Picture Day is Wednesday morning, September 18! Be looking for the Picture Order Forms, they are going home with your child today!

Unit A
Reminder, Unit A Curriculum night is Thursday, September 19 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Parents will learn about literacy (reading and writing) and math in Unit A as well as have time to hear from your child’s homeroom teacher. This is an evening for adults only.

Ridgeway’s Autonomous School Committee held its first meeting of the school year last week. The Autonomous School Committee (ASC) makes decisions that affect multiple day-to-day operations of our school. Recently, the ASC allocated funds to allow Ridgeway to add positions, including a literacy intervention teacher, a Home School Communicator, a part-time Unit C science teacher, an instructional coach/liaison for our partnership with Columbia College, and a full-time (rather than part-time) Media Instructional Aide. This flexibility in our staffing is unique to us because of our ASC status. The ASC has also helped allocate funds to allow for teacher professional development and the purchase of intervention materials.

Please make plans now to attend the next meeting on November 20 from 4:00-5:30 in the Ridgeway Media Center. In the meantime, the ASC will attend a training session provided by the Missouri School Board Association.

Unit C
Unit C will be going to a Mizzou Volleyball Game on Friday, September 13. We will have a “large” snack at 9:40 and will be leaving Ridgeway at 10:00. Lunch will be served when we return to school, around 1:30. Please remember to send your child to school with a “large” snack on Friday and make a plan for whether they should pack a lunch from home or buy a school sack lunch.

From PTSA:
Kick off the school year by attending the PTSA Social and Meeting on Tuesday, September 10 in the Ridgeway media center. Learn what PTSA has in store for Ridgeway and find ways that you can help support our students and staff. Social to begin at 6 p.m. with PTSA meeting to immediately follow at 6:30 p.m.

2019-2020 Lunch Times
**Unit B - 11:00
Unit A - 11:40
Unit C - 12:10
**New time as of 9/9/19
Hello from Ms. Cowdrey, Physical Education

This is my 29th year of teaching and my 3rd year at Ridgeway. I am so excited to be full time at Ridgeway this year. I will be working to encourage healthy habits and to teach students that movement is fun! The goal is for our students to have the knowledge, skills and confidence to enjoy a lifetime of healthful physical activity. Please help your child to be responsible by wearing tennis shoes and comfortable clothing that they can bend and move easily in on their day of physical education. All units are learning or reviewing general and personal space, levels, speeds, pathways, locomotor skills, and teamwork. The three main expectations for our class this year are to be responsible, be respectful and be safe. Let’s have a great year!

Attention all potential volunteers!

Background checks are required for all parents/guardians who plan to volunteer during the school day and/or chaperone a field trip. Background checks are not required for parents/guardians who attend Munch -n- Read or holiday parties.

We recently realized that the Background Screening Investigation Unit (BSIU) of the Missouri State Highway Patrol has a new background check form, MO 821-0353 (11-18). The form that we put in our back-to-school folders was an earlier, outdated version. In addition, Columbia Public Schools has asked that all volunteers submit a ‘Volunteer Application’ form. Today we are returning all completed, outdated forms to families along with new forms for them to complete and return.

All potential volunteers must submit two forms:
- Volunteer Application
- Updated background check form

You may access the forms electronically on our Ridgeway website. From the home page, hover over ‘Family Resources’, select ‘Ridgeway Volunteers’, and you will see the revised volunteer application form. Please contact the school office if you would like us to send you a paper copy.

Thank you for submitting volunteer application forms! We encourage you to volunteer and support our students.

Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars!

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ABCD Calendar
- Monday, Sept. 9 ... A Day
- Tuesday, Sept. 10 ... B Day
- Wednesday, Sept. 11 ... C Day
- Thursday, Sept. 12 ... D Day
- Friday, Sept. 13 ... A Day

Please have your child wear tennis shoes to school the day they have PE.
Dear Ridgeway Families,

Please consider lending your support and encouragement for Ridgeway families. At times, we have families that face a long-term illness or other temporary hardship. The Ridgeway Care Team steps in to help. All donations and recipients will remain confidential. Please return the slip below to indicate your willingness to help:

___ Donation of gift card - restaurant, grocery store, or fuel card.
___ Run an errand.
___ Provide a meal.
___ Provide a care basket (canned food, items, snacks, etc.)
___ Assist with child care or rides.
___ Help with household or yard chores.

You may contact us to participate or return this form to the office.

Parent name________________________________________

Phone number________________________________________

Email________________________________________

Student’s name________________________________________

Thank you for considering this opportunity to help.

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