



RAM News

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Ridgecrest Elementary: Creating Change Together

School Attendance

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.

Breakfast at School?

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. Doors open at 8:05am.

Safety Reminder - Please sign in!

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!

Principal's Note



Thinking about next year's classroom placement already? Oh my!

It's hard to believe that in just a few short weeks we will begin the important job of creating balanced classes for next year. As we approach this task, we ask our Ridgecrest community for the trust and flexibility needed to meet the needs of all students. Our wonderful staff spends significant time assessing the needs, strengths, and challenges of each child. Teachers from each grade level and Specialists work together as

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 12	1st Grade Music Program - 1:45pm
May 12	Unclaimed Lost and Found goes to The Works
May 15	SNOW MAKE UP DAY - There is school today!
May 16-19	Sixth Grade Camp
May 29	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day Holiday
June 8	2nd / 3rd Grade Music Program - 9am
June 9	Taste of Ridgecrest Multicultural Potluck - 6-8pm
June 12	SNOW MAKE UP DAY - There is school today!
June 15	4th / 5th Grade Music Program - 9:20am
June 19	Spring Concert - 7pm
June 23	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Dismissal at 11:15AM

Nurse Notes

**LAST CALL for
medications and forms
Camp is NEXT WEEK:
May 16-19**



6th grade parents if you want your camper to have medication available during camp, this is the LAST CALL for ANY medications (prescribed and over-the-counter) and forms. Treatment forms need to be signed by a parent and doctor.

Some parents have turned in forms, but no medications and vice versa. Both forms and medications need to be at school now, so that I have time to organize for the nurse going to camp.

Thank you!

Nurse Joan & Nurse Stacey

Principal's Note

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a team to discuss and develop heterogeneous groups based on the information presented. Multiple factors are considered in the process of developing classes.

We consider, but are not limited to:

- ⊖ The program needs of the student
- ⊖ A class balance of achievement levels in reading, writing, and math
- ⊖ The social needs of students and their leadership skills
- ⊖ Independent work habits of students
- ⊖ Motivation level of students
- ⊖ Behavior factors
- ⊖ The compatibility of students with each other
- ⊖ Information from previous schools
- ⊖ The ratio of boys to girls
- ⊖ Equity of class size
- ⊖ Recommendations of school staff

We ask that **parents do not request a specific teacher** since teacher assignments may change between now and September. You may, however, share additional information to further assist us in this placement process. **A "Parent Input Form" will be available in the school office beginning Monday, May 8.**

Examples of the kind of information that can help in configuring classes include: changing family dynamics which could impact the classroom, newly diagnosed or potential learning difficulties, specific learning styles, peer relationships in or out of school (positive and negative), and any other factors which we might be unaware of that relate to your child's learning.

Forms should be returned to the school office no later than 3:30pm on Wednesday, May 24.

Thank you for your trust and support as we prepare for another wonderful school year at Ridgecrest.

~ Sue

Lost & Found Going to The Works

Any unclaimed items in the Lost & Found (located in the cafeteria) will be taken to The Works on Friday, May 12. If your student is missing anything, please check the lost and found before Friday, May 12th.

**** PTA NEWS ****

The following link will take you to the current PTA newsletter:

<http://ridgecrestpta.org/Doc/Public/PTA%20News%2005.2017.pdf>

RC PTA Nominating Committee

The PTA board is looking for nominations to fill the following open positions:

co-Presidents

VP of Fundraising

VP of Programs

Please visit www.ridgecrestpta.org for more information.

The RC Talent Show is Coming!

The RC Talent Show will be held on Friday, June 2 from 6:30-8:30pm

Dress Rehearsal (June 1st) 3:30-5:30pm

Talent Show (June 2nd) 6:30-8:30pm

Questions? Please contact the Talent Show Coordinator:
Myles Corbin (myles.corbin@gmail.com)

Important Safety Reminders

Before and after school are very busy times around the campus as students are arriving and leaving for the day. Here are a few reminders to be sure that all of our students and families are safe.

Walking

ALWAYS cross at a designated crosswalk

Cross with crossing guards when possible

Driving

The traffic circle by the flagpole is for drop off / pick-up only – this is a no waiting zone

No parking is allowed in the traffic circle by the flagpole

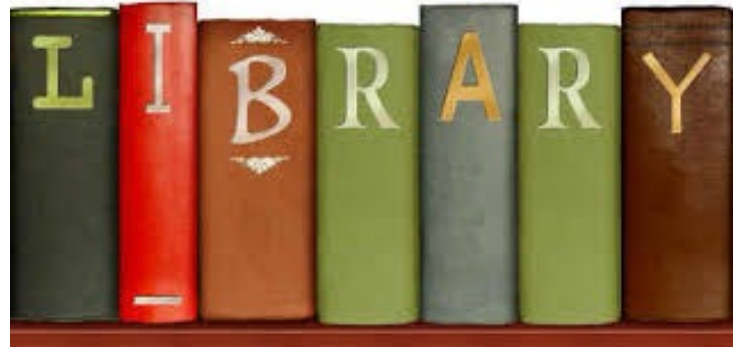
Please pull as close to the curb as possible and have your student exit/enter from the curb

If you arrive early for drop off or pick up, please do not wait in the circle. Find a spot to park and walk to the building.

