



RAM News

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Ridgecrest Elementary: Creating Change Together



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ABSENCES, LATE ARRIVALS, AND EARLY RELEASES

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 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.

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BREAKFAST

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.

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SAFETY REMINDER

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!

Kindergarten Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year

Kindergarten Registration for Shoreline residents with students starting Kindergarten in the fall of 2018 began on Friday, February 2nd at ALL Shoreline elementary schools. In order to attend kindergarten in the fall, a child must be 5 years old by August 31, 2018.

To complete the registration process, parents should bring their child's birth certificate or passport, current immunizations, and valid proof of residency to the Ridgecrest office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8am and 3:30pm. Our office will be closed the week of March 19-23 for Mid-Winter Break.

NOTE: The District is CLOSED to new K-6 students living outside of the Shoreline School District.

Please share this information with your neighbors and friends! We are very excited to welcome the **Class of 2031!!**

Don't Forget!! Next Week is Mid-Winter Break

Don't forget that there will be NO SCHOOL all next week!! Monday, February 19 is Presidents Day and Tuesday-Friday, February 20-23 is Mid-Winter Break.

School will reopen on Monday, February 26th. Enjoy your break!!



Important Information for the 2018-2019 School Year

The first day of school for the 2018-2019 school year will be **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018 (BEFORE Labor Day)**. Students who do not attend the first four days of the school year must be withdrawn and this makes it difficult for class placements. **Please plan your family vacations accordingly.**

The last day of school for the 2018-2019 school year will be **June 14, 2019.**

Help Us Celebrate Read Across America 2018



READ ACROSS AMERICA

Feb. 26th – March 2nd

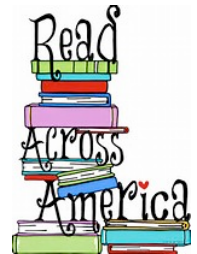
Monday - Fox in Socks Day
Crazy Socks & Stripes Day!
Wear crazy socks and stripes!

Tuesday - Cat in the Hat Day
Wear your favorite hat!

Wednesday - Read My Shirt Day
Wear a shirt with words on it (appropriate for school)

Thursday - Costume Day
Dress as a book character

Friday - Pajama Day & D.E.A.R.
(Drop Everything And Read)



The Ridgecrest Read-A-Thon is
Feb. 9th to March 2nd



Friday Family Story Time

DID YOU KNOW?

Ridgecrest has a weekly story time for future Rams and their caregivers!

Friday Family Story

Time is every Friday
8:40-9:00 in the library.

Join us with your child who is not yet in kindergarten.

We are enjoying stories, and connecting families to each other and school.



Calendar

FEBRUARY

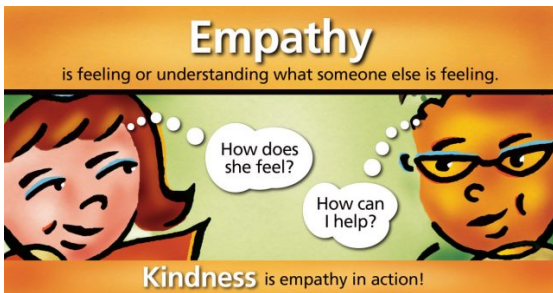
13	Election Day - Don't Forget to Vote!
14	DEADLINE to order Spirit Wear 3pm
19	No School HOLIDAY Presidents Day
20-23	No School MID-WINTER BREAK
27	Skate Night 6-8pm

MARCH

1	PTA Parent Meeting 7-8pm
5	No School - Staff Work Day
6-9	EARLY RELEASE @ 11:15 for Parent/Teacher Conferences
16	Science Night 6-8pm
26	BINGO Night 6-8 pm

Life Skill of the Month

The Life Skill for February: Kindness / Empathy
How are you able to teach your child about this important Life Skill?



**Make sure your
Ballot is in before 8pm
TONIGHT**

**Election Day is TODAY
Please be sure to vote!**

You are invited to a monthly Multicultural Family Breakfast Meeting (Estás invitado a una reunión familiar de desayuno.)

When (Cuando): Friday, March 2, 2018, 8:40-9:40 am.

*Special thanks to the Ridgecrest PTA and the Washington Alliance for Better Schools (WABS) for sponsoring our breakfast.

