

RAM News

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I am so proud of our Ridgecrest Community as we continue to examine equity and race in our beloved school. Racial disparity exists, and it exists across a wide spectrum of American life from education to the criminal justice system. That is why we at Ridgecrest Elementary School are proud to enter into our second year of acknowledging that Black Lives Matter at School.

As a white male, when the Black Lives Matter movement sprang up from the hashtag #blacklivesmatter in the wake of the Trayvon Martin killing, I researched why this movement might be important for our country and that research gave me a clear answer. As long as black pre-school children who make up only 18% of the school population make up over 50% of school suspensions, black lives matter in schools. As long as black children are 18 times more likely to be tried as adults than white children, then black lives matter at school. As long as white college graduates are twice as likely to land a job as black college graduates, then black lives matter at school. As long as black people are ten times as likely to be murdered as their white counterparts, then black lives matter in schools. I could go on and on and on. Finally, as long as black children at Ridgecrest Elementary School trail their white counterparts in every academic criteria then black lives will matter at Ridgecrest Elementary School. Without giving extreme attention and effort to these children then that gap will never change. It is with this in mind that we proudly enter into our second year supporting the movement Black Lives Matter at School. As part of this special week, February 3rd through the 7th, we have asked our staff to present one lesson from the Black Lives Matter at School curriculum that we have put together using BLM@School resources. I also want to strongly encourage you to reach out to your child's instructor and ask which lesson they are considering presenting. It's all of our responsibility as students, teachers, and parents to reflect on what we can do to create a more equitable playing field for black children at Ridgecrest Elementary School. I am including here some links to resources that will help you reflect and engage in conversations with your children. Happy Black History Month and happy Black Lives Matter at School Week.

100 Race-Conscious Things to Say to Your Child to Advance Racial Justice

<http://www.raceconscious.org/2016/06/100-race-conscious-things-to-say-to-your-child-to-advance-racial-justice/>
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Black lives Matter At School Starter Kit

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TXPBd3zy6wyOXhZcJ6yrEGnpbSe1BMrBya7EZwFLxsk/edit><<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TXPBd3zy6wyOXhZcJ6yrEGnpbSe1BMrBya7EZwFLxsk/edit>>

Nathan Christian, Dean of Students

Calendar of Events



JANUARY

- 29 NO EARLY RELEASE TODAY - **Students will be dismissed at 3:00 pm**
- 30 Multicultural Potluck Dinner and Storyteller 6-8pm, RC Cafeteria
- 30 Honor Choir Performance 7pm, Shorecrest Performing Arts Center
All Unclaimed LOST & FOUND Items will be taken to The WORKS
- 31 **FULL DAY OF SCHOOL** — This is a SNOW MAKEUP DAY for Jan 13
Popcorn Friday (rescheduled from last week)

FEBRUARY

- 3 Black Voices: A Community Opportunity – Teaching for Black Lives 6-7:30pm, Shorewood High School
Eastside Band Festival 7:30pm, Shorecrest Gym
- 4 **First Day of Kindergarten Registration** (Open Enrollment through Feb 28)
- 4 & 5 Black Voices: A Community Opportunity – Book Fair 4-6pm, RC Cafeteria, and Gym
- 5 EARLY RELEASE - **Students will be dismissed at 1:20 pm**
Black Voices: A Community Opportunity – HBCU Night
Historically Black Colleges & Universities 6-7:30pm, Shorecrest High School
- 6 Black Voices: A Community Opportunity – Celebrate Black Arts
Book-It Repertory Theatre's Performance of "Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut" by Derrick Barnes
6-7:30pm, Shoreline Room, Shoreline Center
Tickets are free but required. Sign up at: www.shorelineschools.org/blackvoices
- 7 Black Voices: A Community Opportunity – Talking to Kids About Race 6-8pm, Shorecrest High School
Registration is Required: shorelineschools.org/blackvoices
- 11 Eastside Orchestra Festival 7-8:30pm, Shorecrest Performing Arts Center
- 12 EARLY RELEASE - **Students will be dismissed at 1:20 pm**
- 13 6th Grade Camp Parent Meeting 7-8pm, RC Room 316
- 17 NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
- 18-21 NO SCHOOL - MID-WINTER BREAK
- 26 EARLY RELEASE - **Students will be dismissed at 1:20 pm**
6th Graders Visit Kellogg 9:30-11:30am

MARCH

- 2-6 Spring Elementary Conferences -- **Students will be dismissed at 11:15am ALL WEEK**
Band/Orchestra will be TUESDAY ONLY this week
- 9 6th Grade Middle School Registration Forms due to teacher
- 14 RC Auction & Food Truck Rodeo 5pm. Shorecrest High School; Tickets available on the RC PTA Website / This is a 21+ event
- 25 5th Graders Visit Kellogg, 9:30-11:30am
- 30 5th Grade Middle School Registration Forms due to teacher

2020 RIDGECREST AUCTION NEWSLETTER

Please join us for a fun evening at the Ridgecrest Food Truck Rodeo & Auction to connect with our wonderful community and to raise funds for our students. Tickets are on sale now!

