

RAM News

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Happy New Year, All!

Yes, I always begin my first message of the school year with this phrase, thankful to have another opportunity to get a fresh start in serving our students and families to the best of our abilities. Many words have been used to describe the year 2020: “unprecedented,” “crazy,” “new normal,” etc. But we know this is not normal and a temporary situation. We so look forward to the day when we can throw open our doors and welcome you to our wonderful Ridgecrest school. Meanwhile, we are opening our minds and our hearts to the many ways we *can* still make you feel welcome, heard, and valued as members of this unique Ridgecrest community.

Many of you have confirmed you feel the warm spirit of Ridgecrest through your thoughtful messages to staff and to me. Thank you so much for those. Our goal is always to have a positive impact and it is good to know that is happening in many arenas.

While this is a time when I would reach out to ask families to take an active role and volunteer in our school, at this time we cannot do so, wanting to ensure the safety of all. However, what you certainly can do is remain actively involved with your child’s education as your schedules allow. Here are some ways to do that: 1) Sit with them in class and see firsthand the magic our teachers are creating remotely; 2) Log into Seesaw daily for classroom assignments and important messages from your child’s teacher; and 3) Continue to reach out to your child’s teacher, to me, or any of our specialists and support staff if there is anything your child or family needs to be successful in school at this time.

Thank you for your understanding and grace. Thank you for modeling for your children the meaning of the word “flexibility”—the quality of bending easily without breaking. And thank you for hanging in there like each one of us is doing. When we do this collectively, we can all claim as our reader board says, **“We’ve got this!”**

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Student Materials Distribution Schedule

We have set aside **three** times for you to come to Ridgecrest and pick up your child's materials. The **first** is Friday, September 18 from 2:30-4:00 p.m with the following schedule for grade levels:
Kindergarten and First Grade: 2:30-3:00
Second and Third grade: 3:00-3:30
Fourth and Fifth grade: 3:30-4:00

Knowing many of you are working parents, we are also offering a late Friday pick-up from 5:00-7:00 p.m., and a Saturday morning pick-up from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. For all of these times, kindergarten, second grade, and fourth grade bags will be picked up in the front parking lot. First grade, third grade, and fifth grade bags will be picked up in the back parking lot. Our staff will be wearing masks and we ask that you do the same to help keep all of us safe. It is helpful if you can write your child's first and last name and their teacher's name on a piece of paper so you can hold that up to the window when you arrive for your pick-up time.

Thank you for making time to come pick up your child's materials during one of the three times we have set aside for you.

Highly Qualified Notice to Families

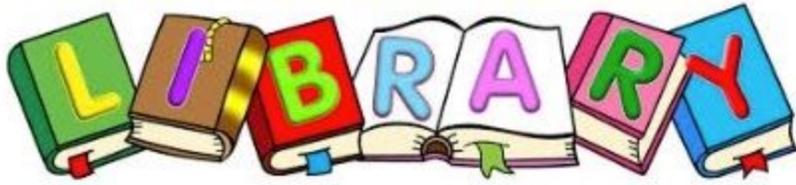
We are very proud of our highly qualified staff at Ridgecrest Elementary School and would be pleased to share any information regarding the professional qualifications (teaching certificates, endorsements, college degrees) of your child's classroom teacher, Title I teacher, or instructional assistants. As part of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), parents have the right to this information. Please contact the principal if you would like to request these: elizabeth.nunes@shorelineschools.org

Common Assessments

At the beginning of each year, Shoreline administers several universal screeners to students to help us understand what kids know and where they may need support. This year, we must do these remotely. Remote assessment will look and feel a bit different for our students, but it is still important. These assessments are made so that your child may get some questions that seem very easy and others that are challenging. Encourage your child to try their best but not to stress too much over it.

- Students in grades 1 and 2 will take the [DIBELS](#) screener. A staff member will join a classroom Zoom meeting and then pull students one at a time into a breakout room to do the testing. This means your child will be working 1-to-1 with a Shoreline staff member over Zoom.

News from the RC



Do You Still Have Library Books?

If you still have library books out from the Ridgecrest Library, please return them. Parents can contact the office to set up a time to drop off books. There will also be an opportunity to return books during the materials pickup event this Friday and Saturday.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Freeman or Ms. Liz:

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Ms. Freeman





RIDGECREST LIFE SKILLS

The Life Skill for September is:

The Ridgecrest Way

I am a Ridgecrest Learner. I am . . .

Respectful

Responsible

Kind

Safe

Hey Ridgecrest Learners: What are some ways that you are able to practice The Ridgecrest Way while learning remotely?



Be Kind

