



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!

Happy Winter Break

Our Ridgecrest community wishes all of our families a happy and restful Winter Break.

The last day of classes will be Tuesday, December 20. Winter Break runs from December 21 - January 3. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 4, 2017!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Dec 19	School Board Meeting - 5pm
Dec 21-Jan 3	School CLOSED - Winter Break
Jan 4	School Resumes
Jan 16	HOLIDAY-No School-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan 28	Kinderfest 10am-Noon

Shoreline School District #412 does not discriminate against any protected class. Further information on notice of non-discrimination, including the address and phone number of the Title IZ office, visit: <http://www.sdsd.k12.wa.us>

Nurse Notes

WINTER WEATHER IS HERE

Please remind your children to wear warm coats, shoes, and socks to school. Some students are wearing sandals and shoes without socks. PE classes require shoes and lately socks to participate, so please look over the kids before they leave home so they are ready to have fun and stay warm.

MUMPS

King County has seen an outbreak of mumps with 54 cases, mostly children. Mumps is a contagious virus spread by coughing, sneezing, sharing cups and other eating utensils, and by touching surfaces that have been touched by someone with mumps. Symptoms of the mumps are headache, fever, muscle aches, fatigue, loss of appetite, and swollen cheeks or jowls. Sometimes, in rare cases, brain, spinal cord inflammation, and deafness can result.

So what can we do?

- Check your family's immunizations. The mumps vaccination is included in the MMR immunization (Measles, mumps, and rubella). If immunizations are not up-to-date, get vaccinated.
- Wash hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid those who have the mumps.
- Do not share eating utensils.

If a mumps outbreak occurs at our school or in the Shoreline District, students who are not vaccinated are required to stay home from school.

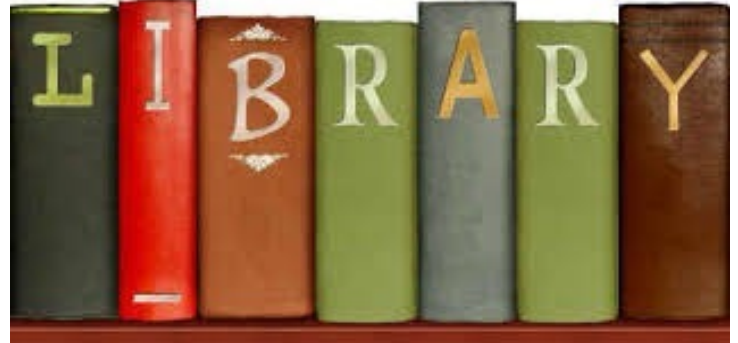
<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/~media/depts/health/communicable-diseases/documents/mumps-facts.ashx>

<http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/health/as-mumps-outbreak-grows-auburn-tells-unvaccinated-students-to-stay-home/>

HAVE A WONDERFUL WINTER BREAK!!

RC nurses Joan and Stacey

News from the RC



Reading aloud to children helps develop their language skills and create a positive association with books and reading at any age. We have talked in the library about not identifying books as "girl books" or "boy books" based on their main characters or themes.

I hope your family may find some time over winter break to read aloud a book or two, maybe one your student wouldn't choose on their own. Here are some ideas from authors with multiple books, so if you like one, try another by the same author!

Pax by Sara Pennypacker, illustrated by Jon Klaasen - Pax and Peter have been best friends ever since Peter rescued Pax. But when Peter's dad joins in the military and makes him return Pax to the wild, boy and fox are determined to be together again.

Inkheart by Cornelia Funke - Many readers wish they could live in the worlds they read about in books, but Mo actually has the ability to do it, bringing the characters from any book to life by reading aloud.

Ivy + Bean by Annie Barrows - Sometimes people you don't like can eventually become a best friend, as in the case of Bean and Ivy, two children who never meant to like each other.

Nate the Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat - A fun introduction to the mystery genre, Nate the Great is a kid who solves cases with his friends and his dog, Sludge.

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate - In this book loosely based on the true story of Ivan the Shopping Mall Gorilla, who lived in Tacoma for years, Ivan tells us about life in captivity from his point of view.

Peter and the Starcatchers by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson - In this prequel to Peter Pan, Peter and his crew are sent to an island ruled by an evil king and must figure out the secret of their ship, the Never Land.

Princess in Black by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale - Readers who don't like princesses to be proper and perfect will love Princess Mongolia. She becomes the Princess in Black in order to stop the monsters from giving away her secret.

Frindle by Andrew Clements - When Nick learns about how words are created, he comes up with a plan to coin a new word. Who says a pen has to be called a pen? Why not call it a frindle? The power of words and the media are themes in this fast-paced book.