When: Saturday, March 14, 2020. Door opens at 5pm.

Where: Shorecrest High School - 15343 25th Ave NE, Shoreline



Featuring:

- 4 food trucks
- Trivia and games (mechanical bull station, chicken poop bingo, photo booth, heads/tails, raffles and prizes)
- Chance to bid on classroom art projects, teacher experiences (including principal for the day!)
- Live Bands
 - ✓ Shoreline Community Jazz Band with Jeff Kashiwa
 - ✓ Funk and Groove (cover band from Shoreline JC)
 - ✓ The Good Ideas (recent RC graduates)

Ticket: \$40 per person (\$30 for teacher/staff) and includes:

- Entrance to the event
- One sample from each food truck (5 – 6pm)
- One main entree from a food truck (6 – 8pm)
- One drink voucher

*Tickets will be \$50 at the door day of event
This event is 21+ and will take place rain or shine*

**Early Bird ends February 7!
(\$35/ticket)**

**Get your tickets now at
RidgecrestPTA.org/Auction**

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Ridgecrest Elementary Prearranged Absence Form

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARENTS:

Please complete the below information and return Janina in the Ridgecrest front office.

Families should try to not schedule vacations or travel while school is in session. If a family vacation or travel must occur while school is in session, it must be prearranged prior to the first date of the absence and approved by the principal (or designee).

As a courtesy to family needs, the principal (or designee) may excuse up to five (5) school days for a prearranged absence per student each school year.

Assignments requested for a prearranged absence will be provided to the student or parent/guardian if requested three (3) to five (5) school days prior to the absence. **Please note:** Not all learning activities/opportunities can be reproduced outside of the classroom.

Student #1 Name: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____	Student #2 Name: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____
Student #3 Name: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____	Student #4 Name: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____

Date(s) of Planned Absence: _____ Total Missed School Days: _____

Reason for absence:

- Vacation Family Event (wedding, cultural event)
 Family Emergency Other _____

PARENTS

I have met/communicated with my student's teacher(s) regarding this planned absence and ways for my student(s) to complete requested assignments. I am aware that this absence may affect my student's learning and being prepared for the next grade.

Parent/guardian signature
Date
Phone

The following are available vacation dates for this year. We appreciate your scheduling vacations/time away from school during these times so that we can serve your child and help them achieve their best in school.

- **November 27th (11:15am early release)-November 28th-29th—Thanksgiving**
- **December 23rd-January 3rd—Winter Break**
- **February 17th - February 21st—Mid-Winter Break**
- **April 20th - April 24th—Spring Break**

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE

BLACK VOICES:

A COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

More information at www.shorelineschools.org/blackvoices

FEBRUARY 3RD-7TH, 2020

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Teaching for Black Lives: An evening with Seattle educator Jesse Hagopian & Dr. Tanisha Brandon-Felder, Director of Equity & Family Engagement, Shoreline Schools

In partnership with the Shoreline Foundation, Shorewood HS & Shoreline Education Association

Shorewood High School Theatre, 6:00-7:30 PM

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Black Book Fair! A book fair in celebration of representation in literature. Buy a book & consider buying one for another student. Special guest YA author Candice Montgomery

*In partnership with Third Place Books, Shoreline PTSA Council & Kellogg MS

Ridgecrest Elementary, 4:00-8:00 PM (open Tue & Wed)

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HBCU & College Support Night Celebrate and learn more about attending a Historically Black College or University, and local college supports for Black Students

WITH SPECIAL PERFORMANCE FROM SHOREWOOD STEP TEAM

Shorecrest High School, 6:00-7:30 PM

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Celebrate Black Arts Join us for a family-friendly theater performance of author Derrick Barnes' book **Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut** **Tickets required at: www.shorelineschools.org/blackvoices**

In partnership with Book-It Repertory Theatre & Meridian Park Elementary

Shoreline Room @ Shoreline Center, 6:00-7:00 PM

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Talking About Race Learn how to talk about race with your child at any age, alongside other families. Dinner & childcare provided. ** Registration **required** at www.shorelineschools.org/blackvoices **

