



# 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!

## Salmon Eggs are Here!!

On Friday, January 13th, our salmon eggs were delivered! They are in the tank in the front lobby. When you come into the building, take a look to see if you can find them. They have begun to hatch and we will continue to follow the growth as they go from Alvin to Fry to Smolt and are then big enough to be released on May 6th!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Jan 25	5th Grade Band / Orchestra Concert 7:14pm
Jan 26	Shoreline Hi Cap Advocacy Group @ MP Library 7pm
Jan 27	End of First Semester
Jan 28	Kinderfest 10am-Noon - see info on page 5
Jan 30	No School - Non-Student Work Day
Feb 2	Honor Choir Performance @ Shorecrest 7pm
Feb 2- Feb 28	Kindergarten Registration
Feb 10	Report Cards
Feb 14	Election Day
Feb 20	HOLIDAY - Presidents Day - No School
Feb 21-Feb 24	No School - Mid-Winter Break

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.shorelineschools.org>

# Nurse Notes

Please encourage your children to wash hands, wash hands, and wash hands! We are seeing colds and more colds! Also please remind students to cover their coughs with tissues or into their elbows to prevent the spread of germs.

Please check your students for head lice at least once a week. We have been seeing more cases. The best lice comb we have found is the LiceMeister. Easy to hold and the tines are close together. If you need help please call the health office.

Do you have any smaller sized pants your children have outgrown? Boys or girls size 5-8 are needed in the health office. Thank you!!

Please keep children home if they exhibit any of the following symptoms:

- ¥ Fever 100 degrees F or over
- ¥ Diarrhea
- ¥ Vomiting
- ¥ Thick mucus draining from the eye or nose
- ¥ Inability to contain cough or sneeze in elbow
- ¥ Sore throat: if combined with fever or swollen neck glands
- ¥ Rashes: unrelated to heat or other known non-communicable diseases
- ¥ Unusual tiredness, paleness, lack of appetite, or irritability

These symptoms indicate your child may be contagious.

Students should remain home until they are symptom free (without medication) for 24 hours before returning to school.

Thank you Ridgecrest families for helping to keep us all healthy!

Nurse Joan & Nurse Stacey

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

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

<http://ridgecrestpta.org/Doc/Public/2017.0102%20News.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

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

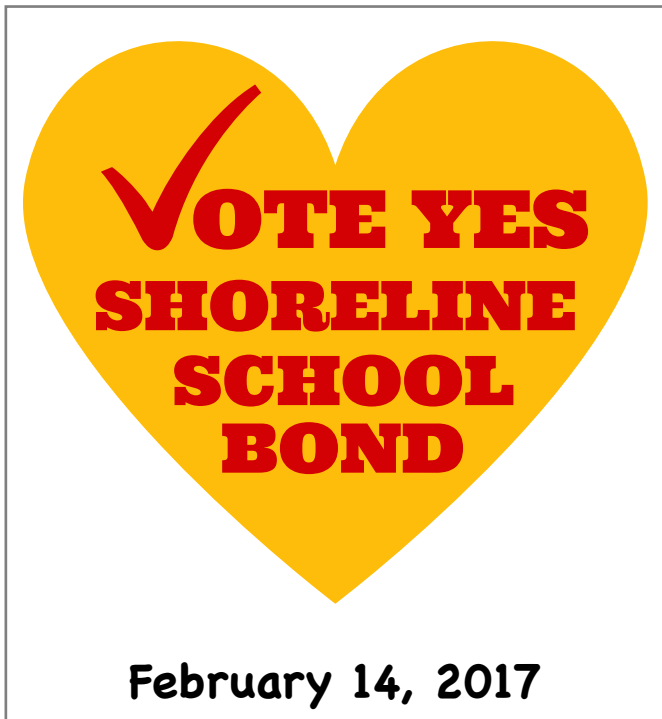
In mid-January 2017, parent/guardian log-in and password access to the Shoreline School District's online payment system will be updated to further increase security in that payment system.

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.



## Shoreline Hi Cap Advocacy Group

The **Shoreline Hi Cap Advocacy Group** will be holding its monthly meeting on Thursday, 1/26, from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Meridian Park library. All prospective and current Hi Cap parents are welcome to attend. Contact us at [shoreline.hi-cap.advocacy@gmail.com](mailto:shoreline.hi-cap.advocacy@gmail.com) with questions.

