

Panther Tales

Thursday, September 28

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PANTHER TALES

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER from RIDGEVIEW CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal's Message

Greetings, Ridgeview United families. [Pantherpalooza](#) is next! Your student(s) won't want to miss one of our most popular annual events, sponsoring our Foundation. See below for more information as well as all the events coming up, volunteer opportunities and much more.

- Principal Garrett

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.

Vision screening: All students will have a vision screening on Oct. 12 and 13. If students qualify for glasses, they will receive a pair of free glasses based on a new county initiative.

Uniforms: This year, black khaki pants are acceptable. Anything other than khaki pants, shorts, or skirts is prohibited, including black jeans and black sports shorts.

Counselors' Corner

Welcome Fall! September is Attendance and National Suicide Awareness & Prevention Month. As we bring the month to a close, 6th graders

Theme Activities

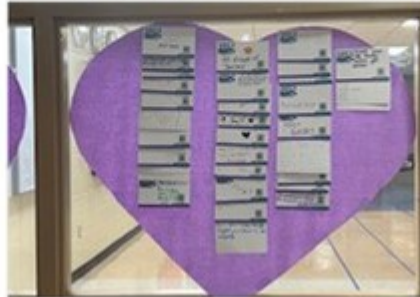
INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

CLASSROOM GUIDANCE LESSON:

SOS: SIGNS OF SUICIDE- AWARENESS & PREVENTION

WE EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR STUDENTS TO
ACT ACKNOWLEDGE—CARE—TELL

STUDENTS ARE SENDING POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS
& ENCOURAGEMENT TO THEIR PEERS



are completing surveys and 7th graders are getting review lessons.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

No matter where you live in the U.S., you can easily access 24/7 emotional support.

Call or text 988 or visit 988lifeline.org/chat to chat with a caring counselor.

We're here for you.



Attendance is always a focus for the Student Support Team. School Counselors collaborate with the School Social Worker to support families with attendance issues. We want to encourage students to show up, on time, prepared to learn. To receive maximum benefit from the instructional activities, students are expected to be in school each day unless excused for legitimate reasons. Good attendance habits positively impact the learning process and carry over into the world of work.

Calendar of Events

Sept. 29: Kona Ice/Fun Friday

Oct. 2: Volleyball vs. Museum School Home

Oct. 2: Soccer vs. Sandy Springs Middle Home

Oct. 3: Volleyball vs. St. Martin's Home

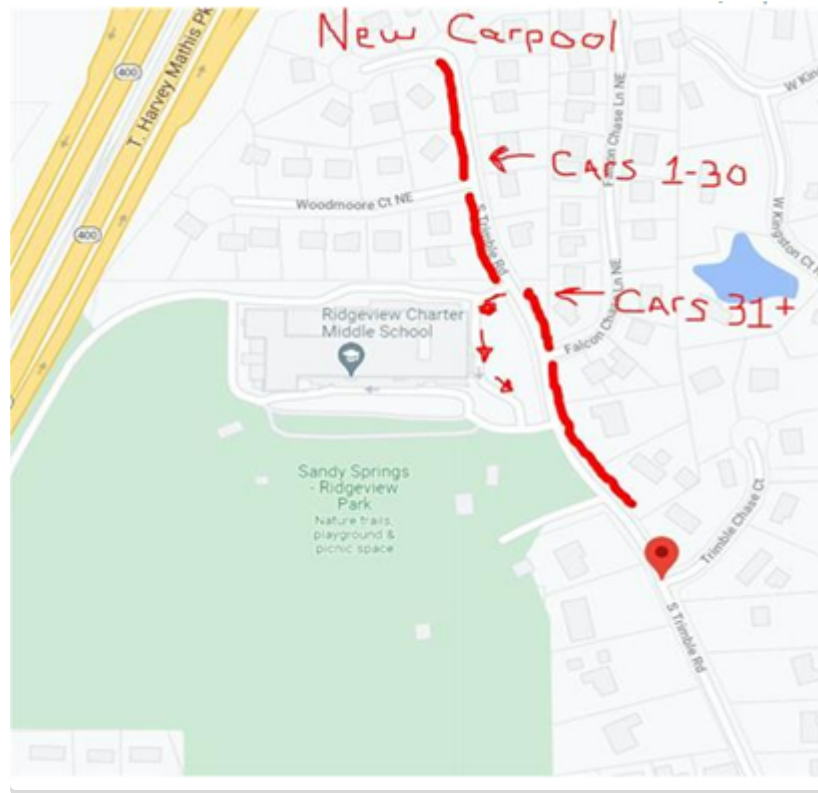
Oct. 4: Softball vs. Peachtree Middle - Home

