Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars

Wednesday, September 3 ~ SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Friday, September 4 ~ Munch and Read 2:00-2:40,
   Unit A parents are welcome to join their child!

Monday, September 7 ~ No School, Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8 ~ 6:00 PTSA Social 6:30 PTSA

Tuesday, September 15 ~ Unit A Literacy Night, 6:00 - 7:30

Tuesday, September 22 ~ Back to School Night,
   Units B & C, 5:30 - 6:30

Monday, September 28 ~ No School,
   Teacher Collaboration Day

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**Unit A**

Our first Munch and Read of the year will be next Friday, September 4 from 2:00 - 2:40 PM. We welcome parents, grandparents, and siblings who enjoy listening to books for the 40 minutes to join us for these monthly reading celebrations. See the Ridgeway calendar for the Munch and Read dates for the entire school year. Please bring a HEALTHY snack to share that does not contain peanuts and is not processed in a plant with peanuts.

Friday folders are going home today. Please find some time this weekend to look through your student's work with your student. Please always sign that you received the Friday folder, write comments back to the teacher, and keep the work at home. Friday folders will go home approximately every other week.

**Unit B**

Friday Folders are coming home for the first time today. Please take a few minutes to look over the Friday Folder with your child. Please return the Friday Folder on the next school day please. Book orders are coming home today. They are due Wednesday, September 2. This Friday will be our first Munch and Read. Students are invited to bring an extra snack (healthy please) and special books to read. As students are gaining independence we do not have parents join us for Munch and Read.

**Unit C**

Students are bringing home information about three different volunteer opportunities. Please return completed forms to your child's homeroom teacher. Also, thank you to families for providing school supplies and returning back-to-school paperwork promptly!

Friday Folders are coming home for the first time today. Please take a few minutes to look over the Friday Folder with your child. Please return the Friday Folder on the next school day please.

**After School Groups**

Drama Club ~ Wednesdays 3- 4:00,
   Mrs. Sandstedt’s Room
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Information and sign ups for Chess Club and Computer Lab are going home today! Students must register before attending.

Chess Club will begin on Tuesday, September 15 for grades 3,4 and 5. It will meet in the Art Room from 3-4:30.

Computer Lab will begin September 10 for students in Units B & C. It will meet in the Computer Lab from 2:45-4:00.
Dear Parents,

I am very thankful for all of the support our Ridgeway parents provide! Not only do we have the basic supplies like glue sticks and markers, mountains of tissue boxes, and completed forms, but you support us in much more intangible ways as well. Every conversation that you have with your child about school will support our learning environment. You reinforce the importance of working hard, being a listener, and putting forth effort.

Starting school and transitioning back to school can be hard for children, but it is hard for the adults too. For my family, losing the carefree days of summer and re-establishing routines takes a few weeks. As you get settled into the routine of a new school year, please consider these suggestions:

Please try to go through backpacks daily or very often. Have a place in your house where backpacks and other school necessities can be collected. Preparing the backpack and other supplies the night before will make the morning go more smoothly.

Please continue reading the RAP. (thank you for reading right now!)

Parents can also help by supporting our school routines:

Please remember that students should be dropped off in the front of the building in the morning.

Once the bell rings at 7:50, our instruction time begins. Ideally, parents will part from their child at the front sidewalk. Parents should not walk children to their classroom.

Thank you to all of the parents waiting outside the doors at parent pick-up in the afternoon. By having one door closely monitored, we can be sure that children are dismissed to the correct adult.

Thank you for all of your support for our Ridgeway community of learners!

P.S. One last note - We really will use all of that tissue!

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**ABCD Calendar**

Monday, August 31-B
Tuesday, September 1-C
Wednesday, September 2-D
Thursday, September 3-A
Friday, September 4-B

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

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Friday folders are going home today. In addition to important classroom information, please look for Picture Day reminders and an introductory letter and brochure from our new school counselor, Mrs. Beth Ryberg. Also look for flyers with information and sign ups regarding after school groups: Computer Lab for students in Units B & C and Chess Club for Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders!

Picture Day is Thursday, September 3.

You may return the order form with payment anytime on or before Picture Day or order online.

Please refer to the picture order form.