



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!

Don't Forget!!

Just a quick reminder that there is no school for students on Monday, March 6 due to a Staff Work Day.

Early Release Days: Tuesday, March 7 - Friday, March 10. We will be releasing students at

11:15 am

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on Tuesday, March 7 through Friday, March 10. School will be released at 11:15am on these four days. Please be sure to arrive on time for your scheduled conference. Conferences provide a special opportunity to spend time focusing on your child's learning. f



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Feb 28	Science Night 6-8pm
Mar 6	No School - Non-Student Work Day
Mar 7-Mar 10	Early Release at 11:15am for Conferences
Mar 11	Math Olympiad @ Shoreline Community College
Mar 12	Daylight Savings Time: turn clocks AHEAD 1 hour

Nurse Notes

Spring Cleaning?

If you are getting the itch to do some spring cleaning over mid-winter break, please consider sending any used, undamaged clothing to the RC Nurse's office. We are always in need of pants, shirts, socks for students. During the wet weather, shoes are also in higher demand. We appreciate you thinking of us as you clean!



Extra Plastic Bags . . .

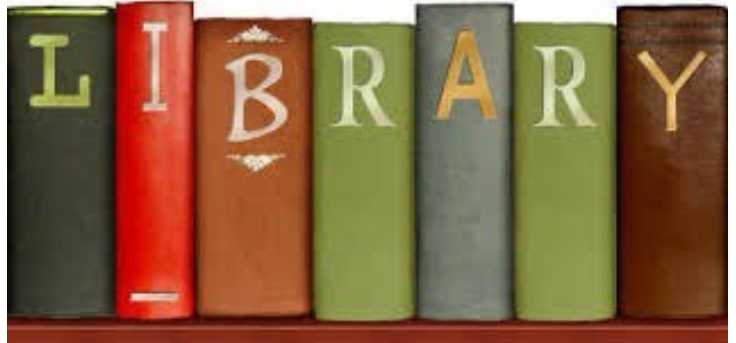
We are also in need of plastic grocery bags. If you have any to spare, please send them. We can always use extras.

Keep Checking for Lice

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.

Nurse Joan & Nurse Stacey

News from the RC



FAQ: Where are your books in my Lexile level?

Our books are not labeled with Lexile or other reading leveling systems. Our Ridgecrest Library does not limit access to books by age, grade level, or reading level. We believe that school libraries should offer equal access for everyone to books and information.

We encourage students to choose books they can read themselves or share with someone at home, and we want students to make their own choices.

Sometimes students may bring home a book that is too hard or too easy for them, but because they chose it, it is important to them.

Families are encouraged to know what their child is checking out from any library, and to talk at home about what kinds of books they want their children to read or not to read. With almost 600 students at Ridgecrest it is difficult to monitor which books each student checks out within our limited library time. Our library's goal is for all students to check out books they like to read, and that they enjoy the library. The simplest way to make sure that we raise literate children is to teach them to read, and to show them that reading is a pleasurable activity. And that means, at its simplest, finding books that they enjoy, giving them access to those books, and letting them read them. - Neil Gaiman (author of *The Graveyard Book* and *Coraline*, among other titles)

Article about libraries and reading by Neil Gaiman:
<http://tinyurl.com/Libraries-Gaiman>

~ Joanna

News from the Family Advocate



Thank you Alpha Delta Kappa

Thank you, once again, to the Alpha Delta chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa for generously providing financial support for our families in need! Alpha Delta Kappa is an international organization of women educators who support educational and charitable projects in their communities. The local chapter, Alpha Delta, supports Shoreline and Edmonds school districts and we are grateful for their regular and meaningful contributions.



Is Your Information Correct?

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 shoreline schools.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>.



*** PTA NEWS ***

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

<http://ridgecrestpta.org/Doc/Public/PTA%20News%20003.2017.pdf>



Kellogg Middle School Kelarnival- Open House Thursday, March 2nd. 6-8pm

All Kellogg families (current and incoming) are invited to Kelarnival! This is a night to come:

- experience a piece of our Kellogg culture:
- meet teachers
- tour the classrooms
- learn about our elective offerings
- provide us with important feedback with our family climate survey.

It is a fun community evening where staff, students, and parents visit with one another and learn about what it's like to be a student at Kellogg. Kelarnival opens at 6:00 pm, and all families gather for the official welcome at 6:30 pm. We wrap up our evening by 8:00 pm.

See our website for a complete agenda.

Oh Snap...
You're going to be a
middle school parent!



6th Grade Parent Night

Tuesday, March 14 from 6-8 p.m.
Kellogg Middle School
(16045 25th Ave. NE)



Join us for an overview of our middle school program and review our registration process and timeline. You will also have the opportunity to hear from staff and current students about exciting opportunities that await your soon-to-be middle school student! The event is tailored for adults, but students are also welcome.

