



RAM News

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Ridgecrest Elementary: Creating Change Together

School Attendance

Thank you to the families that are contacting the attendance office if their student will be absent or late. It is extremely helpful to receive this information in advance. Please send an email (and cc your student's teacher to be sure they know) to:

rc.attendance@shorelineschools.org or call 206.393.1493. If we are unable to answer, please leave a message. Absences that are not excused within three days are permanently unexcused on your student's record.

Breakfast at School?

Elementary breakfast is only \$1.75; if your student qualifies for free or reduced price meals, breakfast is absolutely free! You are welcome to join your child at breakfast for \$2.75. Take one thing off your morning to-do list and have your child join us for a nutritious breakfast at school. Doors open at 8:05am.

Safety Reminder - Please sign in!

For the safety of all Ridgecrest students, staff, and visitors we ask that you stop in the office to sign in and get a visitor's sticker even if you are only going to be in the school "for a minute." Then, please sign out when you leave. This helps us keep track of who's in the building in the event of an emergency. Thank you for your cooperation!

Annual Renewal Forms

Please return your completed Annual Renewal Forms to the RC office by this Friday, March 17. These forms assist us as we begin looking at the next school year. If you cannot find your form, please call 206.393.1493 and we would be happy to send another one home with your student.

Have you moved?

Have you moved? Have you changed your phone number? It is VERY important that our records contain correct information. To report a change of information, please call the office at 206.393.1493 or email janina.pacunski@shorelineschools.org



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mar 21	PTA Meeting, 7pm, RC Library
Mar 24	Natural Leaders Breakfast, 8:30am
Mar 28	Class Photo Day, 9am-11am
Apr 3	No School: Non-Student Work Day
Apr 6 and Apr 7	Annie Performance, 7pm, Shorecrest HS Theatre
Apr 17-21	No School: SPRING BREAK

Nurse Notes

Greeting RC Families:

Please check your food supply for I.M. Healthy brand Soy Nut Butter and I.M. Healthy Granola products. The FDA has recalled these food products because they may be contaminated with E.Coli bacteria (*Escherichia coli*). This bacterium causes diarrhea, bloody stools and can lead to kidney problems. Most people recover within a week, but serious kidney failure and death can occur. The elderly and children are most often those affected. Sixteen people nationwide have become ill after eating the Soy Nut Butter product including a King County child who was recently hospitalized.

<https://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm545368.htm>

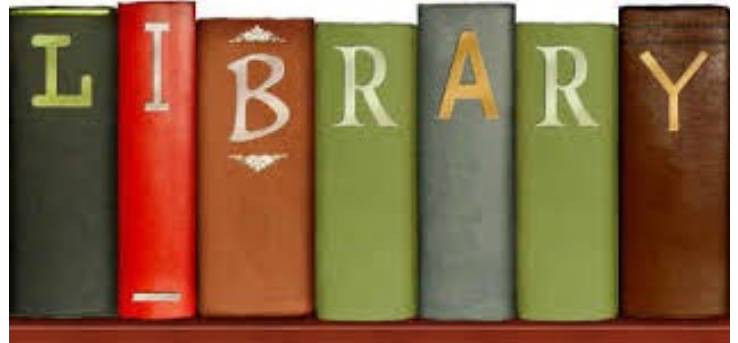
Please send your student with tennis shoes for PE class. With our wet weather lately, many students have been wearing boots which is perfect for recess but not for PE. We have a limited supply of tennis shoes in the health office for emergencies and not always every size, so please tuck a pair of tennis shoes in your student's backpack on PE days. Thank you!

Thank you!

Thanks for bringing in plastic sacks! The health office once again can send wet clothing home safely in your children's backpacks. Thank you!

Nurse Joan & Nurse Stacey

News from the RC



Congratulations to the thirty-six 4th and 5th grade students who participated in the Global Reading Challenge this year! We partner with the King County Library System children's librarians, who choose six books for our students to read. The KCLS Library Foundation provides copies of the books. Students compete in teams to answer detailed questions about the books at Challenges run by Ms. Freeman and the KCLS librarians.

Ridgecrest had six teams this year and the "Book Racers" went on to represent our school at the District Challenge. Twelve teams from public and private schools competed at the Shoreline Center on March 2nd. Brookside won the challenge for their first time and is going on to the Regional Challenge to represent Shoreline.

The books selected this year were exceptionally good, as always. They included:

- * Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
- * Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins
- * Mountain Dog by Margarita Engle
- * Secret Coders by Gene Luen Yang
- * The 13-Story Treehouse by Andy Griffiths
- * The World According to Humphrey by Betty Birney

We recommend any of these books for students third grade and up to read on their own or with families. For more information about the Global Reading Challenge and the books, see the KCLS website: <http://tinyurl.com/RC-GRC2017>

~ Joanna

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Natural Leaders Breakfast

The next multicultural parent meeting is on Friday, March 24th, 2017 at Ridgecrest Elementary School. Please come at 8:30 AM for breakfast. Story time for young children is offered from 8:40-9 AM. There will be time for conversation about any topics that the group would like to discuss and one of RC's teachers will share ideas on how parents can help prepare their preschool or kindergarten student to learn math skills. We look forward to seeing you!

Do you know who's on your student's Emergency Contact List?

Have you updated your contact information recently? Do you know who is on your emergency contact list and eligible to pick up your child? Please consider making sure the office has the correct information for your child in the event of an emergency. You can check this by logging into your Family Access account under the families tab at shoreline schools.org. If you would like to make a change, please call the office at (206) 393-1493. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has family safety plans you and your family can fill out as well. Find these plans and more at <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>.

Lost and Found

If your student is missing a coat, hat, gloves, lunchbox, or any other item(s) please be sure to stop by the Lost and Found (located in the cafeteria) to find out if it is there.

Any items in our Lost and Found that are not claimed by Thursday, March 23 will be donated to The Works.

To help ensure that lost items find their way to their rightful owner, please label items with your student's name.

*** PTA NEWS ***

The following link will take you to the current PTA newsletter:

<http://ridgecrestpta.org/Doc/Public/PTA%20News%20003.2017.pdf>

RC PTA Meeting March 21st

Please join us for our next RC PTA Meeting on Tuesday, March 21st at 7pm in the RC Library. Need child care? Not a problem! There will be board games and hula hoops for the kids in the Gym. All are welcome and it's FREE!