What (qué): Build relationships with families, share ideas and information about Ridgecrest and Shoreline programs that support your child's learning.

Who (quien): Families of students in the ELL program, bilingual/multilingual families, anyone who is interested.
(Younger siblings are welcome to attend - there will be a story time 8:40-9:00AM.)

Where (dónde): Ridgecrest Room 104

We hope to see you there! ¡Esperamos verte ahí!

Sheryl Lundahl, ELL Teacher

To help us with planning, please let us know if you are coming and if you need an interpreter: email sheryl.lundahl@shorelineschools.org or evangelina.vederoff@shorelineschools.org



ALL District Second Graders to be Screened for Hi Cap

Spring Screening - 2nd grade Only

DEADLINE to Opt Out is February 16, 2018

- Testing for all current Shoreline 2nd grade students with the CogAT Screening Form.
- Testing will occur during the school day in each 2nd grade class.
- **Opportunity to Opt Out:** If you **do not** want your 2nd grade child to participate in the screener, you will need to submit the [CogAT Screener Opt Out form](#) to the Ridgecrest office by 3pm on Friday, February 16, 2018.

Reminder: After School

This is a reminder that school dismisses at 3:00. Unless a student is enrolled in aftercare or in an after school club or program, there is no one available to supervise them. Students need to be picked up promptly after dismissal. Students are **NOT** allowed to wait in the building for a sibling and are also not allowed on the playground after school without adult supervision.

If you have any questions, please contact the office by calling 206.393.4272. Thank you.

PTA Information

Newsletter

Here is the link to the current PTA Newsletter. Please take a few minutes to read through the Newsletter as it contains a lot of important information:

http://ridgecrestpta.org/Doc/Newsletters%202017/RCPTA_Newsletter_JAN2018.pdf



2018 Read-a-Thon Fundraiser

Read - A - Thon Fundraiser 2018

February 9th - March 2nd

We are looking for classroom parent/grandparent/guardian volunteers who would be willing to help with this great fundraiser. We are raising funds for field trips, school dances, art docent programs, science night, teacher and specialists grants and many other events. We also use this fundraiser to emphasize and inspire reading for all our Ridgecrest students.

Being a parent volunteer is as simple as making copies one time, or counting minutes for a classroom [or two] once a week for the duration of the three week read-a-thon. The minutes counted would be hung up in the hall so the school can get competitive with their minutes read. After the read-a-thon ends, counting the pledges and communicating this information with the students is also a helpful time to volunteer.

This activity is a great way to get involved with the PTA without too big of a commitment - please consider helping out with this wonderful activity!

Please do call or email with any questions. If you're interested in volunteering, please send your contact info as soon as possible if you'd like to get involved.

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 206-999-3889

2017-18 Ridgecrest State Spring Testing Schedule 3rd - 6th Grade SBA and 5th Grade MSP Science

Below is Ridgecrest's state testing schedule for the 2017-18 school year. While we understand that student illnesses cannot be controlled, we respectfully request that you plan any appointments and other absences around the testing schedule to allow your student to test at the scheduled time.

The 5th Grade MSP Science date has been confirmed and will take place on Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

Thank you for your assistance in making sure ALL students are at school during their testing days.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 23	April 24 3rd / 4th ELA CAT Carlson Christian Cleary Della Gravett Laviola Ramfar	April 25 5th / 6th ELA CAT Steadman Whitney Cox Witzel Currier Peterson Skoog	April 26 3rd / 4th ELA CAT Carlson Christian Cleary Della Gravett Laviola Ramfar	April 27 5th / 6th ELA CAT Steadman Whitney Cox Witzel Currier Peterson Skoog
April 30	May 1 3rd / 4th MATH CAT Carlson Christian Cleary Della Gravett Laviola Ramfar	May 2 5th / 6th MATH CAT Steadman Whitney Cox Witzel Currier Peterson Skoog	May 3 3rd / 4th MATH CAT Carlson Christian Cleary Della Gravett Laviola Ramfar	May 4 5th / 6th MATH CAT Steadman Whitney Cox Witzel Currier Peterson Skoog
May 7	May 8 5th MSP Science **	May 9 6th Grade Camp	May 10 6th Grade Camp	May 11 6th Grade Camp



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