learn about the programs offered by the Shoreline School District such as Food Services, Transportation, Nurses, ELL/Special Services, Highly Capable Program, and PTA. Each elementary school in the Shoreline School District will be there for a meet and greet and to answer questions. Spanish, Amharic, Mandarin, Korean, and Vietnamese interpreters will be available.

Limited, no-cost childcare will be available onsite for children over two (2) years old who are potty trained (sponsored by the Shoreline Children's Center). Please note that food will not be allowed in the childcare room due to possible allergies.

When Does Kindergarten Registration Begin?

Kindergarten registration will begin on **Friday, February 2, 2018** at your neighborhood school. In order to attend kindergarten in the fall, your child must be five (5) years old by August 31, 2018 **AND** reside in the cities of Shoreline or Lake Forest Park.

Who Should I Contact If I Have Question?

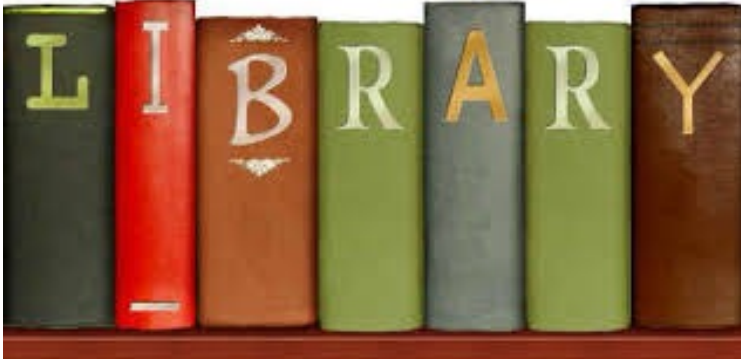
For more information please visit the Enrollment page on the Shoreline School District website at:

www.shorelineschools.org/enrollment

If you have any additional questions, please contact Trinitee Swan at trinitee.swan@shorelineschools.org or 206.393.4365. You may also contact your home school directly.



News from the RC



Choosing a Book

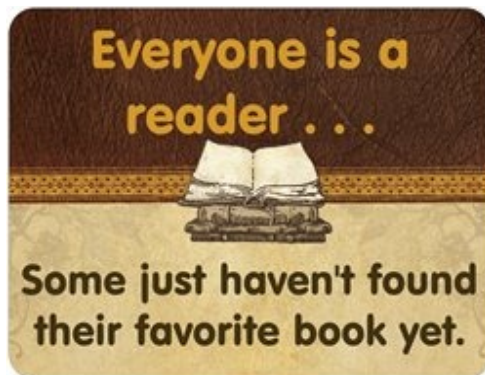
FAQ: Where are your books in my Lexile level?

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:

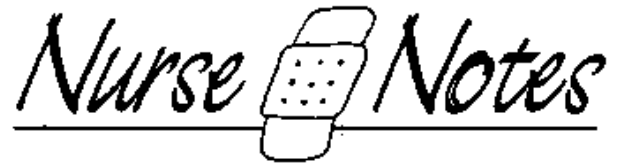
- To help students choose books based on their interests
- To encourage joy in reading and libraries

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



Happy New Year Ridgecrest Families!

The health office has been busy with students coughing, experiencing sore throats, stomachaches, headaches and vomiting. **Yes, winter is here!**

Want help prevent getting sick? Hand washing frequently and thoroughly is an easy and effective way to prevent spreading germs.

How to Wash Your Hands

- **Wet** your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
- **Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.

• **Scrub** your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.

- **Rinse** your hands well under clean, running water.
- **Dry** your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

No soap and water? Alcohol based sanitizers with 60% or above alcohol base can be used, but thorough hand washing is best.

Washing hands often and hopefully we will all be healthier this winter!

<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>



We are in need of **plastic grocery bags** to send home wet clothing. If you have any extras, please send them to the health office!

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.



Life Skill of the Month

The Life Skill for January: Courage

How are you able to teach your child about courage?



Calendar

JANUARY

- 11 PTA Reflections Art Show @ Shoreline Center
- 12 Multicultural Family Breakfast Meeting 8:40-9:40am
- 12 6th Grade Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 5-7pm
- 12 PTA Sponsored Family Dance 7-9pm
- 15 No School HOLIDAY Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 16 PTA Parent Meeting 7-8pm
- 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

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, January 12, 2017, 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



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 is tentative but will occur within the testing window. You will receive notification when the date has been confirmed.

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	May 9 6th Grade Camp	May 10 6th Grade Camp	May 11 6th Grade Camp
May 14	May 15 5th MSP Science **	May 16	May 17	May 18



PTA Information

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

Shoreline Children's Center Preschool Openings

The Shoreline Children's Center has some preschool openings. Class schedules vary, including mornings, afternoons, or full days with wrap-around care scheduled between 6:30am and 6:30pm.

The Children's Center is located at North City, 816 NE 190th Street, Shoreline, WA for the 2017-18 school year.

Call 206.393.4356 to learn more or to arrange a tour.

Our Salmon Eggs have Arrived!

The next time you come in to Ridgecrest, be sure to take a look in the fish tank located in the front lobby. Our salmon eggs have arrived!

There is always great excitement in the air when they arrive and we all anticipate the hatching. We respectfully request that you do not tap on the glass as this causes stress in the fish (they may think it's a predator). We ask that you only look and speak with a quiet voice.



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

Lost & Found Going to The WORKS Next Week

If your student is missing a coat, lunchbox, hat, gloves, or any other items, please be sure to check our Lost and Found before the end of this week (Friday, January 12th). All unclaimed items will be taken and donated to The WORKS.

We make an attempt to return lost items but it just isn't possible to return them if they are not labeled. Please take a few minutes and put your student's name in/on their item and we will do our best to get it back to your student in the event they lose it.