Oct. 5: Pantherpalooza

Oct. 9: Columbus Day (School is Closed)

Oct. 10: Teacher Work Day- Students Out

Oct. 11: Teacher Professional Development: Students Out



Carpool

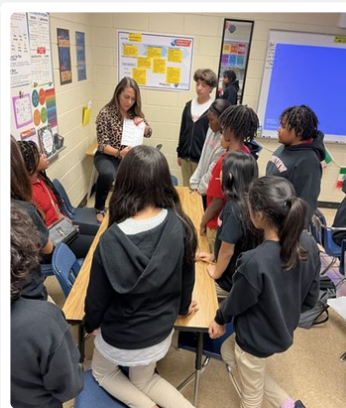
Wonderful Carpoolers! Please help us keep carpool moving by:

- · Allowing cars 1-30 to go first into the line.
- · Cars 31+ entering carpool line AFTER cars 1-30.
- · Taking turns with merging with our "behind the school lineup."
- · Pull all the way up to the crosswalk.
- · After 3 minutes of waiting, please move up to the "5" sign to wait for your student.
- · ONLY picking up your student in carpool.
- · THANK YOU! YOU are a STAR carpooler!



Promising Goals

The boys' soccer team is going strong and are 7-1 in our division. Fingers crossed: if they defeat Sandy Springs on Monday, Oct. 2, they go to the playoffs! Come out to support your teams!



Classroom Collaboration

RCMS continues to foster collaborative work and instruction in its classes. Our scholars are working hard this semester. Please check infinite campus for updates on grades.



Girls' Volleyball

The girls volleyball teams have been on quite a winning streak these past couple of weeks. It was a clean sweep of Panther wins for the A, B, and C teams on Monday for their first game at home against Atlanta Classical. Cheer on the girls next Monday, 10/2 and Tuesday, 10/3 at home against The Museum School and St. Martin's Episcopal!

Pantherpalooza is Coming Up Oct. 5 - Next Week!

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!](#) Tickets will also be on sale for \$25 on Friday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before school starts.



PANTHER PALOOZA

Just for Students

RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL • 4:00 to 7:30 PM

THURSDAY OCTOBER 5

ALL ACCESS WRISTBAND = \$25

Available for purchase ONLINE NOW or at school the week of the event.

Scan Here!



TO VOLUNTEER
or
BUY WRISTBANDS



Hispanic Heritage Fridays

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

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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KONA ICE

IS COMING!

RIDGEVIEW CHARTER MIDDLE

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH
11AM TO 2PM**

Flavor	Price
KLASSIC	\$4.00
KING	\$5.00
COLOR CHANGING	\$6.00 \$4 refills
KOLLECTABLE	\$7.00 \$4 refills

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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ESOL Night English.pdf

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Spirit Night to Support Sports Teams

Our first spirit night to support our sports teams is this Monday, Oct. 2, right after school. Free Chick-fil-A sandwiches will be available, while supplies last, located on the sidewalk between softball and soccer fields. We will also have concessions set up selling drinks and snacks for \$1 so please bring cash. Please spread the word and come and support our sports teams!

New Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Hylton

8th Grade English and Language Arts



Just about 34.5 years ago, I came to this wonderful country of the United States. I remember as a child back in the island of Jamaica, I imagined what life would be like living here and how different it must be than where I am from. It turned out to be truly different from what I knew in the best ways possible. In March of 1990, I arrived in Miami, Florida where I lived until only 2 months ago, when I left to live here in Atlanta, Georgia. While living in Miami, I decided to pursue a career in education. I attended Barry University where I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education K-6 with ESOL endorsement and then later a master's degree in science 6-9 with Gifted endorsement.

