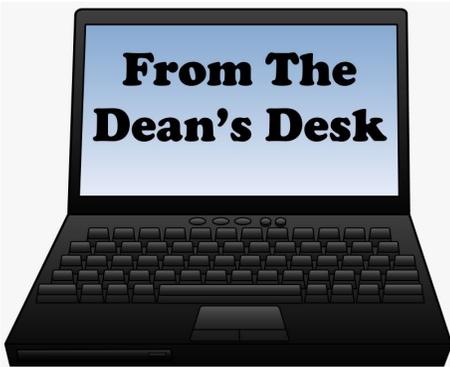


# RAM News

Ridgecrest Elementary \* 16516 10th Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155 \* 206.393.4272 \* Principal: Elizabeth Nunes  
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## Celebrations

I have some hard news to share regarding any celebratory event related to our two departing classes at Ridgecrest Elementary. As you all know, we have been awaiting some signal from the District on how we might proceed with a campus event celebrating our 5th and 6th graders. The Washington State Risk Management Pool has provided guidelines on this potential activity and have let us know that we cannot proceed with any celebration at Ridgecrest Elementary based on the following criteria:

Our Washington State Government, in partnership with the CDC, has prohibited any event of this nature for the safety of our citizens. We are supposed to be home. Even if we move into Phase 2 we would even then only be able to have five staff members present at our school for this work, and it would be impossible to choose who those five staff members would be. Additionally, when we do things like celebrate transitions, those celebrations invariably invite senior family members to be involved, and this is clearly unsafe for those community members.

Parents, I want to encourage you to follow the CDC guidelines and to support the decision of Governor Inslee. The District cannot guarantee the safety of all involved and neither can we as parents. Our children will follow our lead on how they react and respond to this news.

The dedicated group of staff members, students, and parents working together on Ridgecrest celebrations will focus on an online process for celebrating our young people. We are all grateful to our student representatives who explained to the group in a meeting yesterday that what is important for them is that they be together. As a result of these events and yesterday's conversation, the Celebrations Committee will now focus on creating safe ways for our students to be together online and to celebrate this special event.

## Parent Symposium

Parents ask me all the time how we manage our son Mathis during Covid19 operations, and I always tell them the same thing, "it's not easy." In fact, the other day I think Mathis told me to clean his room and I may have done it. I say this to you all to admit that from time to time we all need a little help with parenting and educating our children during this time.

I am thrilled to announce that the Ridgecrest PTA along with Ridgecrest Elementary school have partnered with Dr. Lori Lynass and Cher Anderton, MSW, LSWAIC and are hosting a virtual parent summit about how to navigate behavioral challenges and social emotional learning during the stay-at-home period. This is an exclusive event for Ridgecrest families only. We are so lucky to have Dr. Lynass and Cher Anderton presenting strategies for parenting during this unusual time. It's going to be informative AND supportive, so please bring your questions! All you need to do to register is click on the link in any of the event promos. You can find that link on the PTA website (<https://ridgecrestpta.org/>), the PTA Facebook page, the Ridgecrest Elementary website (<https://www.shorelineschools.org/ridgecrest>), the flyer on the next page, or in your email inbox. Once you register, you'll receive the Zoom meeting link in your email. We hope you'll join us for this special event.

Nathan Christian  
Dean of Students



*Ridgecrest Elementary*  
Parent Teacher Association

## **Ridgecrest Parent Support Summit: Parenting in a Pandemic**

Presenters: Dr. Lori Lynass and Cher Anderton



Dr. Lori Lynass, Ed. D



Cher Anderton, MSW, LSWAIC

This virtual event is open to all Ridgecrest Elementary families

**Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30pm-7:30pm**

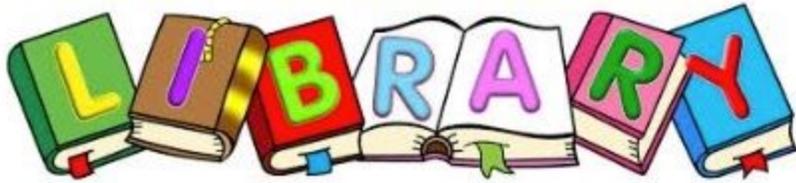
Learn strategies related to understanding and responding to our children's behavior and well as strategies for emotional processing and regulation. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session. Our Ridgecrest Elementary counselor and dean, Mr. Dom and Mr. Christian, will both be in attendance to help answer any Ridgecrest-specific questions.

Please register in advance for this meeting to receive the Zoom invitation.

