Unit News

Unit A
Unit A will celebrate the 100th day of school on Monday, January 28. If your student did not complete their 100 item collection in the bag, they can return it on Monday. We have a fun morning planned.

Unit B
Unit B is in need of 80 empty paper towel tubes (not toilet paper tubes) for an art project later this Spring. They can be dropped off in the office or to any Unit B teacher. You do not need to be a Unit B family to donate paper towel tubes! Thank you!

Unit C
In Health and Counseling Classes, Unit C students have been learning about growth mindset. Recently we made affirmation statements. Please try and continue the conversation about growth mindset and the importance of growing as a learner at home.

A Note from Music
In music, 5th graders learned two octavo songs that they sang with all the other 5th graders at the Extravaganza this month. Unit C also learned more about instruments of the orchestra.

Classes have played Four Corners to recognize the music of Beethoven, Mozart, Bach, and Haydn. The game also challenges students to know how many instruments or singers make a solo, a duet, a trio, a quartet, and a quintet.

Many of our songs usually include a game or accompaniment on instruments such as xylophones, drums, etc. so students have many opportunities to play them.

We continue to work on naming the staff notes and music symbols, currently using magnetic game boards, sometimes making teams. Our hand staffs also continue to help with this skill. Our Game Plan activities are also encouraging active participation in class as well as our “step the beat” game.

FUNDAY
Big Drawing ticket information is in your child’s (oldest if you have more than one student) Friday folder or backpack today. Tickets are $1 each or $5 for 6. Golden Ticket incentive sales period begin today and run through Monday, February 25. For every $30 sold in 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 tickets turned in early. A link to print tickets at home is coming soon. Check those backpacks for more information! For questions, please contact Amanda Fues at amandasfues@gmail.com or Carissa Havens at carissa.havens@gmail.com.
School Club Calendar Updates

Monday Clubs:

Board Games Club  2:45-4:15, Mrs. Sandstedt’s classroom. Club dates are February 4, February 25, March 4, and March 18.
Friends of Oak Towers Club  2:50-3:45, Mrs. Shull’s classroom, next meetings are on February 4, March 4, April 15, and May 6.

Tuesday Clubs:

Chess Club  3:00-4:30, Art Room.

Ridgeway Choir resuming February 5 with Tuesday and Friday morning practices at 7:20. Ridgeway Choir is accepting new members. We do different songs for the Spring program. See Mrs. Hayes for a parent form to join. Spring Concert will be May 7.

Drama Club, Mrs. Sandstedt’s classroom. Rehearsal dates are January 29, February 5, February 12, February 19, February 26, March 5 and March 12. Dress Rehearsal and Performance Thursday, March 14.

Paper Crafting  3:05-5:00, Mrs. Dempsey’s classroom. Dates are January 29, February 12.

Running Club resuming March 12.

Wednesday Clubs:

Computer Creatives Club  7:00-7:40 in the Computer Lab.

Thursday Clubs:

Computer Lab will meet after school 3:00-4:00 in the Computer Lab.

Spelling Club  3:00-4:15 meets on January 31. The Spelling Bee is on Thursday, February 7 at 5:30. The final club meeting is a celebration on February 21! The club will not meet on February 14.

Friday Clubs:

Ridgeway Choir resuming February 5 with Tuesday and Friday morning practices at 7:20. Spring Concert will be May 7.

Ridgeway Spelling Bee

All Ridgeway students are invited to participate!
Thursday, February 7, at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center.
Trophies and certificates will be awarded! Please contact Mrs. Cox at mcox@cpsk12.org with any questions. Please register by February 6 using the sign up form below.
Then, turn it into the office or to Mrs. Cox.

Ridgeway Spelling Bee Sign Up

Student’s Name _____________________________________________________
Homeroom Teacher and Unit __________________________________________
Parent’s name and Email Address ______________________________________

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**Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars!**

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**ABCD Day Calendar**

Monday, January 28 ... C Day  
Tuesday, January 29 ... D Day  
Wednesday, January 30 ... A Day  
Thursday, January 31 ... B Day  
Friday, February 1 ... C Day

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

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**Kindergarten Registration**

**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 kindergartner. 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.

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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.