



RAM News

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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.

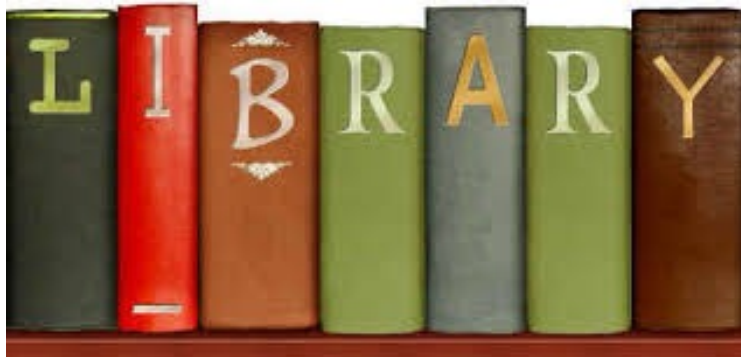
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SAFETY REMINDER

For the safety of all Ridgcrest 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!



News from the RC



Library Frequently Asked Questions

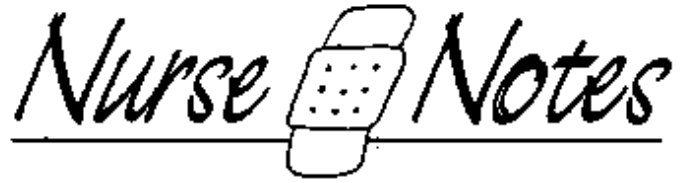
Students may have out up to five books (1st-3rd grade) or ten books (4th-6th grade) at any time. If they have less than their limit, overdue or not, they can still check out up to the limit. (Example: If a 2nd grader has two books out, they can still check out three). Having an overdue book does not keep students from checking out. Books are checked out for two weeks and can be renewed.

We don't charge overdue fines, but there is a replacement charge if the book is completely lost or destroyed (dog ate it, little brother colored in it, etc.). Most books are found eventually, so we really prefer that families don't pay for a book immediately unless it's been ruined. If this occurs, we accept payment or a replacement book.

We want students to love books and the library, and we want students to check out books. We don't want overdue or temporarily lost books to be stressful for students or families. We all misplace books. We would much rather have the original book back a few weeks late than have a family worry about their child not being able to check out.

If you would like to discuss a lost or damaged book with me, please email the library.

Joanna and Liz
joanna.freeman@shorelineschools.org



Fall Greetings Ridgecrest Families!

COOLER WEATHER

Parents please remember to send your student in warmer clothing appropriate for wet, cooler recesses. And for PE class, don't forget the tennis shoes.

LICE

We have seen the return of lice. If you notice your student scratching his/her head or complaining of an itchy head, lice may be the culprit. Please check your student using a lice comb. Head lice are tiny six legged parasites. A nymph is the size of a grain of salt and an adult is the size of a grain of rice. The nits, or lice eggs are teardrop shaped and are glued to the hair shaft. They cannot be washed or brushed away. Lice cannot fly, hop, jump or burrow but they move quickly, making them hard to find in hair. Lice can live 35 days on our heads, but only 2 days off. They need our heat and blood to live. Lice tend to cluster behind the ears and nape of neck. Lice are spread by head-to-head contact with a person who has head lice. Lice can also distribute through sharing hats, scarves, combs, brushes, hair clips, clothing or on furniture. Pets do not carry head lice. One lice comb that works well is the Lice Meister. The tines are close together and the handle is not bulky making it easier to use. If you would like more information please contact us.

HEALTH SCREENING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

November 17th we will be assessing the students hearing and vision. This year near vision will also be assessed in addition to distance vision. Please consider joining us. We need help gathering classes, monitoring waiting students and screening students hearing. We will meet in the portables north of school at 8:35 am and finish at 2:30 pm. If you can assist in the morning or afternoon, we would appreciate your help! Please call, email or sign up on the volunteer list in the main office or PTA table in the hallway. Please remember to obtain a background check prior. Just provide a copy of your driver's license to the front office staff.

Thank you!!

Nurse Joan and Nurse Stacey

District Information

Community Flu Shot Clinics to be held at Shorecrest

Shoreline Public Schools is committed to helping keep our students, parents and our community healthy throughout the entire flu season. That's why we have partnered with the Seattle Visiting Nurse Association to provide flu shot clinics for our district. Get more details and information [HERE](#).

Clinic Location:

- Shorecrest High School Commons–
Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 3 to 7 p.m.

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.



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 at your student's school 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 not 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.

Friday Family Story Time

RAMON Calendar October 24, 2017 OCTOBER

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.



NOVEMBER

3	Photo Retake Day
7	Election Day
9	Non-Student Staff Work Day
10	No School HOLIDAY Veteran's Day
14	Skate Night 6-8pm at Lynnwood Bowl & Skate
21	PTA Parent Meeting 7-8pm
22	11:15 Early Release for Holiday
23	No School HOLIDAY Thanksgiving
24	No School HOLIDAY Native American

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



When (Cuando): Friday, October 27, 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



Holiday Baskets

Holiday Baskets provides holiday food and gift support to Shoreline School District families in circumstances that make it challenging to provide either for their children.

Holiday Baskets Food & Gifts Distribution to Families
Saturday, December 9th, 2017
11:30am - 4:30pm
Kellogg Middle School

**For Families needing assistance with
Winter break food & Holiday gifts,
registration begins October 2nd.**

There are two ways to register!

- Register online at: www.eventbrite.com In the "Search for events" field enter Holiday Baskets.
- Fill out a registration form and give it to your school Family Advocate. Forms are available in their offices and at www.shorelinepta.org under *Family Services, Holiday Baskets, To Register.*

Deadline for Registration is November 8th.

For more information go to: www.shorelinepta.org and click on Family Services then Holiday Baskets
Members of the Holiday Baskets partnership: The Shoreline PTA Council, the Shoreline Fire Department, Hopelink, Rotary Club of Lake Forest Park, the City of Shoreline, & Dale Turner Family YMCA.