



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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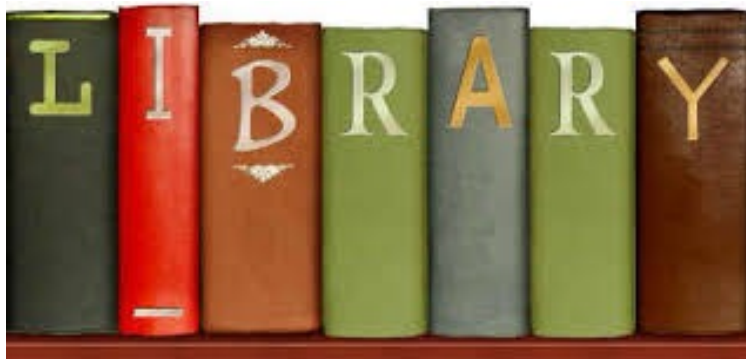
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News from the RC



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:

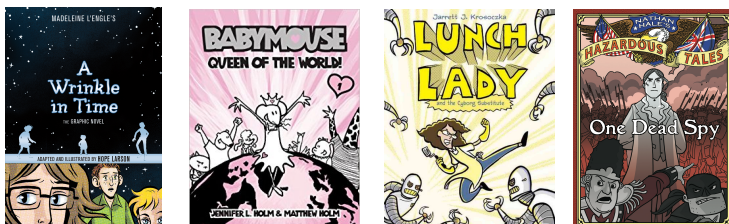
1. Reluctant readers love the illustrations, which help them understand the story even if they can't read all of the words.
2. They keep the reader's attention by being fast-paced and visual.
3. They can have complicated stories, where readers have to look at the illustrations and text together to understand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

Thank You Amazing Health Day Volunteers!

Hats off to Meaghan Nash, Ying Huang, Kitty Weiss, Jamie Malek, Michelle Darlington, Rachelle Mitchell, and Anita Stanmour for their assistance in making RC health screening days a success!

We could not have done it without you!!

Head Lice

Please check your child for head lice. Lice easily spread with head-to-head contact or sharing hats, helmets, brushes, pillows, chairs, beds, etc. with someone who has head lice. They cannot fly or hop and need our warmth to survive.



Please contact us if you need more information or refer to Headlice.org.

Nurse Joan and Nurse Stacey
206-393-4276

Grab Your Magic Carpet and Audition!

Announcing Auditions for Aladdin Jr.!!

Audition packets (which must be filled out by a parent or guardian) can be found outside the music room door. Partial audition packets (without the monologues and song needed to audition for a lead part) can be found



here: [https://](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-bj4u-ZX1HOLWRyRGdQQIRTRjBSTFg4Q2JaQWpBRDdtcTk4/view?usp=sharing)

drive.google.com/file/d/0B-bj4u-ZX1HOLWRyRGdQQIRTRjBSTFg4Q2JaQWpBRDdtcTk4/view?usp=sharing

4th grade auditions are on Tuesday, Dec 5, 3-4pm

5th & 6th grade auditions are on Friday, Dec 8, 3-4:30pm

Parent Meeting for 4th grade and new 5th & 6th grade students auditioning on Tuesday, Dec 5, 4-4:15pm in the Music Room

Hi Cap Testing Registration

Registration for the Highly Capable (HiCap) Program Assessment is now open for all new Shoreline students in Grades 1 -12 who moved into the district after October 10, 2017 and students in Kindergarten who qualified for additional testing after the fall screening process. Register online by going to: <https://goo.gl/forms/ArAitoDHyRnbnTq2>

The deadline for registration is 4:30pm on Thursday, November 30th, 2017.

Location: Testing will occur in your student's regular school

Testing Dates: Testing will occur over 2 days during the week of December 4th-15th

Students must attend both days of testing to be eligible for the HiCap program.

You will be contacted after registration with the specific date and time for testing.

Students who are new to the Shoreline School District may be required to prove residency and/or registration within the district. Proof of residency is considered to be a copy or legible picture of a lease, deed, or utility bill.

If you have any questions or have difficulty registering online, please contact the Highly Capable Program office at 206-393-4771 or by e-mail at highlycapable@shorelineschools.org.

