Spelling Bee News From Mrs. Cox

The annual Spelling Bee took place on Friday, February 8. For the first time since I have hosted the competition, we had 38 rounds of spelling! The Champion round itself was 26 rounds! The winning word was EXODIUM and was spelled correctly by Advay Gadicherla for the win! Forrest Connell is the runner-up champion. I am so proud of everyone who participated this year. It was a long evening but so very exciting! Congratulations to everyone who participated!

The final meeting for Spelling Club will be Thursday, February 21. We will celebrate with treats and games.

Thoughts from Mr. Buckner

Hello Ridgeway family, I hope things have been going well. As Valentine’s Day is here, I want you to think about the people you love and then write down a few things that make you thankful.

We are all busy people but sometimes just taking a few minutes to think about what we are thankful for helps. I enjoy building relationships with our students here at Ridgeway. I am thankful for the support from our families and I look forward on continuing to be the best person I can be.

Unit A

Just a reminder to all registered families, Unit A Family Math will be on Thursday evening, February 21, from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the Ridgeway gym. Please enter through the back media center doors.

Thanks to the parent volunteers who helped with our Valentine’s Day party.

Unit B

Thank you to Mrs. Fues for coordinating our amazing parties this year! We really appreciate all of the parents who send in things and/or help out during the parties!!

Unit B students will be starting their final science rotation next week. :-) Ask your child what they are studying.

Unit C

We want to thank our families for your time, efforts, and/or donations for the Valentine’s Day party. We had a great time!

Book Fair: Read all about it!

The last Book Fair of the year is right around the corner!

- Wednesday, February 27, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 28, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 1, 8:00-10:30 a.m.

If you would like to help at the book fair, we would love to have you! Click on this link to sign up for a time slot. Volunteers get a 20% discount at the fair! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090944ADF2EAFF58-february1
Principal’s Pen...

Earlier this week, at the February 11 meeting, the Columbia Public Schools Board of Education voted on new attendance areas for middle and high schools for the 2020-2021 school year. To learn more, visit these sites on the CPS website:

https://www.cpsk12.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=4&ModuleInstanceId=896&ViewId=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8674F83E108&Rendertoc=0&FlexDataID=55520&PageID=1

And

https://www.cpsk12.org/Page/16301

Students that attend Ridgeway will be given the opportunity to attend Jeff Middle School beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Ridgeway students also have the option of attending the middle school according to their home address. You can read more on the Frequently Asked Questions document, see the end of page 2 and the beginning of page 3, at this link:


Ridgeway’s Autonomous School Committee met this week. We were excited to look through all of the entries for the ‘Design a Ridgeway Ram’ mascot opportunity. The Autonomous School Committee narrowed the entries down to nine, and Student Council will take it over from there. Watch for more news coming in the next month!

Also, the Committee formed a nominations committee. Watch for more information in upcoming RAPs about open positions for next school year.

Looking ahead to School Events ~
please mark your calendars!

February 18  No School - President’s Day
February 27  Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences 3:30-6:00
February 28  Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences 3:30-6:00
February 28  PTSA Family Event at Bonkers, 5:30-7:20
March 1     No School - Teacher Workday
March 1     Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences 8:00-10:00
March 9     Funday 10:00 AM with Big Drawing at 2:00 PM
March 12    Parent Advisory Council 6:00
March 12    PTSA Meeting 6:30
March 14    Drama Club Performance 7:00 PM All are invited
March 15    Munch-n-Read 2:00-3:00
March 25-29 No School - Spring Break

Family Fun Event
Thursday February 28, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Please join us on Thursday February 28 for our next Family Fun Event! Due to the recent closing of the skating rink, we will be holding our event at Bonkers! Admission for the play gym is $3 per child. All students and siblings are welcome from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. You may purchase food and drink separately and also visit their arcade by purchasing your own game card. We hope to see you there!

Sibling Kindergarten Enrollment

Please complete this form if you have a student who is the younger sibling of a current or former Ridgeway student who will attend Ridgeway in the Fall of 2019 as a kindergartener.

Please complete and return this form to the Ridgeway office by February 20.

Kindergarten Student’s Name __________________________

Parent’s Name ___________________ Sibling ___________________

Parent phone and email __________________

If your child is currently enrolled in one of the Columbia Public Schools' Preschool, ECSE or Title 1 programs, please indicate the program and the location below.

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**Big Drawing**

Big Drawing Raffle tickets are $1 each or $5 for 6. The incentive sales will run through Monday, February 25th. For every $30 sold in raffle tickets during the incentive sales period, you receive 1 Golden Ticket entry for a chance to win a Playstation 4. The incentive sales deadline is firm, so get those raffle tickets turned in early. To print raffle tickets, use this link: [http://jasperholland.com/tickets](http://jasperholland.com/tickets) Please see the updated list of the Big Drawing Package on the last 2 pages!

