Unit A
Unit A has adjusted our afternoon schedule for the month of April so that each class can work with Mrs. Munsterman on Project Lead the Way science curriculum.
Also, while Units B and C are MAP testing we will be flexible with our library checkout and motor lab schedules.

MAP testing
Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) testing will start next week. This state standardized test will be given to students in third, fourth, and fifth grades. All testing will be in the morning on the dates listed below:

Grade 3 students: April 11, 12, 15, 16
Grade 4 students: April 11, 12, 15, 16, 17
Grade 5 students: April 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18

During test sessions, the only electronic devices allowed in the room are the ones being used for testing. Also, students that arrive late to school will have to wait in the office until the testing session has concluded. There are several things that you can do to help prepare your child:
• Make sure your child has a good night’s rest before testing dates.
• Make sure your child has a nutritious breakfast.
• Arrive to school on time.
• Leave all watches, Fitbits, and other electronic devices at home.
• Avoid appointments on testing days.

Unit B
Book orders are coming home today – they are due Wednesday, April 10. Also coming home today is field trip information including a permission slip and information for chaperones. Remember that you must have volunteer clearance in order to go on the field trip.

Unit C
Unit C enjoyed the field trip to the Runge Nature Center on April 2. Ask your child about the ecosystems they explored! On Tuesday students received a Topic Commitment form for their IGE Project. Please help your child finalize their topic choice by April 17, and return to school. Remember, the topic should cover something learned in class during the 2018-2019 school year. IGE Project work should be completed at home. Look for a project planning form to come home in the next few weeks.

Principal’s Pen...
Mr. Jeremy Wagner will be our substitute teacher indefinitely for music class. Mr. Wagner has a BS in Music Education with an emphasis in Vocal Music and a BM in Vocal Performance from MIZZOU and has been working with Ridgeway students for several weeks. Choir is cancelled for the rest of this school year.

On a personal note, I wanted to share information that currently affects my family. My sister, Susan, is recovering from back surgery with me. I will take a few days off over the next month to help care for her. In May, I will help her travel back and get settled into her home in Alaska. For these absences, retired CPS administrator, Mary Sue Gibson will be the acting principal at Ridgeway. Mrs. Gibson is well acquainted with Ridgeway. She was my mentor during my first years as a principal, and she currently serves on our Autonomous School Committee.

MAP Testing and Triple E
Please note these changes to student schedules because of MAP testing:
Due to MAP testing, EEE Students in Unit C will not go on April 17. Unit A and B students will still attend EEE on April 17.
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- **April 9**
  - PTSA Meeting 6:00
  - Autonomous School Committee 7:00
- **April 16**
  - PTSA Board Budget Meeting 6:00
- **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

**ABCD Day Calendar**

- **Monday, April 8**… A Day
- **Tuesday, April 9**… B Day
- **Wednesday, April 10**… C Day
- **Thursday, April 11**… D Day
- **Friday, April 12**… A Day

Please have your child wear tennis shoes to school the day they have PE.

**Ridgeway Community Garden**

We are ready to prep the beds and get things planted! We would like to create a pumpkin patch but we can’t do it without help. We are looking forward to planning a work day very soon! Please contact Valerie Freed v_freed@yahoo.com or Sean Cox scotchcox@yahoo.com if you are interested being involved. Thank you!!

**Attention Fifth Grade Parents**

The Ridgeway Graduation and Award assembly will be Friday, May 24 at 8:05.

**PE News from Ms. Cowdrey**

Welcome Taylor Kliethermes to Ridgeway! Taylor is a student from Truman State University who is doing his student internship in physical education this spring. Taylor spent the first part of the semester at Rock Bridge High School and will now be with us until the end of the school year. Taylor’s grandmother attended Ridgeway when she was an elementary student. Now that’s pretty cool!!

All units will begin working on Fitness next week. Unit C will do their spring testing of the Fitnessgram, while units A&B will have fitness stations.

Please remember to wear tennis shoes to PE class and do NOT wear flip flops.