

# RAM News

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## Wrapping Up the School Year

This certainly is the most bizarre school year I have experienced in my 38 years as an educator! **Thank you** for hanging in there and doing your best to support your children, keep them engaged and learning, and keep up with the remote learning model created this spring. There are some upcoming events that you will want to note on your calendars. We will provide more information via Mr. C.'s morning announcements and Robocalls as the dates approach.

### Wednesday, June 17: 5th and 6th Grade Zoom Celebrations:

- **5th Grade: 6:00 p.m.** <https://zoom.us/j/96387528305?pwd=dGRieXdGT0MvZGxodUpXMktuMDBQU09>
- Password: 5thGrade
- **6th Grade: 7:15 p.m.** <https://zoom.us/j/91382582747?pwd=UmFIS1Z6N3p5NEppdUJrRTJST0xZQT09>
- Password: 6thGrade

We know how important it is for our outgoing students and families to gather together to say goodbye. Right now the only way we can do this safely is through a Zoom meeting. An enthusiastic sub-committee of staff, students, and parents has been meeting weekly to plan the best ways to honor our fifth and sixth graders. This will be a program for all students and family members, followed by an After Party for the students, joined by their teachers and other Ridgecrest staff members. We will send out more information and the Zoom link when the plans are finalized.

### Thursday, June 18 and Friday, June 19: Computer Swap/Distribution of Year-end Items

- **First Grade: 8:30-9:30 a.m.—no computer swap—distribution of items only**
- **Second Grade: 9:30-10:30 a.m.—no computer swap—distribution of items only**
- **Third Grade: 10:30-11:30 a.m.**
- **LUNCH PICK-UP AND LUNCH BREAK FOR STAFF: 11:30-12:30**
- **Fourth Grade: 12:30-1:30 p.m.**
- **Fifth Grade: 1:30-2:30 p.m.**
- **Sixth Grade: 2:30-3:30 p.m.**

The computer swap will be conducted in the back parking lot. Please see details below from our Instructional Technology Department.

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All other items (yearbooks, certificates and leis for 5th and 6th graders, etc.) will be picked up in the front circle by the front entrance of the school. Grade level teachers will be invited to distribute their students' items so they can connect with them one more time and say goodbye.

We are not able to swap/distribute any other grade level items during these specified times. Families with multiple children will need to come for the grade level designated time, or choose the Saturday option below.

**Saturday, June 20: Additional Time for Working Families/Scheduling Conflicts**  
**Open to all grade levels: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

The same process will be done on Saturday in the same locations (computer swap in the back parking lot, the rest distributed in the front circle). Classroom teachers may not be present on Saturday.

One of the most challenging aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic is the inability to connect face-to-face with each other. Most teachers and school staff enter the field because they love children and want to provide for them each day in the classroom and at our school. Please know that, as you have heard again and again, we miss our beloved students, we miss our families, and remain committed to caring for all of their needs to the best of our abilities.

Have a relaxing, restorative summer and continue to make those tough but necessary choices to keep yourselves and your families safe. It has been a pleasure serving you at Ridgecrest Elementary School this year.

With care for each and all of you,  
Elizabeth Nunes, Principal

## **Computer Collection and Distribution**

As the end of the school year approaches, the District needs to begin resetting computers to prepare for next fall. Many of the smaller 11" Lenovo laptops that we handed out this spring need to be collected and reconfigured for high school and middle school students.

We also want families to have the opportunity to use district technology if they need it to continue learning over the summer. Although teachers will not be adding additional content in the summer, existing online classes in Seesaw, Google Classroom and Canvas as well as resources in ClassLink will continue to be available through the end of July.

To facilitate this reset, we are asking families to return specific computers that they have borrowed from the district this spring. If a family wants to keep using district computers over the summer they can request to "swap" the returned computer for a different computer we have prepared for summer use.

Specifically, we need the following equipment returned:

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Lenovo 100e, 300e, 500e

**K-1 students:** Return equipment that is not needed for the summer. If families want to continue to use district computers, they can keep what they currently have borrowed and do not need to swap even if they borrowed a Lenovo Chromebook.

**Grade 2-4 students:** Return equipment not needed for the summer. If families want to continue to use district computers, they can swap Lenovo 100es, 300es, 500es for 14" HP laptops. Families can keep HP laptops if that is what they had borrowed.

**Grade 5-6 students:** Return equipment not needed for the summer. If families want to continue to use district computers, they can swap Lenovo 300es and 500es for 14" HP laptops. Families can keep HP laptops or Lenovo 100es if that is what they had borrowed.

When dropping off or swapping out the district laptop, please make sure that you return the charger that was issued with the laptop and that you notify the school of any damage that the laptop may have sustained when in your care.

Kajeet mobile hotspots can also be returned if they will not be used over the summer.



