It’s time to sign up for Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences will be held on February 26, 27, and 28. Please see the link on this page to access the Conference SignUp Genius. Also, please look for a link to a quick video created by our media specialist, Rebecca Munsterman, to help you access the sign up.

You will receive a text and a separate email with the link today as we want to make it as accessible as possible. A few notes as you sign up for a conference:

- Please sign up for one conference time with your homeroom teacher.
- Once you select a date and time and sign up, that time will be reserved for you. Please be confident when you select a time slot.
- Remember that Ridgeway students attend conferences with their parent, so be sure that your child is available.
- Please sign up using your child’s first and last name. Your time slot will show as ‘filled’, and only the teacher will be able to see the name.
- You will use the same sign-up for all your children. Move between tabs at the top to see schedules for other Ridgeway teachers.
- Please leave at least 15 minutes between sibling conferences so that your family will make it to the next conference on time.
- If you are having trouble – please watch the video, try again, and then call the school office for help. Link to video: https://youtu.be/gmsIMZEoyjE
- You will receive a reminder email two days before your conference date.

Link to sign up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4CAAAP2CA6FC1-parent

Attention Fifth-Grade Families!!

On Thursday, February 13, we will retake the fifth-grade picture one last time. We hope that all fifth-graders will be here. Order forms are coming home today for those who still need to order.

ABCD Day Calendar

Monday, February 10 …A Day
Tuesday, February 11 …B Day
Wednesday, February 12 … C Day
Thursday, February 13…D Day
Friday, February 14…. School not in session

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

Unit A

Unit A students enjoyed the 100th day of school by completing activities with each Unit A teacher. Last Friday, Valentine's class lists and more information came home in your child's Unit A folder. Your student can begin delivering Valentines on Monday, February 10. Today, please see the Unit A Family Math flyer in folders. The first 25 families to sign up for Unit A Family Math will be registered and will receive a confirmation email from Mrs. Shull. Our Unit A Valentine's party will be on February 13 from 1:20-2:20 p.m. Finally, thank you to Mrs. Hoang (Anna’s mom) and Ms. Dunlop (Audrey’s mom) for teaching us about Chinese New Year traditions.

Unit C

In your child’s Friday Folder, there is a Valentine’s list of Unit C students and Ridgeway’s faculty and staff. Our standard rule is that if you choose to bring Valentines, bring one for each person in your child’s homeroom. Your child can then deliver to whomever else he/she would like to outside of their homeroom. Unit C valentines will be allowed to be distributed before school and during homeroom times Monday-Thursday next week.

Please remember to sign up for conferences. Have a great weekend.

Unit B

Scholastic Book orders are due Wednesday, February 12. The student and staff lists for Valentines is in your child's Friday Folder.

A note from Mrs. Ryberg

The last week of January was Kindness Week at Ridgeway Elementary. Our school was abuzz with activity, fun, and kindness. Students and staff practiced Random Acts of Kindness, and we caught each other being kind. Smiles were contagious, and kindness flourished.

To reach out to others, students are taking part in our mitten, gloves, and scarf drive to help a local organization for those in need. Donations will be accepted through the end of next week.

In classes, students heard stories of kindness through books and children’s literature that were available from our Kindness Book Library (courtesy of RWE Dream Big Grant). Many books on kindness were checked out of the RWE library. Shout out to Mrs. Munsterman. We kicked Kindness Week off with the “One Winter’s Day” kindness assembly, thanks to RWE staff and Mr. White. There was also a readers theater. We learned about the kindness boomerang (It comes back to you! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwAYpLVyeFU) and 5th grade performed, “I’ll think of you.” Shout out to Ms. Meeds.

Lots of photo ops took place. Students were encouraged to be the “I” in kind. Thanks to Mrs. Cowdrey and Mrs. Lakatos! Adventure Club took part in kindness activities as well!

In classes students wrote about kindness and shared a little kindness with Unit to Unit Reading. and the kindness bingo challenge. Thanks to Mrs. Lawson and teachers. Students created beautifully decorated, artistic kindness quote bookmarks. RWE kindness bookmarks will be at the public library, Yellow Dog Bookstore, the Aslin building and Oak Towers to spread kindness throughout our city. Students enjoyed this activity! Special shout out to Mrs. Lillig for her work in creating these!

Big thanks to all of RWE faculty, parents, and students for making it a wonderful kindness week. Let’s keep the spirit of kindness alive and well and remember that kindness really does warm the heart. Talk to your student about ways to be kind to themselves and others. Research suggests that teaching, fostering, and celebrating kindness in schools improves students’ sense of well-being, and success in school and life.
Sibling Kindergarten Registration

As we prepare for next year’s Kindergarten class, it is time to let the Ridgeway office know if you have a younger sibling of a current or former Ridgeway student entering Kindergarten next year. Please let the office know by completing the form below and returning it to the office by February 28. If you called the office or emailed this information, you do not have to complete the form.

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 2020 as a kindergartener.

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Kindergarten Student’s Name ________________________________________

Parent’s Name ____________________________________ Sibling ________________________________________

Parent’s 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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The next step is the actual enrollment process. Plan to attend

Countdown to Kindergarten ~ 2020 Kindergarten Registration

Ridgeway School, Thursday, March 5 from 4:00-6:00

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At Ridgeway, only those new kindergarteners who are the younger siblings of current or former Ridgeway students are eligible to enroll.

Looking ahead to School Events ~
please mark your calendars!

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PTSA Meeting 6:30

February 13 Unit Parties

February 14 No School—Teacher Collaboration

February 17 No School – Presidents’ Day

February 26 Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences & Book Fair 3:30-6:00

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February 28 No School—Conferences

February 28 Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences & Book Fair 8:00-10:00

February 28 Sibling Kindergarten Enrollment Forms Due

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