



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!

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!

April 26	PTA Council Recognition Dinner - SLC - 6pm
May 4	Ice Cream Social & Open House 6pm-8pm
May 15	SNOW MAKE UP DAY - There is school today!
May 16-19	Sixth Grade Camp
May 29	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day Holiday
June 8	2nd / 3rd Grade Music Program - 9am
June 12	SNOW MAKE UP DAY - There is school today!
June 19	Spring Concert - 7pm
June 23	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Dismissal at 11:15AM

Nurse Notes

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!

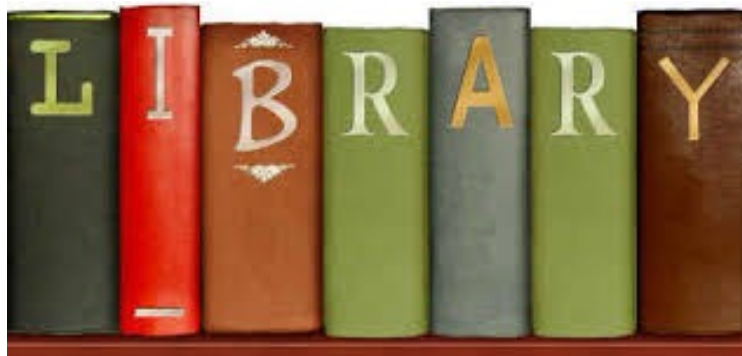
Please call the health office if you have any questions - 206.393.4276

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

News from the RC



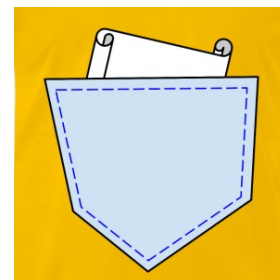
April is National Poetry Month, which we celebrate in the library by reading and sharing poetry all month. We read and share different types of poems from our four shelves of poetry books, many purchased with grants from the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation and our Ridgecrest PTA.

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/PTA%20News%2005.2017.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 **THIS Friday**, April 28th. If you student(s) did not bring home a form, we have some available in the front office. type to enter text

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)

Shoreline Community College S.T.E.M. Festival

Do you love science and art? It's time to start getting ready for the Shoreline STEM Festival which takes place on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Shoreline Community College, with a K-12 student science fair, hands-on STEM fun, robotics demonstrations, and STEM Career Expo! Parents: we need volunteers to make the festival happen! Sign up on our website or email us to find out how you can help. Details for everything can be found at: shorleinstem.org or email us at shorleinstemfestival@gmail.com

News from the Family Advocate



Natural Leaders Meeting

Our next Natural Leaders Parent meeting is Friday, May 12th, 2017 at Ridgecrest. Please come at 8:30AM for breakfast. Story time for young children is offered from 8:40-9 AM. Please see Sheryl Lundahl or Brittney Rider if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

Do you know who's on your student's Emergency Contact List?

Have you updated your contact information recently? Do you know who is on your emergency contact list and eligible to pick up your child? Please consider making sure 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 www.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 and your family can fill out as well. Find these plans and more at <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>.



Sports Physicals for Middle School: 2017-18

The whole subject of sports physicals can be very confusing – when you need them, how long they last, and even what form to take to your doctor. As students enter into 7th and 9th grades in the Shoreline School District, sports physicals (officially known as “Secondary Student Health Report”) are required to be able to try out and play in a sport after school. The entire sports packet includes forms for Code of Conduct, Physical Examination, Concussion Information, Athlete Information, Permission, and Insurance (please make sure to complete the ENTIRE page). Middle School Athletic Training Form packets can be downloaded from the Kellogg Middle School web page under the Athletics tab. Look for “Athletics Information”. It is recommended that a doctor appointment be scheduled sometime after June 1 of the current year. The sports physical is good for 24 months based on the date of the actual physical exam by the health care practitioner. Bring the **Sports Physical Form** with you to the doctor's appointment. The left side of the form is completed by the parent/guardian and the right side is completed by your health care provider. Fall sports usually start the first week of school so it is imperative that there forms be turned in that week if your student wishes to participate. If you have questions, please contact the Kellogg Nurse by calling 206-393-4790.

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