



RAM News

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**Welcome to the 2017-2018
School Year**



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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

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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!

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SMILE!!

**Picture Day is
TOMORROW —
September 27**

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.

Life Skill of the Month

Each month, we work on and encourage a different life skill. The Life Skill for September has been "The Ridgecrest Way". What is the Ridgecrest Way?

I am a Ridgecrest Learner. I am . . .

Respectful
Responsible
Kind
Safe

The Life Skill for October will be: Cooperation



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!



SHORELINE MATH OLYMPIAD

Ridgecrest Preparation Program

Likely date of competition--Saturday, March 10, 2018

The Goal of Math Olympiad is...

- To stimulate enthusiasm and a love for Mathematics
- To introduce important Mathematical concepts
- To teach strategies for problem solving
- To develop flexibility in solving problems
- To strengthen Mathematical intuition
- To foster Mathematical creativity and ingenuity
- To provide for the satisfaction, joy, and thrill of meeting challenges



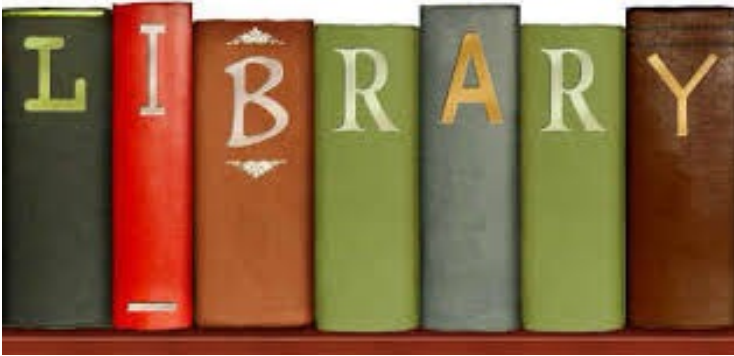
Student Permission Form – 2018 Shoreline Math Olympiad

Return to your Ridgecrest teacher or the front office

School Name:	Ridgecrest Elementary School	Teacher:	_____
Name of student:	_____	Grade:	_____
Parent Name:	_____	Phone #:	_____
Email:	_____		

Ridgecrest Students And Parents: All 4th-6th graders are invited to attend. We have volunteer parents that will run optional practice sessions to show students what the questions are like, and give them strategies to help answer the questions successfully. Last year, the 4th grade students I "coached" had less anxiety about the test, and more confidence, from participating in the group study sessions. Please return this form now if you are interested in the competition. We will make sure you know about the practice sessions for your grade level before they begin. And of course, if a scheduling conflict or something else prevents your child from attending the practice sessions, we would still LOVE to have them represent Ridgecrest at the competition. Your child does not need to be in the school math club to participate in the competition. ****We are always looking for more parent volunteers! I did this last year with no "formal" training, and I and the kids enjoyed it. If you would be willing to help coach a team, please email jasonmetcalflindenburger@gmail.com. Thanks, Jason ML.

News from the RC



Greetings from the RC Library!

The 2017-18 school year is well under way, and we've been getting to know students and helping them enjoy the library, connect with great books, and watching them share their love of books with each other.

In our library, 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders can check out up to five books a week, and 4th, 5th and 6th graders may check out up to ten books. We do not keep students from checking out if they have overdue books, but they cannot have more than the limit out at one time. Books are checked out for two weeks and can be renewed.

We will send home regular email reminders about overdue books. We want to help students take responsibility and develop great habits around how libraries work. Returning books on time keeps the books available for everyone to check out. Please help your students keep track of their library books and return them on time.

If you would like to update your email address for overdue notices, please contact the librarian, Joanna Freeman, at joanna.freeman@shorelineschools.org

Thanks for the part you play in making our library the best resource it can be for our students and staff!

Your library staff,
Joanna and Liz



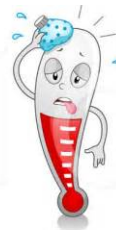
Nurse Notes



Hello Ridgecrest Families,

In the health office, we have been seeing students experiencing gastrointestinal issues with and without fever, sore throats, flu-like symptoms, and coughs. These are good reminders to control coughs by coughing into elbows

and tissues and **washing hands** and **washing hands again**. If you have thought about getting flu shots for yourself and children, now would be the time.



FEVER

If your child has a fever (100 F and over), please keep them home for recovery. It is recommended that your child be fever-free for 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medications, before returning to school. If you have any questions, please contact the health office by calling 206.393.4276

We have seen some lice issues, so please check your child's hair weekly. If you need guidance on how to assess for lice, please call the RC nurses. 206.393.4276

SHOES FOR PE ARE IMPORTANT!



Please be sure our child wears shoes on days when they are scheduled for PE. Sandals and other types of shoes are not recommended as they do not

offer correct support nor do they protect toes and prevent slipping.

JACKETS AND COATS

As the weather begins to turn colder and wetter, please be sure your child wears a jacket/coat to school. Students go out to recess even in the rain. Also, please be sure to label your student's coats and other items to make it easier to return in the event they lose them.



PTA Information

Sept 26 PTA Parent Meeting 7-8pm

Oct 6 Walk-a-Thon 2-3pm
 Oct 10 PTA Board Meeting 7-8pm
 Oct 11 Reflections Due Date
 Oct 20 Reflections Ceremony 6-8pm
 Oct 27 Harvest Carnival 6-9pm

District Information

Community Flu Shot Clinics to be held at Shorecrest and Shorewood

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 Locations:

- Shorewood High School Commons - Monday, Oct. 23 from 3 to 7 p.m.
- Shorecrest High School Commons- Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 3 to 7 p.m.

Shorecrest Boosters to Host 3rd Annual Band Mattress Fundraiser on Oct. 1

In need of a new mattress? Want to support the Shorecrest Band? Well then, we've got the perfect fundraiser for you! The Shorecrest Booster Club is hosting their 3rd Annual Shorecrest Band Mattress Fundraiser on October 1 from 10am-5pm at Shorecrest High School. [See the flyer for more details...](#)

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.



Shoreline Hi Cap Advocacy Group

Shoreline HiCap Advocacy Group meeting

Thursday, October 5 (6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) at the Shoreline Auditorium (18560 1st Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155)

Guest speaker event: Austina De Bonte of the Northwest Gifted Child Association

The Shoreline Hi Cap Advocacy Group, in partnership with the Shoreline PTA Council, is excited to welcome back Austina De Bonte, president of the Northwest Gifted Child Association (NWGCA), to Shoreline for her presentation, "What Parents and Educators Need to Know About Smart Kids." This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the social/emotional concerns that impact our advanced learners: what's normal, what to expect as they grow, and why genuine challenge is vitally important to their learning, as well as the development of their academic talents --- from the preschool and elementary years all the way to high school and beyond.

We will have a brief business meeting at 6:30 p.m., followed by Ms. De Bonte's presentation at 7 p.m. Free childcare will be provided by the YMCA. Space is limited please RSVP to shoreline.hicap.advocacy@gmail.com.

This is a free speaker event for parents and for anyone who supports our students. Don't miss this!

Shoreline Hi Cap Advocacy Group: www.shorelinehicap.org

Shoreline PTA Council: www.shorelinepta.org

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.](#)