Elementary Night at SC Basketball



Shorecrest High School
Friday, January 6, 2017
Eastside Elementary Night
Shorecrest Boy's Basketball
vs Marysville-Getchell High School
Face Painting, Pictures with SC Cheer & Flag
members and the Otis mascot! Activities at halftime!

Wear green and gold and cheer on the Scots!

Tip off at 7:15pm
Adults \$6.00 Students (with an Adult) \$3.00

Questions? Call us at 206-393-4286
 Sponsored by Shorecrest ASB



Shorecrest would like to invite future Scots and their families to their home basketball game on Friday, January 6th. You are asked to wear green and gold, if possible, and come to cheer on the Scots!

Missing School Hurts!



Research shows that students who miss 10 percent of school, or two days per month, show negative academic

progress. This can have a long-lasting effect on a student's ability to succeed in school and life. #ShorelineEvery Day

Friday Family Story Time

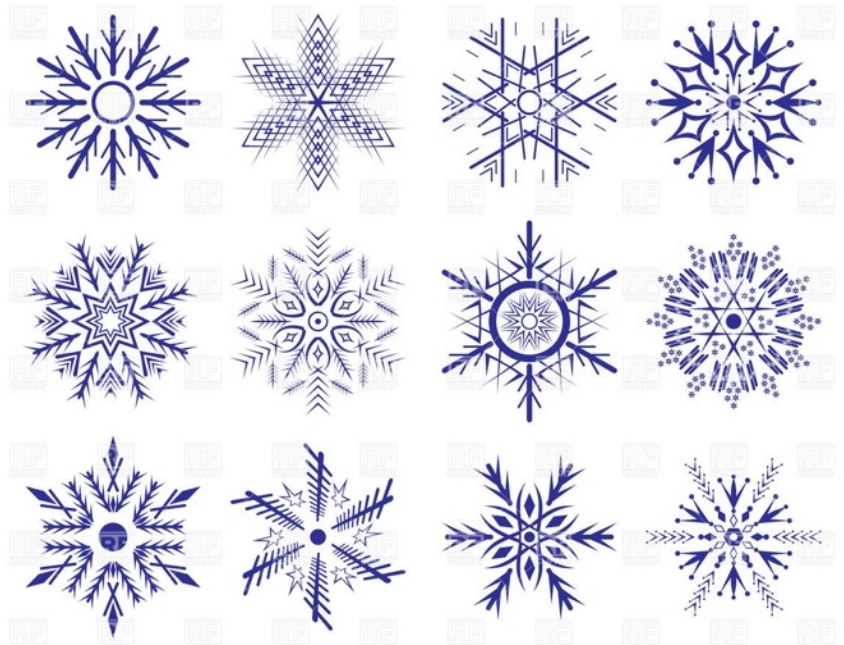
Please join us every Friday at 8:40am-9am in the Ridgecrest library for Friday Family Story Time. This is an opportunity for our families with siblings who are not yet school age to



*** PTA NEWS ***

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

<http://ridgecrestpta.org/Doc/Public/RC%20PTA%20News%2012.2016.pdf>





Ridgecrest PTA

Holiday Basket Food and Teen Gift Drive

What is the Holiday Basket Food and Teen Gift Drive?

In conjunction with the Shoreline PTA Council, schools across Shoreline donate food and gift items that are given to over 500 Shoreline families in need. Boxes of food, paper goods, toiletries, toys and teen gift cards are assembled and distributed to families to assist during the holiday season.

When is it?

The Holiday Basket Food & Teen Gift Drive runs from **December 6th through December 16th**.

Where do I drop off items?

Send your food or teen gift card donations to school with your student during this time period. There will be a collection box located in each classroom.

What food items are needed?

Each Shoreline school has been assigned one item to focus on.

This year, Ridgecrest's item is **GRANOLA / SNACK BARS (5 pack of more box)**.

In addition, there are many other items that will help our Shoreline families this Winter Break such as peanut butter, pasta, beans, canned items such as soup, vegetables, fruit and tomato products, hot & cold cereal, granola bars, and gluten-free items

What types of teen gift items will be collected?

Rather than soliciting teen gift items, we will be collecting **gift cards** (\$15-\$25) for teens & tweens between the ages 10-18 that need our support this year. Fred Meyer, Target, Walmart, clothing stores, fast food, iTunes, and Amazon cards would be greatly appreciated.

Is there anything I can't donate?

Please do not donate food in glass jars or large Costco-sized containers. (Multi-packs of an item from Costco are acceptable.) Also, please check the expiration dates on your donated food items.

Who do I contact if I want to volunteer during the drive or if I have questions?

Food Drive Chairpersons: Julia Prosser & Lori Lynass

Emails: mamaprosser1@gmail.com and lynassl@gmail.com