Unit A  We have had a wonderful start to the school year. Students are welcome to bring a water bottle and a light jacket to school. Please be sure to label these with their names. Tennis shoes are the safest daily shoes for school. Students must wear tennis shoes for gym class.

Unit B  We read a book called The Important Book this week. Students will be creating their own book about things/people/activities that are important to them. Discussing things that are important to your student would help prepare them for this project.

Unit C  We have had a great beginning to the school year in Unit C! On Thursday afternoon, iPads were checked out to each Unit C student. The iPad will stay at school for a few weeks. Watch for more information about iPads in the coming weeks.

Welcome back to school! Applications for flag patrol and safety patrol are now available for Unit C students. These are available in the Unit C common area. Completed applications should be turned in by Friday, September 2. Questions? Please contact Maria Cox at mcox@cpsk12.org

Specialist Corner... The PE department welcomes back all Ridgeway students and parents! I hope you’ve had a fun and fit summer! I would like to share a few friendly reminders for the beginning of the school year. Please refer to the ABCD day calendar for your student specialist schedule.

In specific reference to Physical Education, please remember to wear your tennis shoes on your class day. Don’t forget that your P.E. days rotate through the ABCD day calendar! So that means your P.E. days are not based on a day of the week (example - Monday or Tuesday) but rather what letter day your class is assigned ABC or D. So if you have P.E. on “B” day and it’s a Tuesday this week, chances are that you have P.E. on Monday the next week. Clear as Mud? Just remember to keep an ABCD day calendar close by!!!

Looking forward to visiting with all! ~ Coach

New to PTSA? All are welcome at our September meeting on Tuesday, September 6 from 6-7:30pm in the Media Center. Childcare is provided. Refreshments will be served. Learn all about what your PTSA does for our Ridgeway community and help welcome the new school year.
**Principal’s Pen ……..**

Ridgeway has a designated spot for students to be dropped off in the morning before school. **Students should be dropped off along Sexton Road in front of the school.** Parents may pull up along the curb on Sexton Road. Please **pull up as far as possible.** Students **need to be ready** to get out of the car and not hold up the line.

Families that need additional unloading time may turn onto Woodlawn Avenue. There is a crossing guard at the intersection of Sexton and Woodlawn to help students cross the road.

There are several reasons for this location:

- School personnel supervise this area at all times.
- Students have assistance when crossing the road.
- Students are greeted by at least two Ridgeway staff members as they make their way to the playground. Wouldn’t we all like that to happen as we begin our day?
- As students pass by the wooden backpack racks, their personal items are hung in the correct location.
- On days with inclement weather, students walk up the sidewalk right into the school building.
- Students do not have to navigate delivery trucks and other traffic as they make their way to the playground.

Hopefully, as you read this list, you realize that students **SHOULD NOT** be dropped off along Grand Avenue beside Ridgeway School. Thank you for keeping Ridgeway students safe and supervised!!

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**ABCD Calendar**

- **Monday, August 22**
- **Tuesday, August 23**
- **Wednesday, August 24**
- **Thursday, August 25**
- **Friday, August 26**

Please remember that the day your child has PE, they must wear tennis shoes to class.

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**Join Mizzou volleyball in their fall Youth League program!** The Youth League will introduce children in 3rd-5th grades to the game of volleyball. Instruction will be given once each week over the course of a month by members of the Mizzou volleyball program. Enrollment is $20 and includes a t-shirt and free passes for the family to the MU game for Youth League Night. Please contact Emily Wilson to register: 573-882-0726 or emwmt4@mail.missouri.edu.

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**Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars!**

- **Tuesday, August 24 ~ 4:00-6:00,** Autonomous School Board, Media Center *ALL INVITED*
- **Friday, September 2 ~ Munch and Read 2:00-2:40,** Unit A parents are welcome to join their child!
- **Monday, September 5 ~ No School Labor Day**
- **Tuesday, September 6 ~ PTSA 6:00-7:30,** informational social, refreshments provided
- **Tuesday, September 13 ~ Unit A Literacy Night, 6:00 - 7:30**
- **Tuesday, September 20 ~ SCHOOL PICTURE DAY**
- **Tuesday, September 20 ~ Back to School Night,** Units B & C, 5:30 - 6:30
- **Monday, September 26 ~ No School, Teacher Collaboration Day**