

# RAM News

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## New Early Release Wednesday Learning Schedule

Yesterday you heard from the district regarding a change to our Early Release Wednesday schedule. We heard loud and clear a general concern that students were expected to be on screen for too long of a period of time, so we are reducing that screen time for them. This added time on Early Release Wednesdays also allows more teacher preparation time for lessons taught throughout the remote learning schedule.

The revised schedule will take effect on **Wednesday, November 18**. This means that, beginning on that date and all Early Release Wednesdays, your child will start school at 9:05 a.m. and end at 1:40 p.m.

One thing that may have been missed when looking at the actual schedule are the definitions of the types of learning defined above the schedule:

**Synchronous: Students learn while the teacher is available in real time; may be remote or on campus. Students have “live” access to the teacher and peers while completing assignments and learning tasks.**

**Asynchronous: Students learn independently, not “live” with the teacher, to complete assignments and learning tasks as scheduled and directed by the teacher.**

Looking at that Early Release Wednesday schedule, your child’s teacher is with the class from 9:05-11:10 a.m. At 11:10, your child should take a break and have a snack, then move to asynchronous learning for the remainder of the school day, which officially ends at 1:40 p.m. There will be lessons shared from our librarian, music and P.E. teachers, and some students will meet individually or in small groups for additional support as needed. This information will be communicated via your child’s Seesaw account.

Finally, a reminder that Early Release Wednesdays occur whenever we have a full week of school. When we have a week when there are fewer than five days of school, that Wednesday follows the regular full day schedule.

Please reach out to me if you have any further questions about this new schedule. And, as always, thank you for your partnership in helping your child learn. Our families typically do this, but remote learning has highlighted and increased your involvement.

Elizabeth Nunes, Principal

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# Calendar of Events

## NOVEMBER

- 2-6 Fall Conferences - Dismissal at 11:45
- 3 Election Day -- **Make sure you get your ballot turned in!!**
- 8 PTA Fundraiser @ Mod Pizza (LFP location)
- 11 Veterans Day -- No School
- 18 PTA Meeting
- 20 Reflections Submissions Due
- 25 Half Day Release - Dismissal at 11:45
- 26-27 No School -- Thanksgiving Break
- 30-Dec 11 Holiday Baskets Food and Teen Gift Drive  
**to register for a basket, see form on last page of this newsletter or contact our Family Advocate, Evangelina Vederoff @ 206-393-1495**



## A Note From Mrs. Early 🎵

Next week we will be celebrating veterans and observing Veterans day. Through the music lesson videos next week, students will be able to feature their family or friends who are veterans. If you have a loved one who you would like to honor, please send a photo through this google form



<https://forms.gle/EQvARFVRyurwFBGdA>

The form will close at the end of the day of Thursday, Nov. 5th. We can't accept photos after Thursday, Nov. 5th. Thank you for your understanding.

If you have problems uploading the pictures or completing the form, please contact our music teacher, Andrea Early at [andrea.early@shorelineschools.org](mailto:andrea.early@shorelineschools.org)

## Food Services Updates - Meal Information

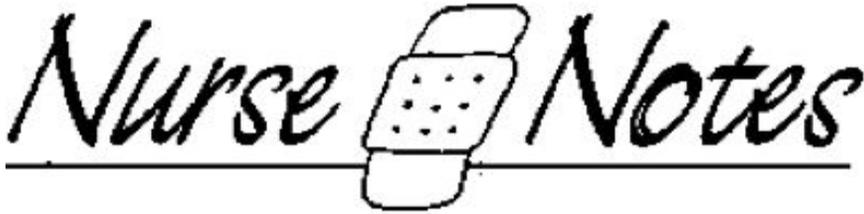
Food Services Updates:

- The USDA is allowing school districts to provide FREE meal service for all students through the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- Weekly meal boxes contain 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches and milk. Orders can be placed [online](#) between Monday and Wednesday, and scheduled for pick up the following Wednesday.
- Free and Reduced meal applications are available [online](#). Even though meals are currently free, please apply if you think you may qualify as other resources and benefits may be available to you.
- Weather and Meal Box Distribution: If any weather condition forces a delay or cancelation, we will communicate using the robo-email and phone call system. Be sure to check your messages.
- Veterans Day: Due to the holiday, meal boxes will NOT be distributed on Wednesday, November 11th. Meal boxes will be distributed on THURSDAY, November 12th.



# Family Conversations About Race

As we move toward our goal of having more conversations about race, we have some resources to share from **Black Voices: Family Room Conversations About Race**. Please click on the link to find resources to access video, book recommendations, and articles to assist in these important conversations: [Resource Packet](#)



Greetings RC Families,

## **New Resource: Washington Listens Support Line**

Experiencing Stress Related to Covid? A new King County Public Health resource, Washington Listens is a support program and phone line to help people experiencing elevated stress due to Covid-19. Washington Listens support specialists answer calls and provide connections to community resources. This program is anonymous.

Phone: 1-833-681-0211. 9 am - 9 pm Monday through Friday 9 am - 6 pm Saturday and Sunday [walistens.org](http://walistens.org)

## **Reminder to Get Your Flu Shot**

Flu and Covid-19 symptoms are similar and will be difficult to diagnose this winter without laboratory testing. We don't have a Covid-19 vaccination yet, but we do have a Flu vaccine!

To obtain a flu vaccination: schedule an appointment with your doctor, go to <https://vaccinefinder.org/>, or (The drive-through clinic info)

Drive through flu shots available by appointment offered by Seattle Visiting Nurses. Information at: [seattleვნa.com](http://seattleвна.com)

## **Why Wash Hands?**

Good hand washing is the first line of defense against the spread of many illnesses — from the common cold, hand, foot & mouth, to more serious infections, such as meningitis, bronchiolitis, the flu, COVID-19, hepatitis A, and many types of diarrhea.

