

Panther Tales

Thursday, September 21

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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER from RIDGEVIEW CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal's Message

Happy Thursday Ridgeview United Families!

It has been a great week at Ridgeview Charter this week. We have a ton of events coming up from Hispanic Heritage events and Pantherpalooza to athletics, and opportunities to show off our Panther Pride. See below for all the events, educational information and much more.

Have a great weekend!

-Mr. Garrett

Ridgeview United!

Assistant Principals' Message

Lockers: You can still purchase a locker using Online School Payment which is located on the [Ridgeview website as OSP](#)! Sept. 29 (NEW EXTENSION!). If you have questions, you can contact Assistant Principal [Kenneth Young](#).

MAP testing: All 7th grade students will take the MAP test the week of Sept. 25 and Oct. 2. 7th graders will take reading on Wednesday, Sept. 27 and math on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

Counselors' Corner

We will continue our SOS (Signs of Suicide) classroom guidance lessons this week. We are also inviting students to draft affirmations and encouraging words to their peers to post to the hearts on the windows outside the cafeteria. As we get back into the groove of things, the counseling team would like to acknowledge that preparation and consistency are key factors in minimizing stress and anxiety in our students. Thank you for your partnership.

6 Tips to Establish Good Study Habits This Year

- 1. Designate a study spot:** Find a well-lit, quiet location in your home for your child to work on their daily assignments. If your child has difficulty staying on task when working in their bedroom, try a more public space like the kitchen table instead. Have available supplies nearby, like pencils, erasers, writing paper, etc. Just make sure the area is free from distractions like electronics.
- 2. Set a regular time (if possible!):** Many parents find it helps to set a consistent time for their child to do homework or study, such as right after school. Other kids need some time to wind down and take a break or are involved in after-school activities, so homework or reviewing information comes after dinner. Do what works for your child and your family.
- 3. Make study guidelines:** Establish a rule in the house that there will be no electronics or other distractions during homework time. For kids who respond poorly to having a set homework time, make a guideline such as no TV or no video games until homework is done. Monitor and supervise screen time, including Chromebook, smartphone, and internet use.
- 4. Give your child a say:** Be willing to be flexible and allow your child to share ideas for when, where, and how they can complete their assignments or review lessons. Make sure that you and your child agree on the homework schedule, designated location, and expectations, which can eliminate any study-related disagreements that may come up.
- 5. Provide help, but don't take over:** Your child may need help getting focused, approaching an assignment or organizing their work. It is great to be available to support -- just make sure not to do the work for them. Monitor your child's assignments and regularly check Infinite Campus to make sure they are completing them. If you find that your child routinely needs your help to complete their work, reach out to your child's teacher, or school counselor.
- 6. Be encouraging:** Be sure to praise your child for their efforts -- it can go a long way toward motivating them. Give your child positive feedback for completing all their work or receiving a good grade on a test. Take time to talk with your child about school activities in family conversations. Ask about what was discussed in class that day. These conversations can reinforce for kids the importance of academics and help set them up for success in their future.



The 29th annual Legacy Awards of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta honored our Teacher of the Year Hayden Fludd, and Professional of the Year, Miranda Woodruff at its gala on Sept. 14.

Great Instruction Happening within the Classrooms!



Need a Remote Day?

Approved Participate Remote Learning Days are a new addition to the Fulton County attendance policy as of last year. Each student is able to take 5 approved remote learning days each semester. These can be used when you have a special family event, religious holidays, required travel, etc. These days must be requested at least 5 days in advance and require principal's approval. These days may not be used on testing days. Simply e-mail front desk professional assistant Ms. Price at pricem@fultonschools.org.

Calendar of Events

Sept. 25: Volleyball vs. Atlanta Classical Home
Soccer vs. Atlanta Classical- Home
Sept. 26: Volleyball vs. Sandy Springs Away
Soccer vs. Globe Academy- Home
Sept. 28th: Volleyball vs. Galloway School Home
Softball vs. Dunwoody- Away
Sept. 29: Kona Ice/Fun Friday
October 2: Volleyball vs. Museum School Home
October 3: Volleyball vs. St. Martin's Home
Oct. 4: Softball vs. Peachtree Middle - Home
Oct.5: Pantherpalooza
Oct. 9: Columbus Day (School is Closed)
Oct. 10: Teacher Work Day- Students Out
Oct. 11: Teacher Professional Development: Students Out

Hispanic Heritage Fridays

Each Friday, RCMS will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a different themed day.