Retirement Celebration

Join Us In Honoring Board Member Ehrlichman on Dec 4

The Shoreline and Lake Forest Park communities are invited to a retirement celebration in honor of Shoreline School District Board of Directors President Debi Ehrlichman on December 4, 2017 from 5:30-7:00pm in the Shoreline Room, Shoreline Conference Center, 18560 1st Ave NE, Shoreline.

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!

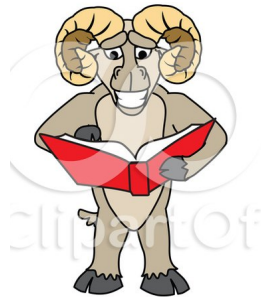
Friday Family Story

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

- 1 Multicultural Family Breakfast (see below)
- 4 No School Non-Student Work Day
Shoreline Special Needs PTSA Fundraiser at
Elevated Sportz in Bothell
- 5 Aladdin Jr Auditions (4th grade) 3-4pm
Parent Meeting for all 4th and new 5th, 6th
graders auditioning 4-4:15pm
- 8 Holiday Food and Teen Gift Drive Ends
Aladdin Jr Auditions (5th & 6th grade) 3-4:30pm
- 12 Aladdin Jr Callbacks 3-4:15pm
- 20 No School WINTER BREAK

JANUARY

- 3 School Resumes
- 11 PTA Reflections Art Show @ Shoreline Center
- 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.

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

When (Cuando): Friday, December 1, 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



**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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Food & Teen Gift Card Drive

In conjunction with the Shoreline PTA Council, schools across Shoreline donate food and gift items that are given to over 500 Shoreline families in need. Boxes of food, paper goods, toiletries, toys, and teen gift cards are assembled and distributed to families to assist during the holiday season.

The Food & Teen Gift Card Drive runs from November 27 through December 8th. This year, Ridgecrest's item to focus on is: **FRUIT CUPS packed in water**

In addition, there are many other items that will help our Shoreline families this winter break such as peanut butter, pasta, beans, canned items such as soup, vegetables, fruit, and tomato products, hot & cold cereal, granola bars, and gluten-free items.

Rather than soliciting teen gift items, we will be collecting **gift cards (\$5-\$25)** for teens and tweens between the ages of 10-18 that need our support this year. Some teen-friendly gift card suggestions are: Target, Fred Meyer, Walmart, AMC/Regal Theatres, fast food, iTunes, Amazon.

Please do not donate food in glass jars or large Costco-sized containers (multi-packs of an item from Costco are acceptable). Also, please check the expiration dates on your donated food items.

If you would like to volunteer during the drive or if you have questions, please contact our Family Services Coordinator: Lori Lynass by emailing lynassl@gmail.com

Every Kid in a Park

Did you know that you own millions of acres of national parks, historic structures, cultural artifacts, ancient forests, snowcapped mountains, and clear blue lakes? Our federal public lands and waters belong to all Americans and are waiting for you to explore them.

Every year, beginning September 1st, all kids in the **fourth grade** have access to their own "Every Kid in a Park" pass at www.everykidinapark.gov. This pass provides free access to national parks across the country. The pass is good until August 31, 2018.



Lost and Found

With the wet and cold weather, many students lose 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 mid-December.

The Works

The WORKS is a free clothing room for children in the Shoreline School District. At The WORKS, children and teens can pick out high quality, clean, gently used clothing. This program is intended to support families experiences circumstances that make it challenging to clothe their children for school.

The WORKS is open on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm. It is located in the middle portable at North City Elementary, 810 NE 190th St., Shoreline, WA 98155.

A Shoreline PTA Council Family Resource



Throughout the year, donations can be

brought to The WORKS on Wednesday evenings or to the Ridgecrest office.

Jump for Shoreline Special Needs PTSA

Visit **Elevated Sportz Ultimate Trampoline Park & Event Center** on Monday, December 4 (no school day for students) between 10am-9pm and **20%** of pre-taxed ticket sales for Jump, Play or Combo activities will be donated to Shoreline Special Needs PTSA. Just tell the front desk before your purchase that you're here for the Shoreline Special Needs PTSA.



Elevated Sportz is located at:
18311 Bothell Everett Highway #140
Bothell, WA 98012
425-949-4488