My love for teaching Middle School students grew over the years and before I knew it, I had been teaching for almost 18 years. My passion is really Science, but I do enjoy teaching English Language Arts as well, which today is my mandate here at Ridgeview Charter Middle School. It brings much joy to watch my students grow academically, reach their true potential and take ownership of their learning. I believe that it takes special people to become educators/teachers and that one must have a special love for this job. I truly believe that I was born to do this, and it is a part of my purpose.

Some things I enjoy outside of my job are cooking, baking, decorating my home, listening to diverse genres of music, and watching movies.

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.

Lightning 5K/ 10K

Saturday, Oct. 21 is a 5K or 10K walk or run that benefits Sandy Springs Education Force. The Sandy Springs school with the largest team of participants wins a trophy and if they have at least 40 members they win \$350 for their school. We won the trophy once before and we can do it again! [Sign up here](#) and select Ridgeview as your team. There is even a coupon code to save \$15 on the entry through Oct. 7!



WIN \$350 FOR YOUR SCHOOL
SIGN UP BY OCT 7 AND
SAVE \$15 WITH
COUPON CODE SSEF23

**THE SANDY SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOL WITH THE
LARGEST SCHOOL TEAM WILL WIN THE SPIRIT CUP**



**IF THE LARGEST TEAM HAS AT LEAST
40 MEMBERS, THEIR PTA/PTO WINS \$350**

**T-SHIRT - SWAG BAG - FINISHER MEDALS
AWARDS FOR TOP 3 IN MANY CATEGORIES
AFTER-PARTY WITH A DJ
FUN COMMUNITY EVENT!**

**REGISTER TODAY: [RUNSIGNUP.COM/SSEF](https://runsignup.com/SSEF)
"CLICK TO JOIN TEAM"**



Girls Junior Raiders Fall Lacrosse Clinic

Try a new sport or hone your stick skills if you are already a lacrosse player. Sign up for 2 clinics led by the Riverwood Varsity coaching staff and members of the Riverwood Varsity girls team. The focus will be on instruction in a fun, fast-paced, environment. The clinics will be held from 4pm-6:15pm at Riverwood on Sunday 10/22 and 10/29. Let's get ready for the Spring Season! See the flyer below for more info on how to sign up.



Junior Raiders Girls Lacrosse

Fall Clinics Grades 6th - 8th

All girls are welcome, no prior playing experience required!

Try a new sport - or hone your stick skills if already playing. Led by the Riverwood Varsity coaching staff and members of the Riverwood Varsity girls team, the focus will be on instruction in a fun, fast-paced, environment.

This fall will consist of 2 Sunday clinics, 4:00PM-6:15PM.

Dates:

- October 22
- October 29

Location:

- Hoskyn Stadium @ Riverwood. 5900 Raider Drive, Atlanta, GA 30328

Equipment required:

- Lacrosse stick, goggles, mouth guard
- *Cleats helpful, but not required

Registration (covers both clinics):
Email to: dumlerhouse@gmail.com
Fee: \$50 to @juniorraidersgirlslax (Venmo)

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!](#)

Panther Boys Soccer Team Represents RCMS at Atlanta United Match

The RCMS boys soccer team represented the school on Saturday, September 23 during a visit to watch the Atlanta United team as they battled the CF Montréal team at Mercedes Benz Stadium. Our home team was victorious in a 4-1 thriller. We think our Panthers brought them good luck! We also said goodbye to our amazing coach, José Espinoza. We wish him well on his future endeavors out in Washington. He will be sorely missed!



Introducing the Limited-Edition Fall Hoodie

Fall is here, and so is the Limited-Edition Unisex Soft Fleece Pullover Hoodie! The hoodie is available in classic black and versatile gray. This hoodie is a limited edition, priced at \$35. Pre-orders will be accepted until Oct. 13. Pre-order now, and you can pick it up at The Panther Store during the last week of October. Keep an eye on your email; we'll send you a fulfillment notification when your item is ready for pick-up. Order here: <https://www.ptarcms.org>



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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Panther Tales takes submissions for RCMS news or events that would benefit our student body. To submit your information, [please fill out this form](#) and the Panther Tales team will get back to you with any questions. Please submit information by Tuesday evening for inclusion that same week.



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