Thank you for your support in helping keep all of our students, families, and staff safe!

May 9, 2017

News from the RC



Our local public libraries, part of the King County Library System, are incredible resources for books, music, movies, and technology. They provide classes, quiet spaces, help choosing books, and many other services. They also sponsor the Global Reading Challenge for our 4th and 5th grade readers. The Shoreline Library is less than a mile from Ridgecrest, within walking distance for many families. If you haven't been there lately, go in and check it out!

The Shoreline Childrens Librarian, Laurie Field, will be visiting Ridgecrest in June to talk about their summer reading program, so watch for that information in the next few weeks.

Excellent book lists from KCLS:

Stress and Anxiety Management for Kids and Teens: <http://tinyurl.com/n59jd5l>

New and Interesting Books for Kids in May 2017: <http://tinyurl.com/ka5t26n>

Poetry of Life: <http://tinyurl.com/lbzvzxs>

STEAM Fiction: <http://tinyurl.com/n7f5x85>

Playing with Words and Music: <http://tinyurl.com/mn62czc>

Backyard Nature for Young Children: <http://tinyurl.com/mnnabnf>

~ Joanna



**King County
Library System**

News from the Family Advocate



Natural Leaders Meeting

Our next Natural Leaders Parent meeting is Friday, May 12th, 2017 at Ridgecrest. Please come at 8:30AM for breakfast. Story time for young children is offered from 8:40-9 AM. Please see Sheryl Lundahl or Brittney Rider if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

Do you know who's on your student's Emergency Contact List?

Have you updated your contact information recently? Do you know who is on your emergency contact list and eligible to pick up your child? Please consider making sure the office has the correct information for your child in the event of an emergency. You can check this by logging into your Family Access account under the families tab at www.shorelineschools.org. If you would like to make a change, please call the office at (206) 393-1493. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has family safety plans you and your family can fill out as well. Find these plans and more at <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>.



Shoreline Community College S.T.E.M. Festival

Do you love science and art? It's time to start getting ready for the Shoreline STEM Festival which takes place on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Shoreline Community College, with a K-12 student science fair, hands-on STEM fun, robotics demonstrations, and STEM Career Expo! Parents: we need volunteers to make the festival happen! Sign up on our website or email us to find out how you can help. Details for everything can be found at: shorelinestem.org or email us at shorelinestemfestival@gmail.com

Important Date Reminders - Snow Make Up Days

There are two snow make up days that are NOT listed on your Shoreline School District wall calendar. Please note:

May 15 and June 12 are now regular school days and students will be expected to attend class.

If your child will not attend school on these days due to previous plans, please call the attendance office at 206.393.1493 or email the attendance office at rc.attendance@shorelineschools.org and let us know the reason for the absence. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation in this matter.

Testing Dates for Ridgecrest 3rd-6th Graders

Please note that there is testing scheduled for Monday, May 15. This was originally a non-student work day on the district calendar but due to a SNOW DAY, it is now a make up day. Classes will be in session on our regular schedule - 8:35am - 3:00 pm.

8 6th Math CAT -Currier 5th&6th -Lytle -Peterson -Skoog	9 5th Math CAT -Cleary 4th&5th -Cox -Whitney	10 6th Math PT -Currier 5th&6th -Lytle -Peterson -Skoog	11 4th ELA CAT -Della -Gravett -Steadman -Witzel 3rd&4th	12 5th Math PT -Cleary 4th&5th -Cox -Whitney
15 4th ELA PT -Della -Gravett -Steadman -Witzel 3rd&4th	16 3rd ELA CAT -Christian -Laviola -Rae 3rd only	17	18	19 3rd ELA PT -Christian -Laviola -Rae 3rd only
22 3rd Math CAT 4th Math CAT -Christian -Laviola -Rae 3rd only -Della -Gravett -Steadman -Witzel 3rd&4th	23	24 3rd Math PT 4th Math PT -Christian -Laviola -Rae 3rd only -Della -Gravett -Steadman -Witzel 3rd&4th	25 5th Science -Cleary 5th only -Cox -Currier 5th only -Whitney	26 Make Ups in Comp Lab
29 No School	30	31	1	2 Make Ups in Comp Lab