Register at this link:

<https://psychnexus.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjwrfuGorT0pH9LbVQlCoQ3DKryT7gIHIDsk>

# News from the RC



## Returning Library Books

Library books have been coming back to Ridgecrest, and we are so grateful! Two weeks ago there were over 1200 books checked out, now the number is down to 388, so we are making progress.

If you still have library books out, you can drop them off at Ridgecrest at lunchtime, between 11:30-12:30, every weekday. You can pick up lunch then, too!

If you cannot get to Ridgecrest, put them in a safe place and return them next school year. We hope that we will get all the books back either this spring or next fall.

Please check out the weekly library lessons created by the elementary librarians, plus weekly video from Ms. Freeman, at <https://tinyurl.com/AtHomeLibrary>.

Ms. Freeman has recorded some stories as read-alouds and those can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/RamReads>

Stay safe and keep reading!

Ms. Freeman



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## Safety Patrol for 2020-2021 School Year

Will your child be in 4th or 5th grade next school year? The application for Safety Patrol is now open for the 2020-2021 school year. Please contact your teacher to get the application information. Applications are due **this Friday, May 29th**.





# RIDGECREST LIFE SKILLS

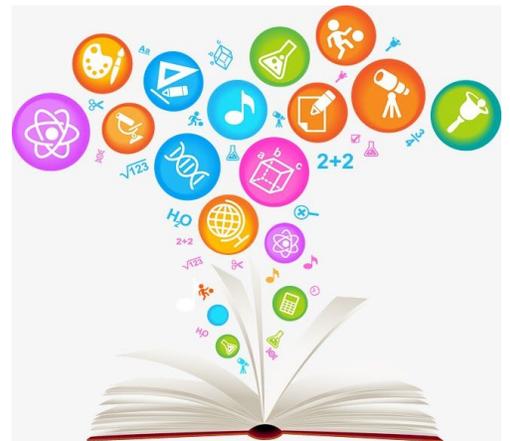
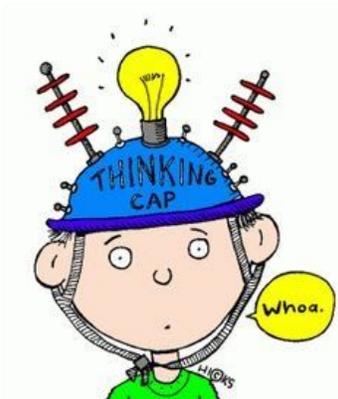
The Life Skill for June is:

## Knowledgeable

*adjective*

knowledgeable; adjective:

intelligent and well informed.



*“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go.”*

~ Dr. Seuss

## ELL Learning Packets

Grade Level Learning Packets are being handed out during lunches on Tuesday, May 26th - Thursday, May 28th from 11:30am-12:30pm.

There will be an additional Learning Packet for English Language Learners. We will have 3 ELL packets available for pick-up:

Packet 1: grades 1-2

Packet 2: grades 3-4

Packet 3: grades 5-6

These ELL packets will also be available to download from the district website. If families need an ELL packet mailed to them, please contact Sheryl Lundahl: [sheryl.lundahl@shorelineschools.org](mailto:sheryl.lundahl@shorelineschools.org)

# A Message From Superintendent Miner

Dear Shoreline Schools Families and Staff,

I hope this email finds you and your family staying healthy and doing well.

I want to take a moment to provide an update regarding our preparations for the upcoming school year, as well as a few other updates and reminders.

I know many of you have questions and wonderings about what school will look like next school year. While we don't have details to share quite yet, I want to let you know that preparations are under way at our state and local levels to prepare for a variety of different scenarios and restrictions we may face.

At the state-level, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has convened a workgroup to:

1. Identify and refine possible school reopening strategies and models.
2. Inform the OSPI recommendations to the Governor in collaboration with Department of Health to provide guidance to school districts.

Shoreline is fortunate to have two representatives serving on this important stakeholder committee. Shoreline Education Association President Matt Reiman and I are both members of the workgroup. You can learn more about this workgroup and the information we are reviewing [HERE](#). While I don't know yet what the recommendations will be or what we will be allowed to do, our leadership team is beginning to prepare for a range of options.

As part of this process, we will be sending a survey to families and staff within the next few weeks to help inform our plans at the local level. We hope that you will take a few minutes to provide us with your feedback and perspectives when you receive the survey.

We know families and staff need to know the details of our reopening plan as soon as possible in order to make their own plans. While we are planning for many scenarios, we will not have more information on what options will be available to us until mid-June at the earliest. We will share more detailed information as soon as we are able.