In partnership with the City of Shoreline & Shorecrest High School

Shorecrest High School, 6:00-8:00 PM

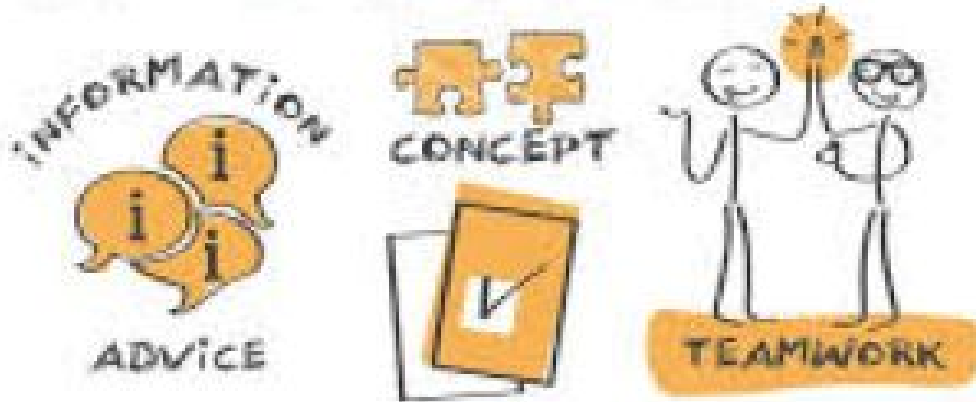


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January Life Skill -- Problem Solving



PROBLEM SOLVING



CRITICAL THINKING



February Life Skill -- Perseverance (persistence)

Starting in February, our Life Skill will be Perseverance.

Perseverance } [~ } Á

persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.



SHORELINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY SCHEDULE CHANGES

In the event of a school delay or cancellation, families will be contacted by phone and/or email using our mass notification system. Please ensure that your contact information is up-to-date at your student's school.

You may find school delay/cancellation announcements on local television and radio stations, by calling our information line at 206.393.6111 or online at: www.shorelineschools.org,

www.facebook.com/shorelineschools

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, or www.twitter.com/shorelinek12

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THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS MAY BE USED FOR EMERGENCY CONDITIONS:

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1. All schools will be closed for the day. All meetings, field trips, after-school activities, etc. will be canceled for the day.

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1. a. All zero period secondary classes will be canceled.
b. K-12 and Head Start classes will begin 2 HOURS LATE.
c. AM Early Childhood Program, STEP Preschool, and out-of-district transportation will be CANCELED.
d. PM Early Childhood will begin at REGULAR TIMES.
e. When schools open 2 hours late, the Shoreline Children's Center and Extended Day sites will open 2 hours late, at 8:30 a.m. instead of 6:30 a.m. Preschool classrooms scheduled to begin at 8:45, 9:00 am, or 1:00 pm will start at normal times.
f. Breakfast is not available at elementary schools. Breakfast service for secondary schools may be altered, please see the [Food and Nutrition Services webpage](#)
2. [Opens in New Window](#)
3. for more information.

SNOW ROUTES:

Snow routes have been designed to avoid areas where hazardous road conditions exist. [Click here](#)

[to learn about](#)

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to find the snow routes for your specific school. When snow routes are in effect, they will be used on both the morning and afternoon routes even if roads have cleared. There may be occasions when schools start at the regular times but "snow routes" will be utilized.

EMERGENCY DISMISSAL:

If it becomes necessary to close a school during the school day and send students home early, our mass notification system will be used to contact families by phone and/or email. A message will also be placed on the District homepage and social media accounts. Because a parent/guardian may not be at home if there is an emergency dismissal, they must make plans for an alternate place (neighbor/relative) for their child to go. Families should keep their emergency contacts up-to-date and discuss this alternate plan with their children so they know what to do in case of an emergency closure of schools. There will be no SPS after school daycare.

1. If someone other than the parent will be picking up the child, parents should have already provided the school with the names of the individuals who are authorized to pick up the child. Unless an approved person picks up the child, the child will remain at school until the announced dismissal time.
2. It may be necessary in some situations to close schools early and hold students at school until a parent (or authorized person) comes to the school to pick them up. In this case, there will be an announcement that students are being held at school and will not be sent home.

Hazardous Weather Delays on Early Release Wednesdays :

In cases of a hazardous weather delay on a scheduled Early Release Wednesday, schools will release at their normal early release time.

