



RAM News

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Ridgecrest Elementary: Creating Change Together



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**Friday, June 22
is the LAST Day
of school. School
will dismiss at
11:15 am**

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ABSENCES, LATE ARRIVALS, AND EARLY

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. Doors open at 8:05am.

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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!

LIFE SKILL FOR MAY: Common Sense

Shoreline Highly Capable Summer Testing Information

Registration for Highly Capable (HiCap) Program Assessment is open to any Shoreline student **not already screened or tested** during the 2017-2018 school year.

Testing will take place at the Shoreline Center on Monday, July 23, 2018.

Link to Registration: <https://goo.gl/forms/JAAQYGdLdle6XhrA3>

The deadline for registration is 4:00pm on Friday, June 8, 2018. Late registrations will **not** be accepted.

If you have any questions or have difficulty registering online, please contact the Highly Capable Program office at 206-393-4771 or by e-mail at highlycapable@shorelineschools.org

1st/2nd Grade Spring Music Program

You are invited to the Ridgecrest Elementary
1st and 2nd Grade Spring Music Program
(in honor of Mother's Day).

Family and friends are invited and encouraged to attend.

Friday, May 11, 2018 in the RC Cafeteria at 2pm



Life Skill for May

This Life Skill for the month of May is: Common Sense

What is Common Sense? Common sense is plain, ordinary, good judgment. It is judgment that is independent of specialized knowledge or training.

How can you display Common Sense to your student(s)?

Nurse Notes

6th Grade Campers

Looks like we could have sunny or rainy weather! Remember to pack your sunscreen, raincoat, and get to bed early to be well rested before we take off. Camp Caber here we come!

5th Grade Families

Before starting 6th grade in the Fall, students who have turned 11 years old are required to have their Tdap immunization

(Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) completed. If your student does not turn 11 years old until later in the school year, their

Tdap vaccination will be due upon their birthday. Please contact the health office with the date of the completed vaccination, so we may update your student's health record. Students not obtaining their vaccination will not be allowed to attend school until the vaccination is updated or an exemption form signed by the doctor and parent presents it to the school.



Please call the nurses if you have questions.

Warmer Weather is Here!

Hoorah! Sunshine has arrived!

Please remember PE class requires tennis shoes. Please remember to wear tennis shoes on PE days.

Thank you!

Nurse Joan and Nurse Stacey
joan.forbush@shorelineschools.org
stacey.chesnut@shorelineschools.org
206-393-4276

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

MAY

9-11	6th Graders to Camp Caber
11	1st and 2nd Grade Spring Music Program 2pm
17	Open House / Ice Cream Social Ice Cream Social 6-8pm; Open House 6:30-8:30pm
21	No School - Staff Work Day
24	PTA Parent Meeting 7-8pm
28	No School - Memorial Day Holiday

JUNE

7	3rd Grade Music Program 9:15am (including Laviola, Ramfar, and Gravett)
8	No School - Staff Work Day
13	4th and 5th Grade Music Program 9am
19	Field Day 1-2:30pm
22	6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 9am
22	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 11:15am Dismissal

A Note from our Family Advocate

If you are interested in summer camps for your student and are in need of scholarships, please contact our Family Advocate, Evangelina Vederoff by calling 206.393.1495 or by emailing her at evangelina.vederoff@shorelineschools.org

Parent Input Forms

Parent Input Forms are available in the front office. You may come in during regular office hours, Monday-Friday, 8am-3:30pm to pick one up. Once completed, please return it to the office. These forms are for you to share additional information with us regarding the placement of your student(s). Please do not request specific teachers. Completed forms are due no later than 3:30pm on Friday, May 18.

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

When (Cuando): Friday, May 11, 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



PTA Information

RC PTA Newsletter

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

http://ridgecrestpta.org/Doc/Newsletters%202017/RCPTA_Newsletter_May_2018.pdf

Early Release Wednesdays 2018-19 School Year

The Shoreline School Board has approved the proposal to have students released early on Wednesdays that fall in FIVE (5) day weeks. This will begin in the 2018-19 school year. The exact time has not been determined but will be 1.5 to 2 hours earlier than the regular school day. Moving forward with this plan will eliminate non-student days so that our students attend 180 days rather than only 175. Bus transportation will be offered to students as usual. More information on after school options will be provided later. These options will include tuition-based extended care and enrichment activities at every elementary school: scholarship vouchers will be available to students who receive free or reduces price lunch. Although adjusting to this schedule will pose challenges for some families, there will be more opportunities over the course of the year for our staff to work together and further improve the great work happening at your child's school.

For more information, please visit the School District page at www.shorelineschools.org

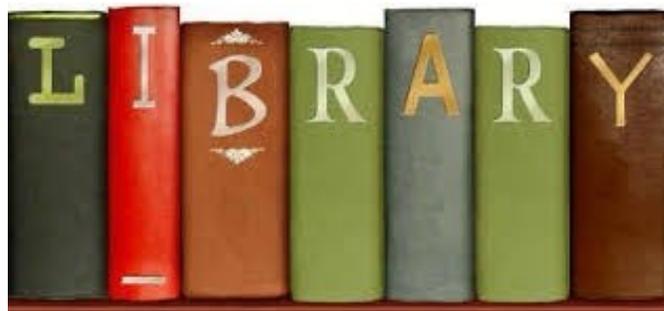
2018-19 School Year Registration

Registration for Shoreline residents with students starting in the fall of 2018 is open. All families are invited to enroll their student(s) for the 2018-19 school year. If you have a kindergarten student, your 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.

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

News from the RC



What's at the Public Library?

Our local public libraries, part of the King County Library System, are incredible resources for books, music, movies, and technology. They provide classes, quiet spaces, help choosing books, computer access, and many other services. They also sponsor the Global Reading Challenge for our 4th and 5th graders. The Shoreline Library is less than a mile from Ridgecrest, within walking distance. They are closed for remodeling right now (but you can still turn in books and pick up holds) and will reopen May 21st.

The Shoreline Childrens Librarian, Laurie Field, will be visiting Ridgecrest in June to talk about their summer reading program, so watch for that information in the next few weeks.

Excellent resources from KCLS:

Stress and Anxiety Management for Kids and Teens: <http://tinyurl.com/n59jd5I>

Maker Guides for Kids, Teens, and Families: <https://tinyurl.com/y93a34nf>

Free Museum Passes with a Library Card!: <https://tinyurl.com/ybz7zh4o>

10 Beloved Dogs in Literature: <https://tinyurl.com/ydcqg2eg>

I See Me - We Need Diverse Books: <https://tinyurl.com/y9cfumxb>

~ Joanna

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Shoreline School District #412 does not discriminate against any protected classes. For further information on notice of nondiscrimination, including the address and phone number of the Title IX officer, visit: http://www.shorelineschools.org/info/title_ix.php
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