Ridgeway RAP  
February 8, 2019

Unit News

**Unit A**

Remember your student can begin bringing valentines to school on Monday, February 11. We will have bags (paper lunch bag sized) at school to collect student valentines. If anyone did not receive the email but would like to volunteer for the February 14 Unit A Party, please call or text Martha at 573-424-7124.

We still have several available openings for Unit A Family Math on Thursday, February 21, from 6:15 - 7:15 PM. Return the signup form or email Mrs. Shull to participate.

**Unit B**

Look for an email from your child’s homeroom teacher regarding t-shirt orders for our upcoming Australia study.

**Unit C**

In health class, we have begun working on growth mindset projects. We will work on these projects during class time over the next 3-4 weeks.

Your Student has a note to sign up for parent-teacher-student conferences. Please fill it out and return it to school no later than Wednesday, February 13.

#KidsNeedMentors

Ridgeway has had the amazing opportunity this year to be part of a program called #KidsNeedMentors. This free program matches authors with educators in a literary partnership that lasts throughout the school year.

Ridgeway students have been connecting with our author Alastair Heim since August. Students have worked on writing challenges, skyped with Alastair, and sent him photos of their work through Twitter.

On Monday, March 18, Alastair will be visiting Ridgeway to meet our students in person! All the students will get to watch Alastair’s presentation, and those students who finish the “Alastair Challenge” will get some extra special time with him to share their book.

If you would like to purchase a personalized, signed copy of one of Alastair’s books, please turn in the book order form by February 20.

For more information on the #KidsNeedMentors program, check out this article: [https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=kids-need-mentors-pairs-authors-educators](https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=kids-need-mentors-pairs-authors-educators)

For more information on Alastair Heim, check out his website: [http://www.alastairheim.com](http://www.alastairheim.com)
Looking ahead to School Events ~
please mark your calendars!

**February 11**
Autonomous School Committee 4:00

**February 12**
Parent Advisory Council 6:00
PTSA Meeting 6:30

**February 14**
Unit Parties

**February 15**
No School - Teacher Workday

**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
PTSA Family Event – TBA

**March 1**
No School - Teacher Workday

**March 9**
Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences 8:00-10:00 AM
Funday 10:00 AM with Big Drawing at 2:00 PM

**March 12**
Parent Advisory Council 6:00
PTSA Meeting 6:30

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**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 20. 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 2019 as a kindergartener.

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

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.

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

**Countdown to Kindergarten ~ 2019 Kindergarten Registration**

Ridgeway School, Thursday, March 7 from 4:00-6:00

Please come at your convenience between 4:00 and 6:00. It is helpful to bring the completed enrollment forms and required documents with you. All enrollment forms are available to download, along with a list of the required documents, on the Columbia Public Schools website at www.cpsk12.org.

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

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**ABCD Day Calendar**

Monday, February 11 …A Day
Tuesday, February 12 …B Day
Wednesday, February 13 … C Day
Thursday, February 14…D Day
Friday, February 15,… School not in session

Please have your child wear tennis shoes to school the day they have PE.
Did you know Ridgeway has a Silent Auction and Big Drawing as part of the Ridgeway Fun Day? These major money-makers are not possible without donations of goods and services. We always are looking for help from families as we gather these donations. If you have a business connection, please consider reaching out to them. If you have new, unwanted items in your home or unused gift cards, they make great additions to our baskets and packages. Donating services you provide is also great. In the past, families have donated baked goods, childcare, photo shoots and other talents. Please contact Amanda Fues at amandasfues@gmail.com or Carissa Havens at carissa.havens@gmail.com if you want to help or have items to donate, ideas to offer, or questions. You may also contact us at ridgeway.fun.day@gmail.com with any questions. Don’t forget the Golden Ticket incentive for selling tickets for the Big Drawing! If you’d like to print tickets from home with the ability to auto-fill all the information, you can do so here: http://jasperholland.com/tickets

Thank you!!

~ 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** - (4) 8 oz non-carbonated beverages (juice box, water, juice pouches); **Gramke** - (4) 8 oz non-carbonated beverages (juice box, water, juice pouches); **Williams** - Large bottles of apple juice.

~ Thanks! Mary Jo Creech

Kitchen Committee Chair