School is not in session on Monday, September 3, for the Labor Day Holiday!

Unit A Friday, September 7, from 2:00- 2:30, is our first Munch and Read of the school year. Unit A invites parents, grandparents, or special adult friends to come celebrate reading with their students. Younger siblings who enjoy books are welcome to join us as well. Please bring a healthy (non-messy) snack and good books to share. Check the Ridgeway calendar for all of the Munch and Read dates for the school year.

Friday Folders are coming home for the first time today. Please look through the papers and keep them at home. Please sign and return the Friday Folders on the next school day.

Unit B Coming home today is your child’s first Friday Folder of the year. Please take a moment to look through the papers and ask your child questions about their work. Then, sign and empty the folder. Please return the folder on the next school day.

We will have our first Munch and Read of the year on Friday, September 7. As students have developed independent reading habits, family members no longer attend Munch and Read in Unit B. Each child may bring an extra snack and a special book or two if he/she would like.

From Ms. Malveaux

We have three new members of the special education department here at Ridgeway!

Geoffrey Powell is our new part-time learning specialist and comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience. He will case manage and provide services to some of our students with disabilities. Another welcoming face is Judy Pruett. Mrs. Pruett is our new paraprofessional, who also will work side-by-side with some of our students with disabilities here at Ridgeway. Carrie Weaver is our new speech and language therapist. She is bringing new and exciting services to our Ridgeway children.

When you see them, please give them a huge Ridgeway welcome!

Starting next week, the Media Center will be open most mornings as an option for students. During this time, students can work on homework, read, check out books, or work on makerspace activities.
Principal’s Pen....

Did you know that Ridgeway is an Autonomous School? Just as Columbia Public Schools has a board that helps to collaborate for the district as a whole, Ridgeway has an Autonomous School Committee.

As stated in the Autonomous School Committee bylaws . . .

"Autonomous School Committee members shall have the capacity to collaborate towards the successful development of and implementation of the Ridgeway School Mission Statement."

Meeting dates for this school year are listed below. Please plan to attend a meeting and learn more about this committee. Meetings are held in the Ridgeway Media Center.

- October 17, 2018 at 4:00
- December 12, 2018 at 4:00
- January 30, 2019 at 4:00
- March 20, 2019 at 4:00 for the Budget Meeting
- April 9, 2019 at 7:00 (Annual Membership Meeting) – this meeting is pending approval from the Ridgeway PTSA
- April 24, 2019 at 4:00 for Officer Elections

Meet our Fall Semester Student Teachers

My name is Wendi Sirna, and I am excited to be student teaching at Ridgeway this fall. As a proud Ridgeway parent, I know there is great learning happening here each day. I look forward to getting to know your child and helping him/her progress this semester!

Hello! My name is Jillian Staton, and I am student teaching in Unit C this semester! I recently graduated from Columbia College, and I am working on my teaching certificate through the MAT program. I am from West Chicago, Illinois and eventually I plan on moving back home and obtaining my certification there as well. Some of my favorite things to do are play softball, shop at Marshall’s, and spend time with family. I’m so excited for this opportunity to learn from the faculty and students here at Ridgeway. Thanks for having me, and looking forward to seeing you all at Back To School Night!

Friends of Oak Towers Club

Please look for the flyer about the Friends of Oak Towers Club in your student’s Friday folder today. All students are welcome to participate. Sign up forms must be turned in to Mrs. Shull by Wednesday, September 5. We will visit Oak Towers after school once a month on Mondays this semester.

ABCD Calendar

Monday, Sept. 3 ... No School
Tuesday, Sept. 4 ... C Day
Wednesday, Sept. 5 ... D Day
Thursday, Sept. 6 ... A Day
Friday, Sept. 7 ... B Day

Please have your child wear tennis shoes to school the day they have PE.
Drama Club
Attached to this week’s RAP is a sign-up for Drama Club. Drama Club is open to any student in Units B and C. Please contact Mrs. Sandstedt if you have any questions. Sign-Up forms for BOTH the fall and spring shows are due next Friday, September 7.