I know that these are trying and challenging times, but I have been incredibly inspired by so many in our schools and community who give of themselves to support their friends, family and neighbors. I want to thank each of you for the role you play in our schools and community. Shoreline is a special place and the generosity and resilience that has been on constant display by so many since this crisis began is a testament to our incredible community.

I hope that each of you has a relaxing Memorial Day weekend and are able to take time to honor and remember those members of the United States military who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Below are some additional updates and reminders that I hope you will take a moment to review.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Miner  
Superintendent

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## **(New) Summer Meal Program Dates and Locations**

Shoreline Public Schools will offer FREE summer meals to all youth 18 and younger from June 24 – August 14. Meal packs (one lunch and one breakfast for the next day) will be distributed each weekday from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm at the following four sites:

- Aldercrest Campus (Cascade K-8 and Home Education Exchange), 2800 NE 200th St.
- Meridian Park Elementary School, 17077 Meridian Ave. N
- Shorecrest High School, 15343 25th Ave. NE
- Shorewood High School, 17300 Fremont Ave. N

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There will also be summer meal services offered by community partners during the last two weeks of August as our kitchens and food service staff prepare for the new school year.

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### **(New) Shoreline Schools Will Not Offer Summer Camp This Summer**

Due to staffing requirements and financial considerations related to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have made the difficult decision not to offer Shoreline Schools Summer Camps this summer. Our partners at the City of Shoreline and Dale Turner Family YMCA will be offering summer camps and childcare at some of our facilities and other sites in the district. You can learn more about the City of Shoreline's offerings [HERE](#). The Dale Turner Family YMCA plans to announce their summer program offerings soon. You can visit and bookmark their website [HERE](#) to check back for that announcement.

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### **(New) Registration is Open for the Back to School Consortium's School Supplies Event**

This year's [Shoreline Back to School Event](#) will be on Saturday, August 22 at Meridian Park Elementary, 17077 Meridian Ave. N. The annual event provides school supplies, hygiene products and clothing assistance to Shoreline Public Schools families with low incomes and/or circumstances that make it challenging to provide their children with needed school supplies or clothes.

If your family will need assistance to help ensure your children are prepared for the school year, you can learn more and register for the event [HERE](#) by July 31. If you are interested in supporting the event by donating school supplies or funds to purchase school supplies, you can learn more about supporting the event [HERE](#).

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### **(New) King County Has Expanded COVID-19 Testing Availability**

Public Health – Seattle & King County is now recommending that anyone who has COVID-19 [symptoms](#) or close contact with someone who has COVID-19 be tested right away. Testing as soon as possible after symptoms appear is essential to prevent COVID-19 from spreading to family, friends, and the community. Previously, due to supply shortages, Washington state prioritized testing for people most at risk for severe illness, healthcare providers and first responders. Now, Washington State Department of Health has expanded the criteria for [who should be tested](#), and supplies of testing kits and personal protective equipment are increasing. You can learn more on their [Public Health Insider blog](#).

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### **(New) King County Issues Directive for Face Coverings in Indoor Public Settings, Outdoors Where Social Distancing is Difficult**

The King County [directive urging that face coverings be worn](#) in indoor public settings and outdoors where social distancing is difficult went into effect this week. Wearing a face covering can help prevent the spread of infection to others by blocking infectious droplets from spreading when someone with the infection coughs, sneezes and speaks. Individuals can be infected and contagious before or even without developing symptoms. Evidence suggests a significant number of infections may be transmitted in this way.

Health leaders are also asking everyone to keep in mind that face coverings should not be worn by everyone and are committed to ensuring that individuals who are unable to wear face coverings safely are not harassed or discriminated against. Those who are exempt from wearing a face covering include anyone who has a physical disability that makes it difficult to easily wear or remove a face covering; someone who has been advised by a medical professional not to wear one; someone who has trouble breathing or cannot remove a face covering without assistance; or someone who is deaf and uses facial and mouth movements as part of communications. You can learn more about this at [Public Health – Seattle & King County's website](#).

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### **(Reminder) Weekend Meal Packs for Youths Available Each Friday Through June 12**

We are now providing weekend meals for youths 18 and younger at all of our meal sites every Friday through June 12. This is in addition to their normal Friday meals. Each weekend meal pack will contain two lunches and two breakfasts. The remaining dates that weekend meal packs will be available are May 29, June 5, June 12.

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### **(Reminder) Head Start Applications Now Being Accepted**

Head Start Preschool is currently accepting applications for preschool for the 2020-2021 school year. Head Start is a federally funded child development program for homeless, foster and low-income children and their families. The Head Start programs in Shoreline Public Schools serve 3- and 4-year old children, offering full-day programs at our Edwin Pratt

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Early Learning Center.

