



# 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](mailto: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!

## What is the Bond we're voting for?

Come and find out at TONIGHT'S PTA Meeting!

Please join us on **TONIGHT, January 10 at 7pm in the Ridgecrest Library** to hear from Dr. Rebecca Miner, our District Superintendent as she shares important information regarding the upcoming Bond. This Bond is on the February 14 ballot and has great implications for our schools. Superintendent Miner is touring the district and community with this presentation to ensure that everyone hears the information first hand. We hope that you are able to join us.

If not, you can find more information on our District website at <http://www.shorelineschools.org/domain/1122>



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Jan 10	RC PTA Meeting 7pm
Jan 16	HOLIDAY-No School-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan 20	RC PTA Spaghetti Dinner and Family Dance 5pm
Jan 25	5th Grade Band / Orchestra Concert 7:15pm
Jan 28	Kinderfest 10am-Noon
Feb 2- Feb 28	Kindergarten Registration

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.>

# Nurse Notes

Happy New Year Ridgecrest Families!

We wish your family a happy and healthy 2017!

The current mumps outbreak in King County has 80 confirmed/probable cases in children aged 17 years and younger. The mumps is caused by a virus and starts with a headache, fever, muscle aches, fatigue, and loss of appetite. Then swelling of cheeks or glands under the jaws occurs. If you or your student experiences these symptoms, please call your healthcare provider and keep your children home from school. Please let us know as well, so we can best protect other students. If a student is not up-to-date on the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccination and the mumps occurs in Shoreline Schools, the student may be excluded from school for their safety.

Complications from the mumps of meningitis, encephalitis and deafness can occur. If your student is not vaccinated for the mumps, please call your health care provider and discuss the Measles, Mumps Rubella vaccination (MMR). If you want more information, call the health office.

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/~media/depts/health/communicable-diseases/documents/mumps-facts.ashx>  
<https://publichealthinsider.com/2016/11/29/emerging-mumps-outbreak-in-king-county/>

If you happen to have extra plastic sacks, please send them to the health office. They are handy when sending home wet or soiled clothing. Thank you!

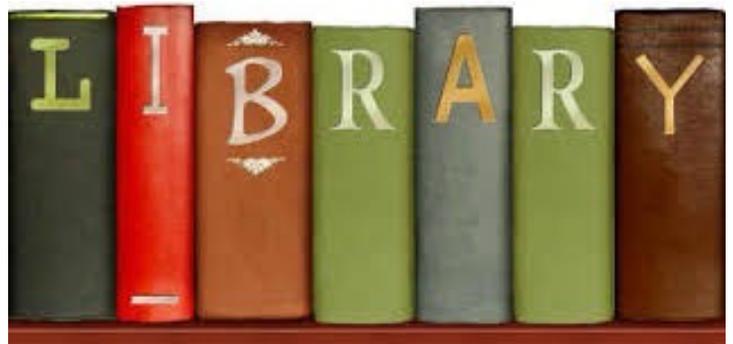
Nurse Joan & Nurse Stacey

## \*\*\* PTA NEWS \*\*\*

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

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

## News from the RC



I'm excited to announce that Shoreline now has a partnership with the King County Library System (KCLS) for all Shoreline students to have special library accounts to access KCLS online resources from school, home or any computer or device. I will be teaching the intermediate classes how to use these accounts over the next few weeks.

Students will have electronic access only (no physical book check out) to eBooks, audiobooks, [Tutor.com](http://Tutor.com), and KCLS online databases and programs for research. These student accounts do not replace traditional library cards. Students who already have KCLS cards can continue to use those to check out physical books and access online resources for personal use.

If families checked the Opt-Out box on the District FERPA form for either Directory Information for Educational Institutions and Organizations OR Contact for All Purposes, your students will not have a KCLS student account (because student numbers were used to create the accounts). If you have questions, please contact me at [joanna.freeman@shorelineschools.org](mailto:joanna.freeman@shorelineschools.org).

KCLS does provide some temporary accounts for students to use for short-term projects while at school.

Please read the parent letter from the district and KCLS, then contact me if you have any questions.

~ Joanna



# Kinderfest 2017



Do you live in Shoreline or Lake Forest Park and have a child who will be 5 years old by August 31, 2017? If so, Kinderfest is the place for you!

Kinderfest is an opportunity for parents and guardians of incoming kindergartners to learn about the programs offered by the Shoreline School District. Join us on **Saturday, Jan. 28 from 10am-12pm** at the Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Ave. NE, to receive information on food services, transportation, nurses, English Language Learners, Special Services, Highly Capable Program and PTA. Each elementary school will have representatives available to answer questions. Spanish, Amharic, Mandarin, Korean and Vietnamese interpreters will be available.