Board Games Club
Exciting News! Mrs. Sandstedt is hosting a brand new club! Board Games Club will meet on select Mondays after school. Attached to this week’s RAP is the sign-up. Board Games Club is open to all Ridgeway students, and space is limited so turn in your form quickly. Confirmation letters will go home in Friday Folders on September 14. In addition to signing up your child, there is a way anyone can help. We need some board games. New or gently used board games would be very appreciated!

PLEASE make sure all of the pieces are there and that it is a game that is appropriate for elementary students. You may drop off board games in the office or to Mrs. Sandstedt’s classroom. If you have any questions, you are welcome to email Mrs. Sandstedt at lsandstedt@cpsk12.org.

Calling all Ridgeway staff, students and families to attend the Annual Pumpkin Fun Run. The top three schools in attendance will get $500 toward their Physical Education program, so let’s all wear our Ridgeway t-shirts, make an appearance and win our PE department some money!

What: PUMPKIN FUN RUN
When: Saturday, October 6, 2018
   3rd, 4th & 5th Grade @ 9:00 A.M.
   Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd @ 9:30 A.M.
Where: Phillips Lake Park
Who: Open to all Boone County students, families and staff members
Cost: $10 entry fee per family. Includes one t-shirt & registration packet
Sponsored by MU Children’s Hospital and Show-Me State Games
How: Register online: SMSG.org
   ***Deadline to Register is September 24

Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars!

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
August 31, 2018

I will be offering a drama club for students in Units B & C this year. The club will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 2:45-3:45 p.m. in Mrs. Sandstedt’s classroom. This is our twelfth year of drama club and I am excited to work with the students again! We have fun and work hard to learn about various aspects of theatre and performance. Drama Club will be offered in two separate sessions this year.

We have a brand new (to us) play this year – Peter Pan!! We will perform the same play two times with different casts – once in the fall and once in the spring. Each cast has 30-34 roles!! If your child is not a fluent reader that is totally fine, but you need to be prepared to do extra work at home to help them learn and mostly memorize their lines so that they can have a successful experience! There are two roles (Peter Pan’s shadow and the crocodile) which require no speaking at all – let me know if you think this might be a role your child would enjoy.

Please look at the schedules on back to check for conflicts. Indicate any rehearsals your child will miss on the audition form. Drama Club is different from other clubs – our success depends on every student being here at each rehearsal. If your child signs up for one of the plays and then misses rehearsal or the actual play for reasons other than illness or as indicated on their sign-up form, they will not be allowed to audition for the next play because this creates a huge hardship for the rest of the cast. Graduating 5th graders may be in the play both time. All other students will likely need to choose one.

Please return the bottom portion of this form to Mrs. Sandstedt no later than Friday, September 7th. If you plan on participating in either of the plays, please return this form now so that I know how many plan to participate. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Laura Sandstedt
lsandstedt@cpsk12.org or lsandste@gmail.com or (573) 239-2212

Yes, my child would like to participate in the Drama Club!

Child’s Name: ____________________________

Homeroom Teacher: ____________________________

Parent(s) Name(s): ____________________________

Telephone Number(s): ____________________________

Email: ____________________________

I plan to participate in: 

[ ] Fall cast of Peter Pan – known absences: ____________________________
[ ] Spring cast of Peter Pan – known absences: ____________________________
[ ] either fall or spring will work for us – known absences: ____________________________

My child would like (please number in order of preference (no guarantees @)): 

[ ] less than 10 lines 
[ ] 10-20 lines 
[ ] 20-30 lines 
[ ] more than 30 lines
PLEASE KEEP THIS SOMEWHERE SAFE TO REFER TO THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!!

SCHEDULE (Rehearsals on Tuesday Afternoons // Performances on Thursdays):

**Peter Pan (fall cast)**
Auditions: September 18 from 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.
Rehearsal Schedule for those selected:
  - September 25
  - October 2, 9, 23, 30 (no 16 – early dismissal)
  - November 13, 20, 27 (no 6 – no school)

Dress Rehearsal & Performance: November 29, 2017 **THURSDAY**
  - Dress Rehearsal: 6:10-7:00 p.m.
  - Performance: 7:00 p.m.