# News from the Family Advocate



## Emergency information

Have you updated your contact information recently? Do you know who is on your emergency contact list? Please consider making sure that the office has the correct information for your child in the event of an emergency. You can check this by logging into your Family Access account under the families tab at [shorelineschools.org](http://shorelineschools.org). If you would like to make a change, please call the office at (206) 393-1493. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has family safety plans you can fill out as well. You can see their information at this link: [FEMA\\_plan\\_child\\_508\\_071513.pdf](http://FEMA_plan_child_508_071513.pdf)

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## Natural Leaders

The next Natural Leader’s meeting is Friday, February 17th, from 8:30-9:30 am. Children who are not school-aged yet are welcome to join



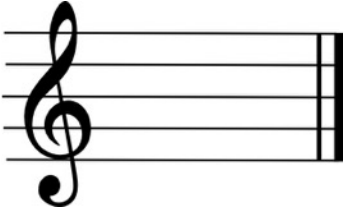
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## Girls on the Run

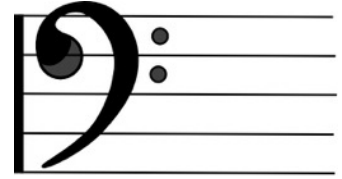
GOTR is happening at RC again this year! This after-school program is open to girls in 3rd-5th grade and uses running to give girls the tools to celebrate their bodies, honor their voices, recognize their gifts, and activate their limitless potential. The season runs from 3/7 to 5/23 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:10-4:40 pm. Contact GOTR at [info@girlsrun.org](mailto:info@girlsrun.org) with questions or register your student at [www.girlsrun.org](http://www.girlsrun.org). Registration deadline is February 17th.

~ Brittney Rider, Family Advocate  
206.393.1495

# 5th Grade Band and Orchestra "Debut" Concert



5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Orchestra  
"Debut" Concert  
at Ridgecrest Cafeteria/Gym



January 25, 2017  
At 7:14 P.M.

Dear Ridgecrest Friends and Families,

You are invited to join our 5<sup>th</sup> grade band and orchestra for their first ever public performance. This will be an evening to feature our newest 5<sup>th</sup> grade musicians in their own concert at school. Mr. Ashbrook (band director) and Miss Ault (orchestra director) will explain to the audience how we teach and learn the beginning playing skills in our classes. The concert will last about 45 minutes. This special evening will be both a demonstration and a performance for you, by the students. You will be impressed with the talents in the band and orchestra groups, and it's always an exciting night when the students perform for their first time in public!

Please join us on the evening of **Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:14 PM** for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade band and orchestra concert. The performances will be exciting!

*P.S. Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders are working on music for their separate festival concerts, which will be held in early February. We will get the information to you soon.*

Thanks for your support,

Mr. Ashbrook (band) and Miss Ault (orchestra)



## 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 event for you!



### Join us for Kinderfest!

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017  
10am-12pm  
Shoreline Center, Shoreline Room  
(18560 1st Ave. NE)



**Kinderfest** is an opportunity for parents and guardians of incoming kindergartners to learn about the programs offered by the Shoreline School District. Join us and 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).



## Field Update

The workers have begun to put down the turf!

We are hopeful that the field will be open by March 1st. That is, of course, dependent on many factors including the weather. We will keep you updated!

## Mid-Winter Break Care

Schools will be closed February 21, 22, 23, and 24 for Mid-Winter Break. However, the Shoreline Center will be open to care for children ages 2-1/2 through 6th grade. Care will be provided for all children at the Children's Center. Registration and payments must be submitted by February 9, 2017 so that there is an accurate list of students and emergency contacts. The cost is \$6 an hour or \$42 for 7hrs or more. Registration forms are available in the RC office.

## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration begins on February 2, 2017. It is open throughout the month of February (for placement drawing). Students are not placed on a first come, first served basis.

When you come in to register your student, please bring the following:

- birth certificate or passport
- immunizations
- proof of residency (lease or utility bill)

If you have any questions, please contact Janina by calling 206.393.1493 or by email:

[janina.pacunski@shorelineschools.org](mailto:janina.pacunski@shorelineschools.org)