**Volunteer Sign-up**

You’ve been asking how you can help on FunDay. Now is the time to sign up! If you are available to work a 2 hour game shift on FunDay it would be greatly appreciated! It takes approximately 125-150 volunteers the day of FunDay to run all the activities. Please remember we ask Unit A students to remain with an adult during FunDay. If you can’t help out the day of or won’t be able to be at FunDay but would still like to help in some way, this link also contains items we need to run the games such as flashlights, colored hair spray, etc. Sign up now to get your favorite spot! [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a48a4ae2d6-funday](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a48a4ae2d6-funday)

**Country Store**

Another way to help is to start setting aside books for the book/cake walk, stuffed animals for the animal ring toss and just about anything else you’d like to donate (other than clothing) to sell in the Country Store. We also need plenty of bakers for the book/cake walk, dessert items for lunch or for sale in the Country Store.

~ FUN DAY KITCHEN ~

In an effort to make Funday an even bigger success and offset expenses, the Kitchen Committee would greatly appreciate donations of the below kitchen items. Each classroom has been assigned supplies to bring.

**Unit A:** Dempsey - rectangular Styrofoam plates; Horn - applesauce cups, 6 pack plain; Newkirk - applesauce cups, 6 pack plain; Shull - applesauce, cups 6 pack plain.

**Unit B:** Jeffery - peanut butter or grape jelly (small jars); Malloy - squeezable Ranch dressing (small bottles); Rice - squeezable Ranch dressing (small bottles); Sandstedt - paper towels.

**Unit C:** Cox - 1 package of 4-8 oz non-carbonated beverages (juice box, water, juice pouches); Gramke - 1 package of 4-8 oz non-carbonated beverages (juice box, water, juice pouches); Williams - large bottles of apple juice.

~ Thanks! Mary Jo Creech  
Kitchen Committee Chair
RIDGEWAY FUNDAY 2019

ADVANCE TICKET ORDERS DUE 3/1/19

Attached is your advance ticket order form for FunDay games and meals.

1. Games cost between 2-4 tickets each. Games will include: Environmaze (4 tickets), Jupiter’s Landing (4), Wheel of Fortune (2), Cake/Book Walk (4), Mini-Basketball (3), Plinko (2), Animal Ring Toss (3), art room projects and other favorites!

2. Meal will include a choice of hamburger/cheeseburger/veggie burger, hot dog, or PBJ, with baked beans, carrots, applesauce, chips, drink, and dessert.

3. A request for optional donations is also included. In keeping with the fundraising spirit of FunDay, we ask you to consider an additional donation. Remember, all FunDay profits and donations are returned to Ridgeway classrooms.

Please return your order form with payment in an envelope to your child’s teacher no later than Friday, March 1st. Remember ticket prices go up on FunDay, so place your order before the deadline! We look forward to seeing everyone at FunDay. Thank you for your continued support of Ridgeway and FunDay.

Karissa Moore
FunDay Ticket Committee
FUNDAY 2019
ADVANCE TICKET ORDER FORM

RIDGECWAY ELEMENTARY
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

Child’s Name: ___________________________________________

Teacher’s Name: _________________________________________

Parent’s Name: __________________________________________

Phone #: ________________________________________________

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Please return order form with payment in an envelope to your child’s teacher. Checks are payable to Ridgeway PTSA. All ticket purchases will be sent home with your child prior to FunDay. Return this form with your check/cash by end of day, Friday, March 1st.

Please do NOT mix “Big Drawing” tickets or “Big Drawing” payments with this order form.
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| **9. Big Screen**  
Donated by Semple Family | **55” Sharp Smart TV**  
4K UHD Resolution, HDR (High Dynamic Range)  
Smart TV with Built in Apps, Motion Rate 120  
AquoDimming™, UHD Upscaler  
4K Media Player & Receiver, 2x2 Dual-Band Wi-Fi |   |
| **10. Kansas City Weekend** | 4 Passes to Kansas City Zoo, 4 tickets to Toy and Miniature Museum, |   |
| **11. Feelin’ Good** | 90 Minute Float session at Clarity Float Spa, 4 Free classes at Orange Theory(plus bag, bottle, towel), Smoothie King gift card |   |

**These packages are just the beginning! More packages will be added before Fun Day, and more items may be added to existing packages.**

**NEED MORE TICKETS? PRINT THEM AT http://jasperholland.com/tickets.** Turn in tickets and payment to the office by February 25, 2019 to be entered in Golden Ticket Drawing for Playstation 4.