**Peter Pan (spring cast)**
Auditions: January 15, 2019
Rehearsal Schedule for those selected:
  - January 22, 29
  - February 5, 12, 19, 26
  - March 5, 12

Dress Rehearsal & Performance: March 14, 2019 **THURSDAY**
  - Dress Rehearsal: 6:10-7:00 p.m.
  - Performance: 7:00 p.m.

Please note any known conflicts (rehearsals your child will miss) on the audition form. Just a reminder – if your child has any absences other than illness or noted on the sign-up form, they will not be allowed to audition for the next play as this causes a tremendous hardship on the rest of the cast.

Afternoon pick-up will happen in the front of the building. If cars in front of you leave, please pull up to make it easier for us to see you. You may always text me to let me know you’re here. 573-239-2212
Dear Ridgeway Families,

This year I am offering a new club -- Board Games Club. We will meet on select Monday afternoons after school and play board games! This club is open to any student at Ridgeway. We will have two sessions -- one in the fall and one in the spring. You need to choose one session. Each session will be limited to the first 20 participants who return their form. Should more students return forms on the first day than we have space for, a lottery system will be used to determine which students will participate. Board Games Club will meet in Mrs. Sandstedt’s room from 2:45-4:15 on the following Mondays. Pick Up will happen out in front of the building at 4:15. If the car in front of you leaves, please pull forward so we can see you better. Please let me know if your student is not going to attend a session.

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There are two ways you can help us:
1. We need some board games. PLEASE make sure all of the pieces are there and that it is a game that is appropriate for elementary students. You may drop off board games in the office or to my classroom.
2. If you would like to join us for a session (as many as you’d like), please indicate your willingness on the sign up form below.

Mrs. Sandstedt

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Child’s Name: ____________________________________

Homeroom Teacher: __________________________________

Parent(s) Name(s): __________________________________

Email Address(es): __________________________________

Phone Number(s): __________________________________

My child would like to participate in:                      I would like to volunteer on (list dates below):
  _____ The Fall Session                                     __________________________________
  _____ The Spring Session                                   __________________________________
  _____ Either Sessions is OK                                 __________________________________
Friends of Oak Towers Club

Ridgeway and Oak Towers have a very special partnership. The Friends of Oak Towers Club is an opportunity for our students to build relationships with our neighbors at Oak Towers (the apartment building only a three minute walk from our school) through the school year as we play games, read, and do crafts and activities together each month. We often do seasonal art projects to decorate their community room. All Ridgeway students may participate. Club members will meet in my classroom at 2:50 PM, walk to Oak Towers at 2:55 PM, be there until 3:35 PM, and return to Ridgeway for dismissal promptly at 3:45 PM. Due to construction renovations at Oak Towers, there may be some meetings that we stay at Ridgeway and work on projects to be delivered to Oak Tower’s residents. I will send an email on the Monday before each club meeting that lets you know where we will be. Either way, parents should pull up in front of the building to meet their child at 3:45 PM. Students will be dismissed from the front east doors. Students who attend Adventure Club will be dismissed directly there. Students who sign up to participate in the club will be expected to participate at each session this semester, unless I receive an email from parents of an exception.

I will send a confirmation of enrollment email with details about our first meeting to everyone who turns in the bottom of this form by Wednesday, September 5.

Our club will meet on these Mondays first semester:

September 10    October 15    November 12    December 10

Second semester dates will be announced early December.

Parents and Grandparents, we would love for you to join us. We appreciate extra chaperones! Please let me know the week ahead if you will volunteer.

Sincerely,

Windy Shull wshull@cpsk12.org

Friends of Oak Towers Club Sign Up (return by Wednesday, September 5). Print neatly:

Student Name ________________________________

Teacher ________________________________

Parent Name ________________________________

Parent email ________________________________

Parent phone number ________________________________
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