Lenovo 500e  
11" Touch screen convertible laptop/tablet with case



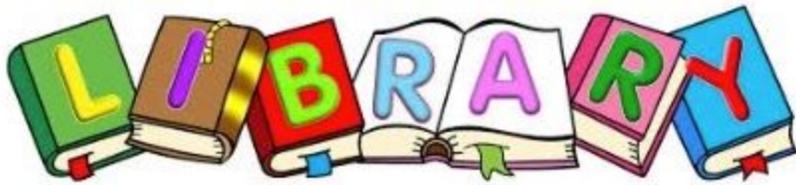
Lenovo 300e  
11" Touch screen convertible laptop/tablet



Lenovo 100e  
11" Non - convertible laptop only

Elizabeth Nunes  
Principal

# News from the RC



## KCLS Summer Reading

Our public library Summer Reading program started June 1! I know it has been difficult with the libraries closed, but hopefully the Shoreline and Lake Forest Park libraries will open later this month for curbside pickup. Keep an eye on their website for more information.



### Log Your Reading!

Create an account in Beanstack at [kcls.org/summer/](https://kcls.org/summer/) to track the time you and your family members spend reading.

Your goal is to read 1,000 minutes between June 1 and August 31.

Read anything you want, including reading to someone else or listening to an audiobook.

This summer, all library events and activities are online!

[kcls.org/summer](https://kcls.org/summer)

for online events, performances, activities,  
book recommendations and more!



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The KCLS Summer Reading program is for everyone, from toddlers on up through adults, so families can read together! The library is encouraging readers to sign up for their program through an app called Beanstack, where everyone in your family can track your minutes and you will be automatically entered for a raffle after 500 minutes. The goal is for every reader to read 1000 minutes by August 31.

There is a paper option as well, which can be found on the KCLS Summer Reading website: <https://kcls.org/summer/> Print it out and color in the boxes to track your reading. I will also send home the printed tracking sheet if possible at the end of the school year.

Exciting summer activities are taking place online at our local libraries, including workshops, storytimes, craft classes, book clubs, and much more. Check out the schedule on the <https://kcls.org/> website.

## Library Books

If you still have library books out from the Ridgecrest Library, please return them during the lunch times between 11:30am and 12:30pm by June 19, if possible. We will not charge fines or ask students to replace books this spring, so if you are missing books and can't return them right now, keep them in a safe place, then return them to the library in the fall.

Ms. Freeman



# RIDGECREST LIFE SKILLS

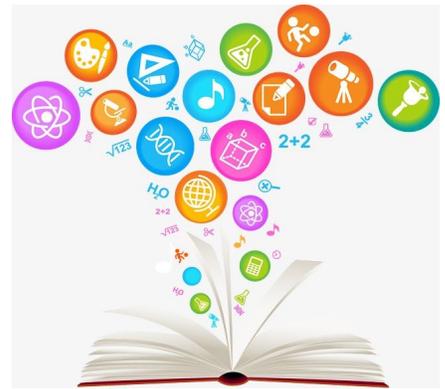
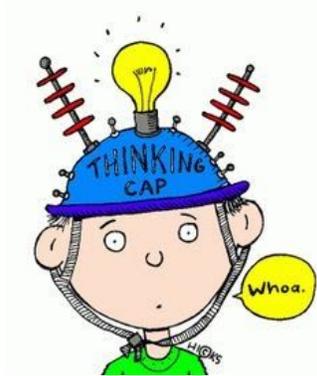
The Life Skill for June is:

## Knowledgeable

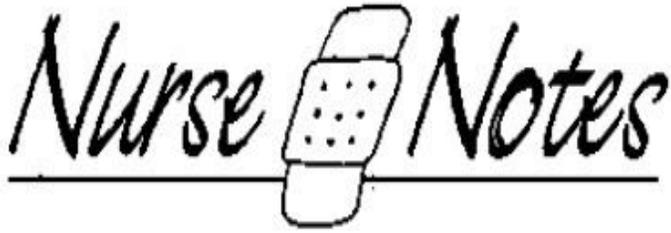
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knowledgeable; adjective:

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*



## We miss you Ridgecrest families!

While you enjoy your summer, please keep in mind social distancing, wearing masks and washing hands. As King County slowly reopens during Covid-19, please stay safe and we look forward to seeing you when school reopens!

Register for the Back to School Event By July 31<sup>st</sup>!

School supplies, back packs, socks, underwear and hygiene items will be available on August 22, 2020 at the Back to School Consortium being held this year at Meridian Park School. Please check out the information in this newsletter or on the district website. To register visit: <http://www.btsconsortium.org/> by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Please see next page for more information.

