From Unit C

The St. Louis Gateway Arch Field Trip permission slips are due on May 3. Please make sure your child has turned in this permission slip; we really want everyone to be able to attend. Also, thank you to all the families that have donated money to make this trip possible.

From Unit A

Unit A teachers determine if jackets or long sleeves are necessary based on weather at the time of our recesses. Please send your child with a jacket on days when the temperature is likely to change or not warm up quickly.

Principal’s Pen...

As students begin school and transition to the next unit, parents often wonder about student room assignments for the next school year. Ridgeway teachers spend time meeting with other unit teams to ensure that each child is placed in a classroom where they will thrive academically and socially. We work hard to make sure each and every classroom is a stimulating academic environment. If any parent would like to write a letter outlining their child’s individual learning needs, we are happy to consider this input. We are not able to accommodate requests for a specific classroom. Specific placement requests do not allow us to balance classrooms effectively. One of the great things about Ridgeway is the flexibility within each unit team. Children are assigned to a homeroom, but work with the other teachers in the unit. This approach to grouping students makes it possible for children to get to know and work with all of the teachers. We feel that a collective responsibility for students helps to make Ridgeway a great place to learn. Parent letters regarding their child’s learning needs should be submitted to Shari Lawson by May 23, 2019.

Student Transportation of America provides bus service for all Columbia Public Schools. They are working closely with us to provide safe and dependable bus transportation service. Rather than creating bus routes that include all students, the bus company will create routes that include only the students that request transportation. This will create more efficient routes. Please complete this form indicating your bus service needs. Return the form to school by Friday, May 10. The information you provide will affect bus routes beginning in August, 2019. Bus routes for Summer School will not be affected by this form. If you do not respond, or you indicate that you do not need bus service, you will NOT be included on a bus route for next year. Students can be added later. However, they will be added to existing routes. It can take up to five days to add your child to an existing route once you notify the school. Please help us with this process by returning your form by Friday, May 10.

Thank you, Shari Lawson

All Ridgeway students will attend a Children’s Jazz Concert on Monday, April 29. This concert is sponsored by Columbia Public Schools Fine Arts Department and the “We Always Swing” Jazz Series. We will leave Ridgeway at approximately 8:45 and walk to the concert at Hickman High School, returning in time for lunch.
Hello from the RWE Art room. Unit B and Unit C are finishing up their clay creations, and they should be coming home soon. All units are working on a giant wing mural for the school. Each student, faculty and staff member will create a unique feather design that will be incorporated into a pair of giant wings. We will add an inspirational quote and display the mural when complete (which should be soon). The mural is temporary and may be moved around the school. Look for it in the gym to start.

Make plans to attend Celestine Hayes’ retirement party on Sunday, May 5 from 2:00-4:00. All Ridgeway students are encouraged to attend, and they are practicing a song to sing at the party. Students will sing at 2:30. Please have your student wear a Ridgeway shirt or Ridgeway school colors.

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Ridgeway Autonomous School Committee Updates:
Officers for the 2019-2020 school year
President – Michael Fues
Vice President – Joanne Boomer
Secretary – Beth Ryberg
Treasurer – Tabi Williams

Mark your calendar now for the first meeting on August 28, 2019 at 4:00 in the media center.

Summer School Update
Haven’t enrolled for Summer School? It’s not too late to enroll for Unit A and Unit C summer school! Our staff is hired and ready for fun and learning this summer. We are at risk of losing some of our teachers based on the number of students currently enrolled. Unit B has a very limited number of openings remaining.

Ridgeway Enrollment! Important Reminder!!
As we prepare for 2019-2020 school year, it is time to assess our student enrollment. Please return this note to the school office if your child will NOT be attending Ridgeway next year. We need to know as soon as possible or no later than May 15.

Please complete the form below and return it to the office.

Student’s (and sibling’s) name with grade

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Parent signature
Important Dates

Friday, May 10 - All School Photo
Tuesday, May 23 - Ridgeway’s All School Picnic
Friday, May 24 - 5th Grade Graduation at 8:05
Tuesday, May 28 - Ridgeway’s Field Day. More information will be shared soon
Tuesday, May 28 - Last Day of School, Early Dismissal at 12:10

Looking ahead to School Events ~
please mark your calendars!

May 3  Munch-n-Read 2:00-2:30
May 7  PTSA Meeting 6:00
May 9  IGE in Action Night 6:00-7:00
May 10 All School Photo
May 23 All School Picnic
May 24 Fifth Grade Graduation and Award Assembly
May 28 Last Day of School, Early Release 12:10

ABCD Day Calendar
Monday, April 29  ... D Day
Tuesday, April 30... A Day
Wednesday, May 1... B Day
Thursday, May 2 ... C Day
Friday, May 3 ... D Day
Please have your child wear tennis shoes to school the day they have PE.