If you would like a Head Start Family Advocate to contact you with more information about the program, eligibility requirements and the application process, please fill out the inquiry form [HERE](#).

Applications are also available on our website [HERE](#).

Applications can be mailed or dropped off at Edwin Pratt Early Learning Center, 1900 N 170th St., in the box located in front of the building from 9 am – 3 pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Applications are picked up from the box every few hours.

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### **(Reminder) We Are Hiring for Food Service, Bus Driver and Custodial Positions**

Are you or someone you know looking for a job that makes a difference? We are actively reviewing applications and conducting remote interviews for Food Service, Custodial and Bus Driver positions. Some positions have immediate availability. Learn more and apply [HERE](#).

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### **(Reminder) School Closure Resources**

You can find our list of school closure resources with information and resources related to food service, childcare, financial resources, staying healthy and more. You can find and bookmark it at [www.shorelineschools.org/closure](http://www.shorelineschools.org/closure)

This section can also be found in the "Community" tab of our district website under "Closure Resources." Below are links to some of the frequently visited pages on that site for easy bookmarking:

- [Home Learning Resources](#)
- [Food Resources](#)
- [Childcare Resources](#)
- [Financial Resources](#)
- [Anti-Stigma Resources](#)
- [COVID-19 Information](#)
- [Well-Being Resources](#)
- [United Way of King County Resources List](#)
- [Guidelines for Gathering of Youth While Schools Are Closed](#)
- [Talking to Your Kids About COVID-19](#)

## A Request From the Registrar

***If you have already submitted this information -- thank you. If not, it isn't too late:***

There are two ways that you can provide the office with this information:

**1. Complete the the following, copy and paste (or take a picture of it), and email to the registrar at [janina.pacunski@shorelineschools.org](mailto:janina.pacunski@shorelineschools.org)**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Shoreline resident that WILL be returning to RIDGECREST Elementary next fall

Non-Resident Transfer (boundary exception) that WILL be returning to RIDGECREST Elementary next fall

Shoreline resident that will be attending another Shoreline School District school due to change of address:

Name of school:

If unsure of school, please give the expected address where you will be living in September

Will be moving out of the Shoreline School District. Where?: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

**2. Call the registrar (206-393-1493) and provide the information**

This information will help us to begin preparing for next year. If you have any questions, please either email or call Janina - Thank you!

# A Message From Our RC PTA President

Hello, Ridgecrest PTA Members!

I have 3 important pieces of information to share with you:

## Ridgecrest Parenting Summit: Parenting in a Pandemic

**Tomorrow!! May 27th, 6:30pm on ZOOM**

We invited experts from the field of Positive Behavior Supports and Social Emotional Learning to share with us all some knowledge, parenting strategies, and support. Our very own Dr. Lori Lynass will be joined by Cher Anderton (remember her incredible "Big Emotions" workshop from the fall?) The flyer is attached to this email, I will be sending reminders as well. *As this email only reaches PTA members, please help spread the word about this event by forwarding this flyer to other Ridgecrest parents or sharing our event on social media. This is an exclusive event only for Ridgecrest parents.*

**RSVP [here](#) to receive the Zoom link!**

## PTA Auction

**ONLINE! June 3rd - 6th**

We moved **ONLINE** and we have so many great items to auction off! Classroom artwork, MANY goods from local businesses, wine! More info to come, mark your calendars now!

## High Trek Adventure Reading Logs

**Due June 1st!**

Please email a picture of the completed form to Erin at RCPTAEnrichment@gmail.com (or you can send to me). I attached a form to this email in case you no longer have one. THERE'S STILL TIME to do this! All students who complete a form will receive a free ticket to High Trek Adventures for Laser Tag or the Ropes Course to use in the (hopefully) near future.

Brandi Allred  
RC PTA President

## 2019-2020 Ridgecrest Yearbooks

Dear Ridgecrest families,

With a school year marked by unexpected events, the PTA hopes to help our school reflect on the time we shared together this year. The PTA has a goal to help support getting a yearbook for EVERY student this year.

If you are interested in buying your own yearbook, or supporting us by donating a yearbook, please order online at: <https://commpe.pictavo.com/shop>

If you would like the PTA to purchase a yearbook for your child this year, please fill to this form by **June 5th** to request a yearbook:

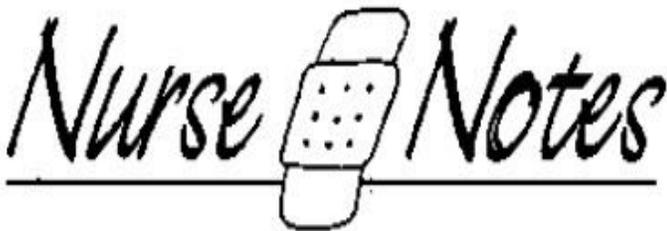
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# Shoreline Supplemental Weekend Food Support

If your family needs additional food that you are unable to access elsewhere, some weekend food bags are available for home delivery. Food bags will not have all ingredients for complete meals, but will include non-perishable items for the weekend, such as pasta, canned foods, jar of peanut butter, box of cereal, or similar items.

