



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!

It's Election Day!

VOTE!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Feb 14	ELECTION DAY!
Feb 15	Watch D.O.G.S. Sign Up Night-Cafeteria 6-7pm
Feb 20	HOLIDAY - Presidents Day - No School
Feb 21-Feb 24	No School - Mid-Winter Break

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 . . .

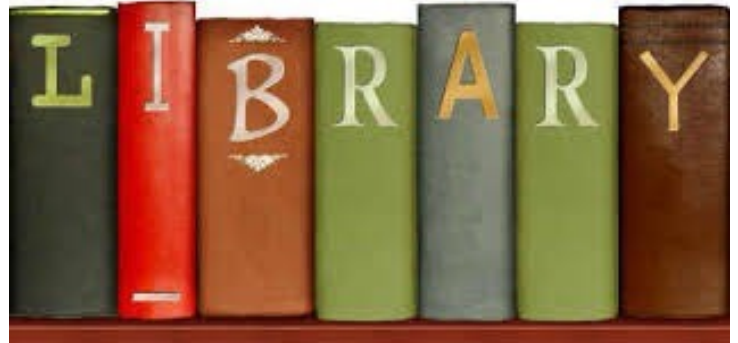
We are also in need of plastic grocery bags. If you have any to spare, please send them. We can always use extras.

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



Natural Leaders

Our next Natural Leaders parent meeting is Friday, February 17, 2017 at Ridgecrest. Please come at 8:30am for breakfast. Story time for young children is offered from 8:40-9:00am. Sheryl Lundahl, ELL teacher, will present information about the ELPA21 test scoring and answer any parent questions. Mr. Dom, school counselor, will share about some of his work with student groups at Ridgecrest. We look forward to seeing you!



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Girls on the Run

GOTR is happening at RC again this year! This after-school program is open to girls in 3rd-5th grade and uses running to give girls the tools to celebrate their bodies, honor their voices, recognize their gifts, and activate their limitless potential. The season runs from 3/7 to 5/23 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:10-4:40 pm. Contact GOTR at info@girlsrun.org with questions or register your student at www.girlsrun.org. Registration deadline is February 17th.

~ Brittney Rider, Family Advocate
206.393.1495





ELL for Adults Information Night

FEB. 16, 2017 - 6:30-8:30PM - ECHO LAKE ELEMENTARY
19325 WALLINGFORD AVE. N

Free Childcare Provided! Interpreters Available!

Come learn about the new Adult English Language Learner (ELL) class Shoreline Community College is offering at Echo Lake Elementary on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30pm beginning on April 4. Free childcare will be available during classes. The cost of the class is \$25, but the fee may be waived. The class teaches reading, writing, listening and speaking skills to help you communicate successfully at work, school and in the community.

For more information, contact Aura Rios-Erickson at (206) 546-4566

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Information Night Agenda

February 16, 2017 - Echo Lake Elementary School

6:30 - 6:50pm Welcome and Introductions

6:50 - 7:10pm Introduction and Overview of the ELL Class

7:10 - 7:30pm Questions and answers

7:30 - 8:30pm Time for: filling out application materials, ELL level screening, and talking with staff and interpreters

Sue's News . . . The Field is Open!

Did you hear the shouts and screams coming from our new Ridgecrest field last week? Those were outbursts of pure joy!

After five and a half months of watching and waiting patiently from behind the construction fence, students were finally able to test out the new turf. When the sun finally melted the week's snow away, almost everyone decided that the field was the place to be—our new toy. It is beautiful. Bright green artificial turf with painted lines, multiple soccer goals, fencing, and a paved track invite each student to run and play.

We are proud to say that ours is the first of the newest elementary field designs to incorporate a total synthetic field allowing us to use it as soon as the contractor was finished. No waiting for the grass to grow (9-12 months for root growth)! It will have very limited water consumption around the field and none in the field meaning that it can be used rain or shine—another perk. This field can be used year round with very little shut down time. It truly is the envy of other schools.

This masterpiece was funded from the 2006 Capital Projects Bond Fund. We want to thank all who had a hand in putting this project together: DA Hogan—Field design and engineering; A-1 Landscape—General contractor; FieldTurf—Synthetic field supplier and installer; and Dan Stevens—District project manager. What a great team.

A special thank you to the Shoreline School Board and to you our community for making this project possible. Please come by and take a stroll around the track, enter into a game of soccer, football, kickball, tag...or just sit on a newly installed bench on the sidelines to take in the beauty of our new field!

Cheers, Sue



Snow Make-Up Days

Be sure to change your Shoreline School District calendar to show that Monday, May 15, 2017 is a SNOW MAKE-UP DAY! This day was originally scheduled as a Non-Student Work Day but due to the snow day on Friday, December 9th it is now a make up day. The SNOW MAKE-UP DAY for Monday, February 6th will be Monday, June 12th. School will be in session during regular hours from 8:35am-3:00pm. Please contact the school office at 206.393.1493 if you have any questions.



Kindergarten Enrollment 17-18

Kindergarten enrollment for the 2017-18 school year is underway for children who will be five years old on or before August 31, 2017.

You may pick up an enrollment packet in the office. When you come in to register your student, please bring the following:

birth certificate or passport

immunizations

proof of residency (lease or utility bill)

If you have any questions, please contact Janina by calling 206.393.1493 or by email:

janina.pacunski@shorelineschools.org

Upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held March 7, 8, 9, and 10

To accommodate for conferences students will be dismissed at 11:15am.

*** PTA NEWS ***

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

<http://ridgecrestpta.org/Doc/Public/2017.0102%20News.pdf>

Thank You RC PTA!!

The Ridgecrest Staff would like to thank our awesome PTA for providing us with a delicious Chili luncheon. We are so appreciative of all the hard work that goes into these events.

When we return from Mid-Winter Break it will be time for . . .



READ ACROSS AMERICA

Feb. 27th – March 3rd

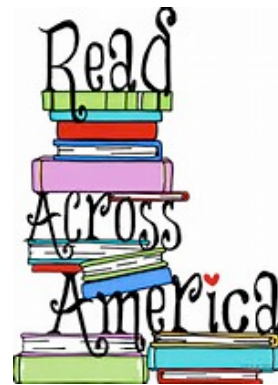
Monday - Fox in Socks Day
Crazy Socks & Stripes Day!
Wear crazy socks and stripes!

Tuesday - Cat in the Hat Day
Wear your favorite hat!

Wednesday - Read My Shirt Day
Wear a shirt with words on it (appropriate for school)

Thursday - Costume Day
Dress as your book character or favorite superhero!

Friday - Pajama Day & D.E.A.R.
(Drop Everything And Read)



The Ridgecrest Read-A-Thon is
Feb. 13th to March 3rd