Limited, no-cost childcare will be available on-site for children who are over two-years-old and potty-trained. Please note that food will not be allowed in the childcare room due to possible allergies.

Kindergarten registration will begin on Feb. 2 at your neighborhood school. In order to attend kindergarten in the fall, your child must be five years old by August 31, 2017 and reside in the cities of Shoreline or Lake Forest Park.

For more information on registration please visit the Enrollment webpage at: [www.shorelineschools.org/enrollment](http://www.shorelineschools.org/enrollment).

If you have additional questions, please contact Trinitee Swan at 206.393.4365 or [triniteeswan@shorelineschools.org](mailto:triniteeswan@shorelineschools.org).

## Changes in TouchBase Access for Food Service, Childcare, and other Payments

In mid-January 2017, parent/guardian log-in and password access to the Shoreline School District's online payment system will be updated to further increase security in that payment system.

Effective January 2017, passwords will be modified and a self-serve password reset will be implemented. This will enable you to retrieve your password if it is forgotten. By default, the passwords will be changed to your Family Access password. As part of this transition, we highly recommend that you log-in and verify your information in SkyWard Family Access. Please log in to Family Access and verify your email address is correct, as that will be used to send you a password recovery notification.

Once our security update has been performed, the main login page will be updated. Instructions to update/remember your password will be available. To retrieve your password or to reset it after the update:

- 1) Click on the password reset link
- 2) Enter either your SkyWard Family Access username OR email address
- 3) A message will appear informing you that a password-reset email has been sent with a link to the password reset page. Click that link to take you to the password-reset page
- 4) Follow the instructions on the password-reset page
- 5) The online payment system will automatically log you in. Thereafter your password is the new one just created

Please watch for changes to the online payment system during January. If you have questions regarding this update, please contact Shirley Kamm at [shirley.kamm@shorelineschools.org](mailto:shirley.kamm@shorelineschools.org) for information.

# Clases para Padres: “Disciplina Positiva”

## Criando a nuestros hijos con Amor y Firmeza

**CUANDO:** martes  
17 de enero – 7 de marzo

**HORA:** 6:00PM – 8:00PM

**LUGAR:** Center for Human Services  
17018 15th Ave NE  
Shoreline, WA 98155

Esta es una serie de clases de ocho semanas para padres de habla hispana de familias que desean tener relaciones más cooperativas y respetuosas con sus niños de cualquier edad.

**Costo: GRATIS**

Se les invita a los dos padres a participar.

La clase será facilitada en español.

Favor de registrarse.

El cuidado infantil es limitado.

**Para más información y para registrarse favor de comunicarse con:**

Velia Lara al 206-631-8824 [vlara@chs-nw.org](mailto:vlara@chs-nw.org)

¿Estas teniendo retos con tus niños con pelea entre hermanos, rezongando, problemas con las tareas y para ir a dormir, entre otras?

Ven a aprender algunas soluciones.

Aprende como:

- Ser más efectivo como padre y divertirse en el proceso.
- Disciplinar con amabilidad y firmeza al mismo tiempo.
- Criar niños responsables y respetuosos.
- Reducir la lucha de poder.



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January 4, 2017

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are writing to let you know about a new and exciting partnership between the Shoreline Public Schools and the King County Library System (KCLS).

In an effort to increase student access to KCLS' online resources, KCLS will be creating special library accounts in its system for all students in our district so they may seamlessly log in from school, home or from any computer or device. The special student accounts will:

- **Be easy for students to remember.** The account number will utilize each student's school ID number preceded by the School District number (412). *Only student name, birth month and year, and District ID number are released to KCLS.*
- **Give each student seamless access.** Students will be able to use the array of databases, downloadable materials and online homework help services offered by KCLS without needing a physical card.
- **Not accrue fines or fees.** Since students will only be able to access electronic materials it won't be necessary for students to track due dates.

To check out resources and use in-library computers from a KCLS library, students will continue to need a traditional KCLS library card. This new arrangement between the Shoreline Public Schools and KCLS will supplement the traditional library card and improve each student's ability to access KCLS online research tools as part of their school work.

Additionally, teachers throughout the district will be able to utilize the many resources available through KCLS to complement their curriculum and build students' experience and expertise utilizing library resources.

In January 2017, KCLS will automatically launch the system to each student in Kindergarten through 12th grade. If you have checked the Opt-Out box on the District FERPA form for either Directory Information for Educational Institutions and Organizations or Contact for All Purposes, your student will not be included in the contact information provided to KCLS. Please contact your student's school librarian if you have any questions.

We're truly looking forward to this ongoing collaboration between the King County Library System and the Shoreline School District as both organizations are committed to providing resources and services that help our students succeed.

Regards,

Rebecca L. Miner  
Superintendent  
Shoreline Public Schools

Gary Wasdin  
Library Director  
King County Library System