Unit A

Thank you to Anne Alexandar for coming to share about Hanukkah this week. We are looking forward to learning more about Holidays around the World next week.

The Unit A Winter Holiday party will be on Friday, December 20 from 1:20-2:20 p.m. Parents, please use the following link to sign up to donate items and/or volunteer. We welcome all adult family members to volunteer, but ask that siblings please not attend due to limited attention, space, and supplies.  
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA4AF2FA1FE3-unit1

On Friday, December 20, Unit B and Unit C will attend the Mizzou women’s basketball game. Students will eat early that day. School lunch will be sack lunches. They will leave at about 11:15 and return by the end of the school day in time for regular dismissal.

T-shirt pick-up information from PTSA

T-shirts will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, December 17 in the Media Center from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Any orders not picked up during this time will be sent home with students before winter break.

Clothes for the Health Office

As you start to go through clothes in preparation for colder weather, please consider donating outgrown clothes to the Ridgeway Health Office. We keep a supply of gender-neutral clothes for students to use in case of spills or accidents. We particularly need pants in sizes 5-10 that could be worn by boys or girls. Elastic waists are ideal. Thank you for sending these clothes to the office!

Unit B

Mrs. Rice and Ms. Malloy will be taking their math classes on a field trip to the Daniel Boone Regional Library on Wednesday, December 18. The other two Unit B math classes will visit the library in January.

First-year Unit B families: Please help your student practice telling time on an analogue clock and calculating the value of combinations of coins.

The Unit B Winter Party will be held on Friday, December 20 from 9:30-10:30. Please use the Sign Up Genius link if you are able to volunteer.  
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EA4AF2FA1FE3-unit1

Unit C

It is time to start getting ready for the holidays. Unit C’s traditional holiday celebration involves visiting area daycares. On Tuesday, December 17, Unit C will walk to Nora Stewart Day Care and Park Avenue Day Care. We will leave Ridgeway at 9:40 and return to school by 11:45. Unit C students will sing holiday songs, read books, and work puzzles with the preschoolers. Each preschooler will receive a decorated sack of treats.

Cash donations are welcome and will be spent on purchasing bags and treats for the children. Please make checks payable to Ridgeway PTSA. Thank you for your support!

The Unit C Winter Holiday will be Friday, December 20 from 8:45-10:45 a.m.
News from Math Club

Math Club is canceled on Wednesday, December 18 and will resume on February 5.

On Saturday, December 7, seven students from Ridgeway participated in the Columbia Public Schools Math Contest at Beulah Ralph. Students took three individual tests (Number Sense, Sprint, and Target) and one team test. Each test focuses on different skills and is scored in a different way. Our fourth-grade participants were Advay Gadicherla, Isaiah Smith, and Jaxon Tuttle. The fifth-grade participants were Adithya Bimal, Wilson Creech, Joel Mathai, and Kyra Schmitter. Awards were presented by grade, and 199 4th and 5th grade students from the district participated. Of the fourth-graders who participated in the contest, Advay placed 2nd on the Sprint Test, 5th on the Target Event and 5th overall. Of the fifth-graders, Adithya placed 6th on Number Sense, 10th on the Target Event and was our top scorer at Ridgeway. Congratulations to all! Each student worked very hard! The next round of the contest will be on January 25 at Rock Bridge High School.

Hello Ridgeway families! I hope you have had a great school year so far. I have enjoyed building relationships with your children and continuing to have a fun time at Ridgeway. I have been asked by many parents what exactly my job is. I am a Home School Communicator and am responsible for ensuring all children are receiving the proper support to improve their educational experience. Some of my responsibilities include:

- serving as a liaison between parents and the school regarding the needs of children
- promoting parental involvement in school and community activities to support their child’s educational needs
- following up on attendance concerns, addresses, disciplines, etc.
- working with the administrative team and teachers to meet school-improvement goals
- creating successful transition programs for students from elementary to middle and senior high school
- assisting with discipline (removing students from class, supervising students in detention when needed) and
- providing positive behavior support, attending faculty meetings and pertinent in-service sessions related to discipline.

I enjoyed being the Home School Communicator at Ridgeway and look forward to a great school year!

Mr. Buckner

Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars!

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ABCD Day Calendar

Monday, December 16 … D Day
Tuesday, December 17… A Day
Wednesday, December 18 … B Day
Thursday, December 19… C Day
Friday, December 20 …. D Day

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