Heading Outdoors? Remember the First Aid Kit

Now is a good time to setup a first aid kit or re-stock from the last outing. Some essential items for a first aid kit are:

- Band-Aids in a variety of sizes
- Sterile gauze and medical tape to protect larger scrapes or to fasten limb support
- Scissors
- Antiseptic wound cleaning wipes
- Latex-free gloves for wound care
- Tweezers for slivers or wound cleaning
- Elastic bandage wrap for joint injury support
- Instant cold therapy ice pack to prevent swelling after an injury
- Sunblock or sunscreen
- Hand sanitizer (with alcohol greater than 60%)
- Space blanket to protect against wind and cold or to use for sitting
- Water bottle for hydration and wound cleaning

Be sure to think about your family's needs and include any special medications or care items they require. Get outdoors and have some fun in the sunshine!

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/CommunityandEnvironment/Schools/Immunization>

Nurse Joan and Nurse Stacey  
Ridgecrest Health Office Nurses

# Shoreline Back to School Consortium

The Shoreline Back to School Consortium is excited to hold its 19th annual Back To School (BTS) Event to support a successful start to the school year for our Pre-K-12 students. Each year, the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park community comes together by donating backpacks, school supplies, clothes, and hygiene products for this event and plans to serve 1,000 students!

Please Note: This year's event will be different due to COVID-19. To ensure the health and safety of BTS event attendees and volunteers, changes are being made to follow state and district level guidelines. Please make note of the changes included below.

## Event Information:

Where: (NEW LOCATION) Meridian Park Elementary

When: Saturday, August 22 from 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Who: Students who attend Shoreline School District schools and students that live within the Shoreline School District boundaries.

IMPORTANT: This year, parents and guardians are requested to send only one representative per family and to please leave children at home.

What will be provided: One family representative will be able to pick up a backpack, schools supplies, hygiene items, socks, and underwear for each student in Pre-K - 12th grade. We are very sorry that this year we will not be able to hold the resource fair (including lunch) or provide haircuts, however, we have confirmed that a Nutrition Services representative will be on hand to sign up families for Free and Reduced Lunch.

## To Register for the BTS Event:

We are asking families to please visit [www.btsconsortium.org](http://www.btsconsortium.org) to fill out the online registration form or print out a hard copy form and mail it in before July 31. The registration form is now offered in Spanish. Families can also call The WORKS information line at 206-393-4916, leave a message, and a volunteer will return their call and help them register. We will attempt to contact last year's attendees and let them know that registration is now open along with publishing flyers in Peachjar and PTA newsletters. We would also like to ask for your help in reaching out to your families to ensure that they are registered.

Flyers in English, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, Russian, and Arabic can be found at <http://www.btsconsortium.org/about.html>

Information on volunteering and donating will be forthcoming.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Jill Steinberg, Kim Ositis, and Laura James

BTS Registration Team

# Summer Resources 2020

## Food Support

[Food Bank Home Delivery program](#) delivers shelf stable food boxes to those who can't access food banks or afford groceries. Boxes are delivered 2-3 days after ordering. You can request up to 3 boxes each time. There are 2 ways to request:

- Call the toll-free number at 833-540-0800, Mondays to Fridays from 11am-4pm.
- Use the [online ordering form](#) (page translated in multiple languages).

## Summer Meal Program June 24-August 14

Shoreline Public Schools will offer FREE summer meals to all youth 18 and younger. Meal packs (one lunch and one breakfast) will be given out each weekday from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm at 4 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

## Hunger Intervention Program Summer Food Sites June 22-August 28

**Paramount School Park 15300 8th Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155**

Breakfast: 11:30 – 12:30 pm Mondays      Lunch: 11:30 – 12:30 pm M, T, W, Th, F

**KCLS Library (Shoreline Branch) 345 NE 175th St Shoreline, WA 98155**

Breakfast: 1:00 – 2:00 pm Mondays      Lunch: 1:00 – 2:00 pm M, T, W, Th, F

**North City Elementary School 816 NE 190th St Shoreline, WA 98155**

Breakfast: 11:30 – 12:30 pm Mondays      Lunch: 11:30 – 12:30 pm M, T, W, Th, F

## Shoreline PTA Council Food Supports

Please check out the Shoreline PTA Council website for a list of many local resources for food support, including Food Banks, Little Free Pantries, free community meals and more. <http://www.shorelinepta.org/>

## Financial Assistance

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.

Bill Bear, [www.Shorelinecommunitycare.org](http://www.Shorelinecommunitycare.org); 206-822-0988; flyingbear2@gmail.com.

[Hopelink](https://www.hopelink.org/hopelink-coronavirus-response-update)- <https://www.hopelink.org/hopelink-coronavirus-response-update>

Food support, energy assistance, financial assistance, housing, employment services, adult education. Shoreline Service Center: 206-440-7300