**Call 206-385-9385 by 5pm on Wednesdays** to request a delivery. The phone line is available Monday through Friday, 8am – 5pm. Requests made after 5pm on Wednesdays will be scheduled for the following weekend. Food will be delivered Friday afternoons between 12:30 and 4:00 pm. We hope to provide one bag per household member, but supply is limited so not all requests may be met.

This service is being provided in partnership with Sound Generations, Hunger Intervention Program (HIP), Hopelink, PTSA Council, and the City of Shoreline.



Hello Ridgecrest Families!

## Summer appointments fill up fast!

Please remember to schedule **immunization appointments now** so your child will be ready to start school. Washington State laws have changed and **students will not be allowed to start school if they are out-of-compliance with immunizations**. Please send us your child's updated Certificate of Immunization Status or clinic treatment paperwork as soon as possible so we may verify the immunizations and provide smooth entry into the school year. If you have questions please call your child's health care provider or email [rc.nurse@shorelineschools.org](mailto:rc.nurse@shorelineschools.org).



<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization/SchoolandChildCare/RuleChanges>

## No cost (or low-cost) testing sites for Covid-19

Seattle & King County Public Health encourage people experiencing Covid-19 symptoms to call their healthcare provider about Covid-19 testing. Covid-19 symptoms are cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, or recent loss of taste or smell. Early testing and isolating people who are sick helps prevent the spread to others. Let's get rid of this virus!

Two low-cost or no cost testing locations nearby are Neighborcare Health in North Seattle located at 10521 Meridian Ave. N. Seattle, 98133 phone 206.296.4990 and ICHS Shoreline (International Community Health Services) 16549 Aurora Ave. N. Shoreline, 98133 phone 206.533.2600. The last link below shows other area clinics and languages available at each site.

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/care.aspx>

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Nurse Joan and Nurse Stacey  
Ridgecrest Health Office Nurses

# COVID-19 Resource Guides and Links

Support for Shoreline residents for utility, rent, food and gas. Residents can call 206-496-3116 to schedule a phone interview. No eviction notice or utility shut off required. See attached. Includes funds from City of Shoreline grant as well as other funds from churches and individuals.

Bill Bear, [www.Shorelinecommunitycare.org](http://www.Shorelinecommunitycare.org)

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King County Resources:

- [COVID-19 Resource Guide: www.kingcounty.gov/covid/guide](http://www.kingcounty.gov/covid/guide)
- Stay Home Stay Health [PSA Videos in 14+ languages](#)
- Contact Khanh Ho [khho@kingcounty.gov](mailto:khho@kingcounty.gov) for voice recordings in 8 languages, below is the general script:

“To slow the spread of COVID-19 and save lives, everyone young and old should stay home and avoid all non-essential contact. When you must go out, stay six feet apart from others.

Stay home and slow the spread.

Thank you. “

- Please reach out to [esjlanguages@kingcounty.gov](mailto:esjlanguages@kingcounty.gov) for any questions on Language Access.
- In-language posters for [grocery stores and restaurants](#), food establishments can contact their Environmental Health Inspectors for additional guidance/technical assistance
- Register with the [King County Regional Donations Connector](#) to make any donation requests or offer your group/organization’s resources.
- Weekly King County Public Health Community Partners Call of community organizations and faith leaders is held Mondays at 4pm-4:45pm to hear updates and ask questions. [Join via Skype](#). Attached are slides from the last call.

[Eastside for All – COVID Resources](#) – Specifically geared towards communities who have been historically marginalized and who continue to experience the biggest barriers when it comes to accessing information, resources, and public assistance.

[DSHS Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance](#) (ORIA) COVID-19 Translated Resources Directory

Directory of COVID-19 resources (fact sheets, flyers, posters, audio recordings, videos, etc.) in 73 languages, organized in alphabetical order by language. The translated materials are from government entities, international non-government agencies, and community based organizations. This directory is not inclusive of all the translated materials available and will be updated on a regular basis. Please contact the DSHS, Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance – Refugee Health and Wellness Program Manager, Cathy Vue ([vuec@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:vuec@dshs.wa.gov)) with questions or to add resources to the directory.