

# Panther Tales

October 26, 2023

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## Principal's Message

Good afternoon Ridgeview United families,

Can you believe October is almost done? Please see below for our upcoming events including our Community Open House on Tuesday, Nov. 14. We hope everyone has a safe Halloween celebration with family and friends and, as a reminder, please have your child leave their costumes and candy at home.

-Principal Garrett

## Assistant Principals' Message

Safety is the most important thing at Ridgeview Charter Middle School. Please understand we cannot dismiss your child as a walker to walk to the park or a neighborhood so parents can avoid the carpool line.

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

## Counselors' Corner

## ► October

### ► National Bullying Prevention Month &



## #FCSBEKIND

*This week we are wearing blue and making friends with someone new!*

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Optional Classroom Guidance Lessons- Bullying | Leadership, MTSS, 504, IEP, Grade-level meetings |
| Slur lessons                                  | Individual, group counseling                     |
| Student Government Campaign                   | Program Data Analysis                            |

#### Useful Links from the Student Support Team

**Georgia Department of Family & Children Services Child Abuse Hotline** - Reports are taken 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 1-855-GACHILD / 1-855-422-4453

[Georgia Crisis and Access Line](#) - For immediate access to routine or crisis services, please call the **Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL)** at 1-800-715-4225. GCAL is the 24/7 hotline for accessing mental health services in Georgia.

[National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#) - We can all help prevent suicide. Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals. 1-800-273-8255

[Health Crisis Resources](#) - Parent resources on COVID-19 from the National Association of School Psychologists.

[National Online Safety](#) - Here you will find the most up to date guides for social media apps and platforms. There is very useful information for parents about apps such as Fortnite, Instagram, Snapchat, Tik Tok, YouTube and others.

[StopBullying.gov](#) - provides information from various government agencies on bullying, cyberbullying, prevention, and response.

[Be the Voice](#) - a student-driven initiative that results in a kinder, more inclusive school environment.



## Building Parent Capacity

Parents know how to inspire a love of books in babies and toddlers: Just put 'em on your lap, and start reading. But as kids get older and go to school, reading can be seen as work rather than fun — and kids, especially teens, may stop reading for pleasure. [Here are nine ways to get teens reading](#), either again or for the first time.

## Calendar

Nov. 1: Make Up Picture Day

Nov. 7: Student Remote Day (students do not report to school)

Nov. 9: Jazz Concert at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 12: Hands on Ridgeview 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Nov. 13-17: Book Fair

Nov. 14: Community Open House at 9:15 a.m.

Nov. 14: Technology Night

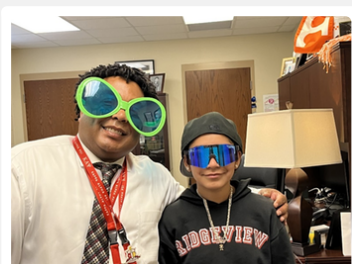
Nov. 14: Business Open House

Nov. 20-24: Thanksgiving Break

## Hispanic Heritage Night



## Red Ribbon Week



## Scientific Discoveries

Students in Ms. Early's 8th grade physical science class tested acids and bases with several different indicators. Then, they tested an unknown substance based on their previous observations and determined whether the substance is an acid or a base.



## Employee Spotlight: Ms. Susan Fain, ESOL



Hello RCMS students, staff and parents! My name is Susan Fain. I am so excited to have this wonderful opportunity to teach at Ridgeview!! I am the part time ESOL teacher here. I have been a teacher for 35 years. Most of my teaching years were in Clayton County. I have lived in Georgia all my life. I graduated from Georgia Southern University. I have one daughter and she will be graduating high school this year!

## Announcements and Events

### From Fulton County Schools: No Holiday Treats

As we approach the upcoming holidays, it is vital to remind parents and families that candy, desserts, baked goods (store-bought/homemade), or any other edible items ***are not*** to be sold or distributed at school or on the bus unless approved in advance by the school administration. Per our Student Code of Conduct, students who do not adhere to this expectation are subject to disciplinary action for violation **7A: Failure to Follow Rules**, and all candy or food items will be confiscated. Please discuss this expectation and possible consequences with your student(s), as this will be taken very seriously. This is due to recent national and state reports about students sharing edible items and synthetic medications with other students that contain very harmful substances. Please know that taking this measure will help us maintain a safe environment for all students. You can help us protect your student(s) by requesting that they not eat anything given to them by another person, anything they have not brought from your home, or anything not in its original sealed package. Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping all of our students safe at school!

### Make-up Picture Day is Nov. 1

Students who missed the original Picture Day and/or students who wish to return their entire picture packet for a re-take should be advised that Nov. 1 is Make-Up Picture Day in the morning during school hours. Students wear uniforms for school photos.

### Come to Our Community Open House!

Our annual community open house is coming up on Nov. 14. This event is for prospective parents, neighbors, realtors, and anyone else who wants to learn about our top-tier, international baccalaureate school. Join us as we showcase the many amazing benefits of our neighborhood public middle school. [RSVP with this link](#) or via the QR code below.

LEARN MORE & TOUR

RIDGEVIEW CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

# Community OPEN HOUSE

AN EVENT FOR REALTORS, BUSINESS OWNERS,  
PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

*Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> • 9:15 am*

5340 SOUTH TRIMBLE ROAD | SANDY SPRINGS, GA 30342



★ **MORE INFO** ★  
FOR MORE INFO & TO RSVP, VISIT  
[QR.CO.DE/RCMSOPENHOUSE](http://QR.CO.DE/RCMSOPENHOUSE)  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE.



