



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 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!

Our Children, Our Future: Shaping Shoreline Schools

Hello Ridgecrest Families,

You've recently received an email from the district with links to complete a stakeholder survey and to share interest in participating in a community event to shape our strategic plan. Included in this newsletter is information from both emails (on Page 2) and we hope our Ridgecrest families will take the time to share feedback and consider participating.

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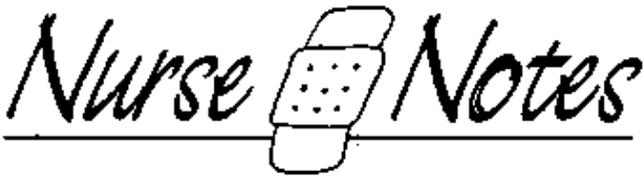
SBA Testing Schedule

See Page 5 of this newsletter for our SBA Testing Schedule. Please try to avoid appointments and other absences during this time.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Apr 17-Apr 21	NO SCHOOL: Spring Break
May 6	Ice Cream Social & Open House 6pm-8pm
May 15	SNOW MAKE UP DAY - There is school today!



Sending Medicine to 6th Grade?

Camp is FIVE weeks away!

If your student takes medication - prescription or over-the-counter - that you would like to send to camp, please fill out the Permission to Administer Medication for Extended Field Trip Form. This form was included in your camp information or call the health office if need one. Sign the parent part and send to your doctor for medication information and signature. Return this form to school with the medication in the original labeled bottle. Please only send enough medication for the four days of camp. **The paperwork and medications need to be in the health office by May 1st** so that the nurse going to camp may review them.

For example, your student camper may need sunscreen, anti-itch medication, Tylenol for a headache or Ibuprofen for a muscle strain. ALL these medications require the Permission to Administer Medication Form to be signed by your doctor and returned to school with the medications by May 1st.

The nurse cannot administer medications to your student without this form and parent supplied medicine. Thank you!

Please call the health office if you have any questions - 206.393.4276

5th grade parents - Reminder that your student will need a Tdap immunization before 6th grade starts. Tdap stands for the Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis vaccine. This is part of his/her 12th year medical checkup and is required for school attendance. Please let the nurses know the date of vaccination so we may update your child's school medical records

Thank you,

Nurse Joan and Nurse Stacey

District Survey & Invitation

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Regarding the Survey:

Dear Shoreline Families,

In 2016-2017, the Shoreline School District Board of Directors and Superintendent Rebecca Miner affirmed the launch of a strategic planning endeavor to bring our community together and develop a multi-year instructional plan. This strategic plan will set out instructional priorities to reflect the needs and interests of our Shoreline community and ensure student learning at the highest levels.

We value and greatly need our many stakeholders' input and expertise; therefore we will call on your voice throughout the process as we collaboratively create our instructional strategic plan.

Currently, we are asking you to [provide feedback](#) about your experiences via an online survey. The feedback you provide will be used to guide our Instructional Strategic Plan and improvements in our district. Please click the following link to learn more about the project and take the survey. [Click HERE to get started.](#)

Regarding the Event:

Dear Shoreline Schools Families and Staff,

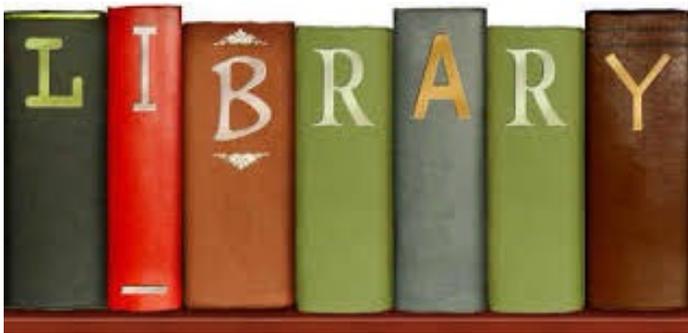
We are seeking community members who are interested in participating in an event to help develop a vision and goals for the future of Shoreline Public Schools. "Our Children, Our Future: Shaping Shoreline Schools" will be held on May 13 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Shoreline Room of the Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Ave. NE.

Seating is limited and you must commit to attending the whole duration of the event. To read more about the event and express interest in attending, please see the attached flyer.

If you have any questions, please contact Hanna Mazur at hanna.mazur@shorelineschools.org or [\(206\) 393-4211](tel:2063934211).

