



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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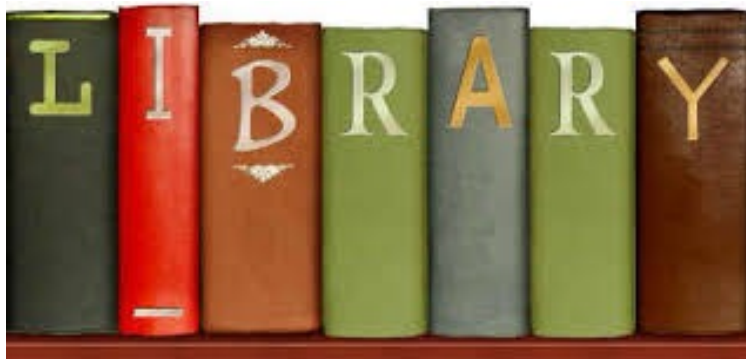
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News from the RC



Graphic Novels and Comics at the Library

The word "graphic" has many definitions, but graphic novels in our elementary library are visual in style, as in graphic art. Our library has a popular graphic novel and comic book section that grows every year.

Having graphic novels and comics in our library is important because:

1. Reluctant readers love the illustrations, which help them understand the story even if they can't read all of the words.
2. They keep the reader's attention by being fast-paced and visual.
3. They can have complicated stories, where readers have to look at the illustrations and text together to understand the whole story.
4. They are fun to read, so readers have positive reading experiences.

We have traditional comics like *Garfield*, *Batman*, and *Calvin and Hobbes*. We have newer comics such as *Babymouse*, *Amulet*, and *Big Nate*, and nonfiction graphic novels about Apollo 13, Queen Elizabeth I, and the Titanic. One popular nonfiction series called *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales* is impossible to keep on our shelves. There are many graphic novel versions of fiction books, including *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, *The Lost Hero*, and *A Wrinkle in Time*.

Students may check out one graphic novel or comic book at a time, because they are popular and to encourage them to explore many different types of books

Joanna and Liz

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Nurse Notes

Please encourage your children to wash hands, wash hands, and wash hands! We are seeing colds and more colds! Also please remind students to cover their coughs with tissues or into their elbows to prevent the spread of germs.

Please check your students for head lice at least once a week. We have been seeing more cases. The best lice comb we have found is the LiceMeister. Easy to hold and the tines are close together. If you need help please call the health office.

Do you have any smaller sized pants your children have outgrown? Boys or girls size 5-8 are needed in the health office. Thank you!!

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 noncommunicable diseases
- ¥ Unusual tiredness, paleness, lack of appetite, or irritability

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 Ridgcrest families for helping to keep us all healthy!

Nurse Joan & Nurse Stacey

PTA News

The most recent Ridgecrest PTSA Newsletter can be found by clicking on the following link:

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



From: **Ridgecrest PTA**
 WHAT'S HAPPENING:
 FROM:

Ridgecrest Elementary Annual

Family Dance

Friday, January 12, 2018; 7-9pm

(following 6th grade spaghetti dinner fundraiser 5-7pm)

This Year's Theme is



It's time to party like a rock star! Come in costume as your favorite rocker...Gaga, Niki, Katy, KISS, Beatles, Beyonce, Hendrix, the choices are endless with LOTS of opportunity for team costumes. Form a band!

Get your ALL ACCESS pass to fun, treats and prizes!

Absolutely no drop offs!

School Attendance Awareness

This year, Shoreline Public Schools is making a special effort to ensure that all students fully benefit from their education by attending school regularly. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Your student can start building this habit that going to school on time, every day is important. Consistent attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work. [Learn more about why attendance matters and how you can help your child be successful in school through regular and on-time attendance.](#)

Lunch Balances

Would you like an email reminder **BEFORE** your student's meal account balance is negative? Set up a Low Balance Notification by logging into your Family Access account and following these instructions:

1. In the upper right corner of the page, select "My Account".
2. On the very bottom of the page, select "Receive Emails when Food Service Balance is under \$5.50".
3. Select "Save" on the upper right corner.