## More Prospective Parent Tour Dates

In addition to the Community Open House, RCMS hosts tours year-round. Here are some more dates below.



**RCMS**  
RIDGEVIEW CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Come tour Ridgeview and learn why our Middle School is AWESOME.

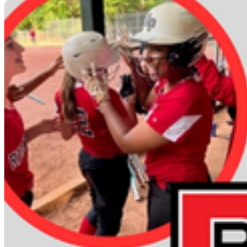
**Prospective Parent Tour Dates:**  
Tours begin at 12:30. Students are welcome to join their parents.

- October 17, 2023
- December 12, 2023
- January 9, 2024
- February 13, 2024
- March 5, 2024
- April 16, 2024

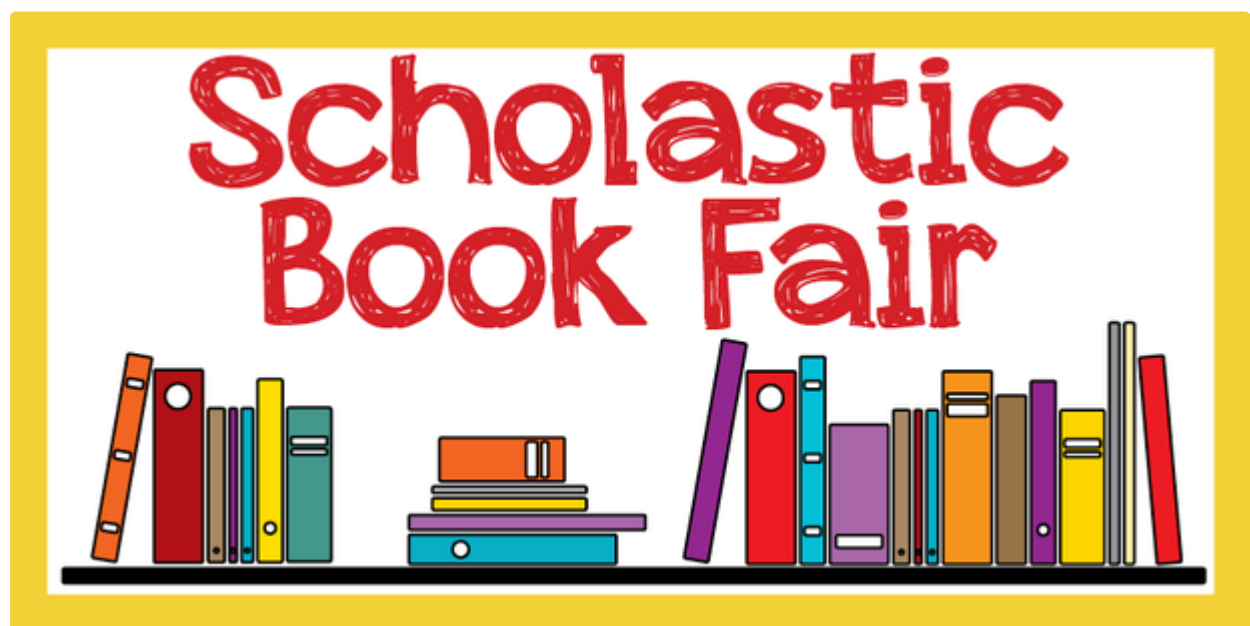
**Community Open House Date:**

- November 14, 2023, 9:00 - 11:00 am

**SIGN UP NOW**  
[Ridgeviewtours@gmail.com](mailto:Ridgeviewtours@gmail.com)



**Save the Date: Book Fair Coming Soon!**



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming! SAVE THE DATE (November 13-17) and get ready to empower

your reader!

## Upcoming RCMS Sports Tryouts

### BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Basketball tryouts ended yesterday, and here are the next steps!

- The girl's lists will be posted Thursday, Oct. 26
- The lists for the C and D teams will be posted Thursday, Oct. 26 by 12 p.m.
- The lists for the A and B teams will be posted by Monday, Oct. 30.

### Mandatory parent/guardian meetings for basketball

**(These meetings are only required if your child makes a team)**

Mon. Oct. 30th B team (Girls) 5:15 (rm 204)

Mon. Oct. 30th C team (Boys) 6:15 (rm 204)

Thurs. Nov. 2nd D team (Boys) 6:15 (rm 204)

Mon. Nov. 6th B team (Boys) 5:15 (rm 204)

Thurs. Nov. 6th A team (Girls) 6:15 (rm 204)

Wed. Nov. 8th A team (Boys) 5:15 (rm 204)

These dates are also posted in the hallway and on the RCMS website.

### TUMBLING TRYOUTS

Mon. Oct. 30th 7th/8th grade girls only: 4:15-5:30 p.m.

Wed. Nov. 1st 7th/8th grade girls only: 4:15-5:30 p.m.

For the latest information, please contact Coach Dixon or [check our athletics page](#).

## The Clinic Closet Needs Your Help!

RCMS families- Please help keep the clinic closet stocked with items that our students need from time to time. Thank you for your help! Here is our [Amazon wish list link](#).

## 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!](#)

## RCMS and Riverwood Mountain Bike Team



Six students from RCMS joined the Riverwood Mountain Bike team this fall and have just completed an incredible season of off road cycling. Congratulations to Webb Bristow, Mary Burgess, Hutch Carwell, Sam Hroncheck, Owen Koleszar, and Ryder Lassbeck. For more information about the 2024 season, please contact Christie Hunt at [christie.hunt@gmail.com](mailto:christie.hunt@gmail.com). (Not pictured: Ryder Lassbeck)

## 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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our community**

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- **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](http://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](http://www.rcmsfoundation.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.

## Got News?

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.



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