[Visioning Day Invite](#)

News from the RC

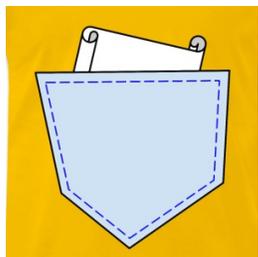


April is National Poetry Month, which we celebrate in the library by reading and sharing poetry all month. We read and share different types of poems from our four shelves of poetry books, many purchased with grants from the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation and our Ridgecrest PTA.

One favorite book is "Once I Ate a Pie" by Patricia MacLachlan. From a dog's point of view, the poems explain why they burst into the bathroom to check on you (they are herders), and why they use their noses to get into dog cookie boxes (they are proud of their work). Another favorite is "If Not for the Cat" by Jack Prelutsky, haiku riddles that challenge you to guess the animal being described.

We have many collections of poetry books for all ages, including "100 Poems for Boys," "Bookspeak! Poems about Books," and the Poetry for Young People series, including Edgar Allan Poe, Emily Dickinson, Langston Hughes, and Robert Frost. Check them out from our library or another library and enjoy reading them aloud with your family.

We also celebrate with a "Poem in Your Pocket" activity, where students choose a poem from their grade's pocket and share it with friends or family to get a Poetry Month bookmark. Ask your student if they have a poem in their pocket!



~ Joanna

*** PTA NEWS ***

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

<http://ridgecrestpta.org/Doc/Public/PTANews%2004.2017.pdf>

RC PTA Nominating Committee

The PTA board is looking for nominations to fill the following open positions:

co-Presidents

VP of Fundraising

VP of Programs

Please visit www.ridgecrestpta.org for more information.

The RC Talent Show is COMING!

The RC Talent Show will be held on Friday, June 2 from 6:30-8:30pm

An audition sign-up forms are due no later than 3pm on Friday, April 28th. If you student(s) did not bring home a form, we have some available in the front office.

Please consider the following when preparing your act:

- * Performance time limit is 3 minutes
- * Practice and be prepared for the rehearsal
- * You agree to attend ALL MANDATORY EVENTS:
 - Audition: May 2nd (a time will be assigned based on your availability)
 - Dress Rehearsal (June 1st) 3:30-5:30pm
 - Talent Show (June 2nd) 6:30-8:30pm

Questions? Please contact the Talent Show Coordinator:
Myles Corbin (myles.corbin@gmail.com)



Counselor's Corner



**Help Your Child Succeed in School:
Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early**
School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

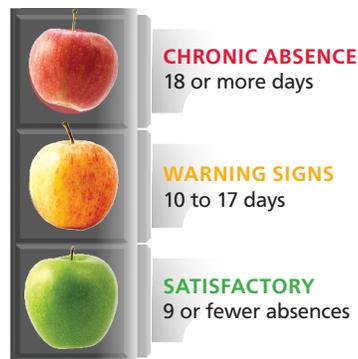
- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

For more on school readiness, visit attendanceworks.org and reachoutandread.org

Testing Dates for Ridgecrest 3rd-6th Graders

Please note that there is testing scheduled for Monday, May 15. This was originally a non-student work day on the district calendar but due to a SNOW DAY, is it now a make up day. Classes will be in session on our regular schedule - 8:35am - 3:00 pm.

May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 5th ELA CAT -Cleary 4th&5th -Cox -Whitney	2 6th ELA CAT -Currier 5th&6th -Lytle -Peterson -Skoog	3 5th ELA PT -Cleary 4th&5th -Cox -Whitney	4 6th ELA PT -Currier 5th&6th -Lytle -Peterson -Skoog	5
8 6th Math CAT -Currier 5th&6th -Lytle -Peterson -Skoog	9 5th Math CAT -Cleary 4th&5th -Cox -Whitney	10 6th Math PT -Currier 5th&6th -Lytle -Peterson -Skoog	11 4th ELA CAT -Della -Gravett -Steadman -Witzel 3rd&4th	12 5th Math PT -Cleary 4th&5th -Cox -Whitney
15 4th ELA PT -Della -Gravett -Steadman -Witzel 3rd&4th	16 3rd ELA CAT -Christian -Laviola -Rae 3rd only	17	18	19 3rd ELA PT -Christian -Laviola -Rae 3rd only
22 3rd Math CAT 4th Math CAT -Christian -Laviola -Rae 3rd only -Della -Gravett -Steadman -Witzel 3rd&4th	23	24 3rd Math PT 4th Math PT -Christian -Laviola -Rae 3rd only -Della -Gravett -Steadman -Witzel 3rd&4th	25 5th Science -Cleary 5th only -Cox -Currier 5th only -Whitney	26 Make Ups in Comp Lab
29 No School	30	31	1	2 Make Ups in Comp Lab