Sept. 22: Soccer Jersey Day. Wear your favorite soccer jersey or shirt.

Allowed: School-appropriate jeans with school-appropriate jersey.

Sept. 29: **Heritage Day.** Wear clothing that represents your culture.

Allowed: School-appropriate tops, dresses, skirts, pants, jewelry that represents your culture. Not

Allowed: Jeans.

Oct. 6: **Flag Day.** Wear the colors that represent the flag of a Hispanic country. Allowed: School-appropriate jeans with a shirt that represent flag colors.

Oct. 13: **Hispanic Figure/Character Day.** Wear a shirt that represents a Hispanic figure or character (athlete, poet, musician, painter, scholar, etc.)

Not Allowed: Jeans

In addition, every Friday morning will be **Donation Y Dulce Day**, where students can purchase a treat bag in the cafeteria. Proceeds will go to Solidarity Sandy Springs.

Look below for a printable flyer to keep up with all of the celebrations!



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E.S.O.L. Night

E.S.O.L. Night is to inform parents of the federally funded program that helps English Learners increase their academic language proficiency in content-area subject matter as well as overall language proficiency. Tuesday, Oct. 3, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Ridgeview.



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Pantherpalooza is Coming Up Oct. 5

Pantherpalooza is coming up on Thursday, Oct. 5! Hosted by the Ridgeview Foundation, this student-only extravaganza will be held from 4-7:30 p.m. and includes many games, inflatables and much more, all designed for students to have a great time with friends and show their Panther Pride. Concessions will be for sale. Please note that all Silver Level Donors and above will receive one wristband.

Wristbands are Non-Refundable. [Buy your Pantherpalooza tickets here!](#)



PANTHER PALOOZA

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Junior Raiders Lacrosse Team

The Junior Raiders lacrosse team took home their first win of the season this week with a 14-0 victory over the Hoyas. Junior Raiders lacrosse has a fall and spring season and is open to all 6th-8th grade boys. Please reach out to Meredith Foushee with questions or interest: Meredith.foushee@gmail.com.



New Teacher Spotlight: Faith Karantonis

Band Director



I grew up not too far from here in Powder Springs, Georgia. I started playing clarinet when I was in 6th grade and just fell in love with playing the instrument and being in an ensemble. I played clarinet all through middle and high school and was very active in my high school's marching band. I knew shortly after entering high school that I wanted to bring my love of music to students someday! After graduating high school, I enrolled in Kennesaw State University, where I earned my degree in music education in 2021. The past two years, I had the opportunity to teach band at Pace Academy in Buckhead and I am now in my third year of teaching and my first year at Ridgeview!

In my free time, I enjoy reading, going out to eat, and spending time with my friends and family as well as my cats, Goob and Guppy!

Media Center News

Mr. Bosarge would appreciate help in the Media Center. Stop by between 10 a.m.-3 p.m. to help shelve books or other assistance Mr. Bosarge may need. [Please sign up here to help!](#)

Want to be Social?

Besides Panther Tales, Ridgeview Charter Middle School has several ways you can stay up-to-date on news and happenings. Follow us on our main [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for a peek into the daily life of RCMS, plus read success stories about some of our RCMS alumni! The Ridgeview PTA also has [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for PTA-sponsored happenings, spirit wear updates and volunteer opportunities.

Consider Joining PTA and Foundation

- **Parent Teacher Association:** Consider joining PTA with a range of donation levels to suit all families. These donations fund teacher grants, classroom supplies, staff gifts and recognitions, and student treats and incentives throughout the year. Please join at www.ptarcms.org.
- **RCMS Foundation:** Our amazing Foundation provides funding to our music and athletics programs. If your student participates in these hallmark programs, we need your support. Community partners are needed, too. Donate at www.rcmsfoundation.org.

RCMS Foundation

The RCMS Foundation supports BOTH the Music and Sports programs at the school. We would like to thank our community sponsors for believing in the mission the Foundation is supporting and helping to fund all of these programs for the students. Our Foundation sponsors include Shep Lawrence of Allstate Insurance Co. and Jennifer Barnes of Barnes Young Realty Team.

Joining the Foundation helps ensure that the school can continue to support these wonderful programs, and becoming a Corporate Partner is a great way to promote your business and support the students. **Find out more about our Corporate Partnership Program** [here](#) and look below to see and support our generous sponsors.

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