Unit A  We have had a great start to the school year. Unit A students have snack every day at 9:30. We would appreciate students bringing a healthy snack that does not require utensils to enjoy. Please help your child watch as the weather changes. Students go out to recess every morning before school. Mornings are going to begin to require a jacket.

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, September 20, from 6:00 - 7:30. This is the Unit A Curriculum night. All four Unit A teachers will share with parents our curriculum for the year. Students and siblings should not attend.

Unit B  Book orders are coming home today. They are due next Wednesday, August 29.

Attached to the book order is information about how to order online. You may order online or send in the paper order forms with one check made payable to Scholastic. Mrs. Sandstedt coordinates the orders for Unit B. If you want her to save some or all of an order for gifts/surprises, just let her know what you want her to hold. Her email address is lsandstedt@cpsk12.org.

Unit C  We would like to remind our families that we will be taking a Missouri River Field Trip on Monday. If you would like some photos and a preview of what we will be doing take, check this out. https://www.riverrelief.org/updates/entry/2018-missouri-river-days/ Please send them in sturdy shoes and clothes that can get muddy. We will be back in time for lunch.

Students should be bringing home a Family Letter from math class. This is an important letter and should be kept in a place that parents and students can access as needed. The letter serves as a resource for the current unit of study. A new letter will be sent home at the beginning of each unit. Please contact your child's math teacher with any questions about the letter.

Principal’s Pen ........

Please look for the updated Ridgeway calendar that is going home today. We are trying a new format, so you will notice that it looks completely different. The majority of the dates are the same. If you are looking for the differences, we:

- added choir concerts
- changed a PTSA meeting in March from Wednesday to our regular meeting day of Tuesday
- corrected a ‘No School – Teacher Workday’ to the correct date of November 5
ART—Welcome back to school and Art with Ms. Lakatos. We have started off the year by doing a design based upon our names and by creating art using color. Unit A will learn the three primary colors, Unit B will learn to mix the secondary colors. Unit C will be creating a color wheel using Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary colors. All classes will also begin our Friday tradition of doing Visual Thinking Strategy work. During VTS we will look at art, discuss the subject matter and elements of art, and talk about the artist’s intent.

Chess Club is starting soon! Please look for the flier going home today. Chess Club is sponsored by Dean Stover. Dean is a former Ridgeway parent and a Columbia Public Schools teacher.

ABCD Calendar

Monday, August 27 ... B Day
Tuesday, August 28 ... C Day
Wednesday, August 29 ... D Day
Thursday, August 30 ... A Day
Friday, August 31 ... B Day

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

Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars!

August 29  Autonomous School Committee Meeting  4:00 Media Center
September 3  No School, Labor Day Holiday
September 6  Back to School Night for Units B & C, 5:30 - 6:30
September 7  Munch and Read 2:00-2:30, Unit A Families are welcome
September 11 PTSA Social 6:00 Media Center
PTSA Meeting 6:30 Media Center
September 18 Picture Day
September 20 Unit A Curriculum Night 6:00 - 7:30 Classrooms
September 24 No School, Teacher Collaboration
COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS: 2018-19 School Year Calendar

First Day of Classes: August 14
First Day of Kindergarten: August 16
End of First Semester: December 20
End of First Trimester: October 28
End of Second Trimester: February 1
*Last Projected Day of Classes: May 29

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Dates School NOT in Session
Legal Holidays: November 22, December 25, February 18, July 4
Labor Day: September 3
Election Day: November 6
Thanksgiving Vacation: November 21 - 23
Winter Recess: December 21 – January 1
Martin Luther King's Birthday: January 21
Presidents’ Day: February 18
Spring Recess: March 25 – March 29
Memorial Day: May 27

*6 snow days are built into the calendar (May 21-29). If the district uses fewer than 6 inclement weather days during the year, the unused days will be removed from the end of the school year.

Key
- Opening Day of School
- Closing Day of School
- Jump Start Day (Grades 6 & 9)
- First Day for Kindergarten
- School Not in Session
- Teacher Paid Holiday – School Not in Session
- Teacher Work Day – School Not in Session
- Built in Snow Day on Calendar
- Classes Dismissed 2 ½ Hours before Normal Dismissal Times for Staff Planning and Collaboration
- Graduation Dates
  - BHS: 5/24, Evening
  - DHS: 5/24, Morning
  - HHS: 5/25, Evening
  - RBHS: 5/25, Morning

November 16 and March 1 are Parent/Teacher Conference Days in Elementary and Middle Schools.
“Chess is everything: art, science and sport.”

~ Anatoly Karpov, Chess Grandmaster & former World Chess Champion

Chess Club: 2018-19
Open to all 3rd, 4th & 5th grade Ridgeway and EEE students

Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:30 in the Ridgeway Art Room
(Students are dismissed from the rear playground doors by the Media Center.)

September 11, 2018 – April 30, 2019
(Chess Club will not meet on Oct. 6, Nov. 6, Nov. 20, Jan. 8 or Jan. 15.)

• Open to both beginners and experienced players
• Boards & pieces provided
• Instruction available

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Please Detach & Return To Your Classroom Teacher
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Yes, I plan to participate in Chess Club this year!

Student Name: _____________________________ Grade: ______
Parent name(s): ___________________________
Parent phone number(s): ___________________
Emergency contact name & number: ___________