## **What's the Best Way to Wash Hands?**

Here's how to scrub the germs away. Teach this to your kids — or better yet, wash your hands together often so they learn how important this good habit is:

1. Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold). Make sure the water isn't too hot for little hands.
2. Use soap and lather up for about 20 seconds. Antibacterial soap isn't a must — any soap with work!
3. Make sure you get between your fingers, on the backs of hands, and under the nails where germs like to hang out. Don't forget the wrists!

4. Rinse and dry well with a clean towel. When kids come into contact with germs, they can become infected just by touching their eyes, nose, or mouth. Once they are infected, it's usually just a matter of time before the whole family comes down with the same illness. So don't underestimate the power of hand washing!

The time you spend at the sink could save you trips to the doctor's office.

(Abbreviated from [kidshealth.com](http://kidshealth.com))

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Connecting every student to our district's resources, and watching our district's tech team attempt this, has been an amazing sight to behold. They are doing their best at all times to make sure that your child is connected to the resources that each and every student needs. Connectivity has been one of those unique challenges the district is working with different companies in an attempt to provide. It is with that in mind that I humbly ask that if any of you are no longer using a district hotspot we could really use them at Ridgecrest. These are in high demand and are simply difficult to get our hands on, so if you have one you can spare, reach out to me at [nathan.christian@shorelineschools.org](mailto:nathan.christian@shorelineschools.org). As

always, my zoom door is always open to any of our school and community members with a need. Thanks and stay safe!



The Life Skill for November is:

**Growth Mindset**



# Title I School-Parent Compact

We are required to send this Title I School-Parent Compact to all of our families. Please look for this in your child's Seesaw link. If you do not see it and/or cannot print it out, we would be happy to email the form to you. We will also have copies here at the school. We would be happy to arrange a time for you to pick it up. If you would like to receive a paper copy from the office, please call Jenna (206) 393-1492 or Janina (206) 393-1493 to arrange an appointment time.

	<b>MISSION</b> <b>Provide a collaborative learning community which engages all students in learning the academic and work-life skills needed to achieve their individual potential and become responsible citizens.</b>
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**Title I School-Parent Compact  
2020-21 School Year  
Ridgecrest Elementary School**

Your child attends a Title I school where we are all committed to providing your child with a world-class education. We see families and schools as partners, and this compact outlines the roles we each play in helping your child succeed in school. **We welcome your contribution to this plan to support your child's learning.** The purpose of this agreement is to share how the school, families, teachers, and students all work together to make sure each student gets the support they need to reach grade level standards.

<b>District</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Support a culture of ongoing learning and growth.</i></li> <li>● <i>Embrace equity and diversity.</i></li> <li>● <i>Know our students and meet their social, emotional and academic needs.</i></li> <li>● <i>Foster students' ability to develop academic, life, and career skills.</i></li> <li>● <i>Teach in ways that are relevant, engaging, innovative, student-driven, and rigorous.</i></li> </ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>School/Teacher</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ School and class environments support high quality learning for all students.</li> <li>✓ Provide differentiated programs that meet the instructional needs of all students.</li> <li>✓ Facilitate two-way communication between teacher and family (parent conferences, emails, early release, etc.).</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Activities to Build Partnerships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ STEM Night(s)</li> <li>✓ Summer Literacy Night</li> <li>✓ Conferences - November &amp; March</li> <li>✓ Family Advocate - community visitations</li> <li>✓ Curriculum Night</li> <li>✓ PTSA Activities</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Family</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Involved in my child's learning.</li> <li>✓ Support my child's learning at home.</li> <li>✓ _____</li> <li>✓ _____</li> <li>✓ _____</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Student</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Actively engage in my learning.</li> <li>✓ Ask questions when I need help.</li> <li>✓ _____</li> <li>✓ _____</li> <li>✓ _____</li> </ul>

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher Signature

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature



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## **CURBSIDE CHECKOUT @ RIDGECREST**

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- 1) Look at the online library catalog and choose books or go straight to Step 2.**
- 2) Fill out the Book Request Form by 6:00PM on Sunday.**
- 3) Pick up books on Tuesday 8:00-8:30AM or 3:45-4:45PM at Ridgecrest.**



**Book Request Form and FAQ:**  
**<https://tinyurl.com/RCCheckout>**

Students can check out up to 3 books each week.  
Books will be checked out for 2 weeks.

# CURBSIDE CHECKOUT @ RIDGECREST INFORMATION

Video introduction: [Curbside Checkout](#)

## [Book Request Form](#)

VIDEO: [How to request books using the form](#)

LINK TO LIBRARY CATALOG: [Online Catalog](#)

VIDEO: [How to search the library catalog](#)

Students can check out up to 3 books a week, and can have a total of 6 books checked out. Students and families request books using the Book Request Form between Wednesday and Sunday at 6:00PM.

If requested titles are available, Ms. Freeman and Liz will check them out to the student and they will be ready for pick up by Tuesday. If requested books are not available, Ms. Freeman and Liz will select similar books based on information provided. This is a good way to find a new favorite book.

Librarians will be wearing masks and gloves during the entire process: check in, check out and pick up. We ask that families also wear masks when picking up books. Please maintain a distance of 6 feet at all times, and DO NOT COME if you are symptomatic. Call or email to discuss alternate options.

Participation in the curbside checkout program is completely voluntary.

### **Pick up books**

Tuesdays - 8:00-8:30am or 3:45-4:45pm  
in the circle in front of Ridgecrest

### **Drop off books**

7:45am-4:00pm weekdays in a bin outside the  
school office