If at any point you wish to no longer receive these notices, follow these same instructions to deselect this option. If you do not have your Family Access login information, contact the office by calling 206.393.1493.

Super Size It Wednesdays!

Beginning Wednesday, November 8, we will be offering an optional second entree every Wednesday.

Purchase a regular lunch and for just \$2.50 more you can get a second entree. At this time, this will only be offered to grades 3-6.

Buy a regular lunch, tell the cashier at check out that you would like a second entree. If you have enough money in hand or on your account, you will be given a card. Just bring that card to the front of the lunch line and you will be given a second entree. If you are on free/reduced lunch, the second entree must be paid for separately.

New Attendance Procedures

The Shoreline School District has changed the attendance recording practice. In recent years, Washington State has requested accurate data on chronic absenteeism. In the past, we have only reported absences and tardies (late arrivals, regardless of the time of arrival). The school day is now broken into two parts – period 1 and period 2. Student arriving before 10:15am will be tardy; students arriving at 10:16 or later will be considered absent for period 1. If a student has an early dismissal that occurs before 1:25, they will be considered absent for period 2; students leaving at 1:26 or later will be considered an early dismissal (reports similarly to a tardy). If you have any questions, please contact Janina in the attendance office by calling 206.393.1493.

Visit our e-Flyers webpage

Looking for educational and recreational opportunities and events in our area? Visit our [e-Flyers webpage](#) for a listing of electronic flyers submitted by local non-profit groups regarding upcoming events, activities or services.

Friday Family Story Time

DID YOU KNOW?

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

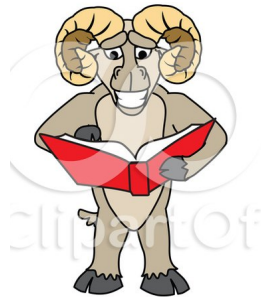
Friday Family Story

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.

COME JOIN US!



Calendar

DECEMBER

12	Aladdin Jr Callbacks 3-4:15pm
18	"Treat the Staff" Cookie Exchange (Info on Page 5)
20	No School WINTER BREAK

JANUARY

3	School Resumes
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
29	No School Non-Student Work Day

Life Skill of the Month

The Life Skill for December is: Generosity

Take some time to talk with your student about constructive ways to solve problems.

Upcoming in January: Courage

ALL Unclaimed Lost and Found Items Going to The Works!!

With the wet and cold weather, many students loose extra layers of clothing worn at recess. **PLEASE MARK** your child's items with their name or initials. All unclaimed items are put in the Lost and Found (located in the cafeteria) to await being reunited with their owner. Those items to remain unclaimed are donated to The WORKS. The next donation to The WORKS will be December 19th.

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



Please help us “Treat the Staff” With A COOKIE EXCHANGE



This December we're asking people to bring a dozen cookies of every kind available, so that we can send home a bag of them to EVERY member of our fabulous Ridgecrest Staff.

Please go to the perfect potluck link to sign up to bring something for our wonderful Ridgecrest Staffers. This feeds over 65 people and we can't do it without YOU!

Don't have time to bake?? Come help us make bags to send home.

**Where: Staff lunchroom When: Mon. Dec. 18th
Time: 9am to 11am**

To sign up to bring cookies please visit the site below and let us know what you are bringing.

<http://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=RQNN5815&welcome=1>

Another way others can access your meal schedule is:

<http://www.PerfectPotluck.com> Coordinator Last Name: johnson Password: 1650

**Shorecrest High School/
Friday, January 5, 2018
Eastside Elementary Night
Shorecrest Basketball**

***vs Marysville-Getchell High School
Face Painting, Meet SC Cheer & Flag members and
the Otis mascot! Activities at halftime!***

Tip off at 7:15pm

Adults \$6.00 Students (with an Adult) \$3.00

Wear green and gold and cheer on the Scots!

Future Scots & Families are ALWAYS welcome at SC basketball games! For full schedule, go to wescoathletics.com

Questions? Call us at 206-393-4286

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