This RAP has LOTS OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

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**Unit News**

**Unit A**

Please remember to come get your students’ full grocery bags from school next week. Students can continue practicing handwriting in their Fundations journals, and work in their math books with adult support.

**Unit B**

Please check the schedule for the day and time your family should plan to pick up student items from school. Each Unit B student bag contains tote bags, school materials, reading books, a yearbook, and more. You are welcome to use these materials any way you choose to support your child’s learning over the summer.

**Unit C**

Please make plans to pick up your child’s bag from Ridgeway according to the schedule below. Inside of your child’s bag you will find their binder, pencil case, Daily Entry journal, literacy notebooks, math journals, yearbook, any personal belongings that were left at school, and if your child is a fifth grader, his/her diploma. If you are looking for ways to continue interacting with academic materials we are sending home, your child could continue to work in his/her math journal and Home Link book. They could continue writing in the Daily Entry Journal or reading through the consumable literacy booklet and respond to the text in a writing notebook.
Dear Ridgeway Families,

We hope this week finds you and your family happy and healthy. Our staff has been hard at work gathering items for your children as summer approaches. Each child has a full bag of items to be picked up, including workbooks and a yearbook. Please see below for the process we will be using to get materials back to students and allow you to return other materials.

**Student Material Pick-up/Return Process**

Families with last name beginning with A-L: May 20 from 8:30-11:00 or 4:00-6:30
Families with last name beginning with M-Z: May 21 from 8:30-11:00 or 4:00-6:30
‘Last Chance’ to pick up belongings: May 22 from 8:30-11:00

*These very specific guidelines MUST be followed for everyone’s comfort and safety:*  
- There will be no public access to the building as we adhere to state and local health department guidelines.
- All student materials will be bagged and ready for families.
- Park in the lot to the west side of Ridgeway across Grand Avenue.
- Drivers and passengers should remain in vehicles.
- For no-contact pick-up, please pop the trunk of your vehicle. If you are unable to open the trunk of your vehicle from inside the car, please open the trunk and get back inside. If there is no trunk, please open a window closest to an empty seat.
- Display, in the windshield, your child(ren)’s name written in clear, large print on a piece of paper.
- A Ridgeway staff member will radio inside the building for belongings to be brought to you.
- Staff will place items in the trunk of your car or in an empty seat.
- If you have books to return, please put them in a bag in your trunk. The staff member will get the bag. If you don’t have a trunk, place the bag outside before the staff member approaches.
- Social distancing should always be respected.
- Staff working will wear masks and gloves.
- If you have medicine to pick up, Nurse Julie Roberts has already been in contact with you. Alert staff that you have medicine to pick up by writing “Nurse” on your sign. The nurse will come to your car. If you need to reach Nurse Julie for any reason you can email her at JRoberts@cpsk12.org.

After you have all belongings in your car, one adult may exit to walk to the back parking lot (between the school and playground) for these reasons:  
- Lost and Found will be rolled outside in the lot behind Ridgeway.
- PTSA has cartons of soda and a few applesauce packs from FunDay donations. These will be in a cart in the lot behind Ridgeway. You may take one. Donations to PTSA will be accepted.

**Items to be returned to school:** Ridgeway library or classroom books may be returned during these times OR kept until August at which time they can be brought to school.

Students that are NOT returning to CPS can turn in iPads and Laptops at Aslin Admin Center South parking lot at 1818 W. Worley on June 1st-3rd from 8-4pm. All other students will KEEP their iPads until they return to school in the fall.

Thank you for your patience during this time. All of these guidelines are meant to keep our families and our staff safe and healthy.

Please continue to reach out to your child’s teacher or me (slawson@cpsk12.org) if you are in need of assistance. Keep taking one day at a time!

Sincerely,
Shari Lawson
Each week specialists will highlight a resource from the district COVID website or share a non tech activity families can do for fun.

**Art:** Take a look at Lunch Time Doodles with author Mo Willems! Learn how to draw popular characters like Elephant & Piggie or create your own doodles. [https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems/](https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems/)

**Counselor:** RWE Friends, thinking of you all and hoping everyone is staying busy and enjoying every day. Attached is a fun resource for you to explore. ❤️ Mrs. Ryberg [https://wideopenschool.org/programs/family/prek-5/emotional-well-being/](https://wideopenschool.org/programs/family/prek-5/emotional-well-being/)

**Library/Media:** Here is a list of 77 STEM activities! Challenge yourself to try a few this week! [http://dailystem.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/77-MORE-STEM-activities-for-Families.pdf](http://dailystem.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/77-MORE-STEM-activities-for-Families.pdf)

**Music:** Hi Friends! No new choice board or videos this week (Sorry! I was busy working in my rooms) However I did want to share with you all some really fun websites I’ve been using. First is for any bird lovers out there- this website will train you to identify birds by their songs!! [https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/bird-song-hero/](https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/bird-song-hero/). It is super fun and gives you a cool look at the soundwaves bird calls can make. Second is a personal favorite that is on all district iPads and NOW is available for free on chrome. The Kadinsky Chrome Lab allows users to create art with their mouse and then puts each new piece of art to music! [https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/kandinsky/](https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/kandinsky/) I hope you’re able to enjoy these! I miss you all!!

**PE:** Hi there RWE kids and families. Challenge your siblings or parents. Here is the link. [https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/11SKlAa9IhmPfHTXmI2WqBoq3J4MBkgT7](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/11SKlAa9IhmPfHTXmI2WqBoq3J4MBkgT7)

**News from Mr. Buckner:** Hey everyone! If you are looking for a cool fun science experiment, how about putting some Mentos candies into some coke and see what happens.

**News from Mrs. Pagoada:** Hey there fellow artists, Science fanatics, or anyone in the mood for something creative! I have something fun for you. Check out this downloadable coloring book filled with aquatic invertebrates that you can print and color at home: [http://mostreamteam.org/assets/kidsguidetoinvertebrates.pdf](http://mostreamteam.org/assets/kidsguidetoinvertebrates.pdf)

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**FunDay News**

THANK YOU to all who donated, volunteered to volunteer, bought tickets, planned for the event and were ready to be at another wonderful Ridgeway FunDay. While this year has taught us all a lot about flexibility and trying new things we are overjoyed to announce that FunDay was still a huge financial success to support Ridgeway for the year to come. FunDay 2020 ticket sales, donations and silent action brought in more than $11,000. May the field trips, classroom supplies and educational support in the future feel all of the love and blessing the Ridgeway Family showed in the midst of a worldwide crisis.
Dear Families,

This is a letter I never dreamed I would write, and I wish I could tell each of you in person instead of in an email. This letter is going in the Ridgeway Rap tomorrow and I want you to hear this directly from me first. I have accepted a new position to teach CPS preschoolers. This is a new adventure for me and I am moving forward with joy. I look back with gratitude to every single one of you. I honor and value each person through all 26 of my years at Ridgeway. I am especially thankful for every student and every family I have been blessed to learn with. I dearly love each of my students and each of you.

I joined the Unit A teaching team in 1994. Ridgeway is and forever will be in my blood. I have truly loved my job. During the stay at home order, a friend asked what place I miss going to the most. Without hesitation, that place has been our school. So, this new beginning is undeniably bittersweet. I am learning to hold onto both the excitement of a new position and the deep sadness of leaving people and a place I’ve loved so much and for so long. I will forever be a cheerleader and advocate for each child, each family, and for all things Ridgeway.

Much, much love,
Windy Shull

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**News from the Ridgeway Autonomous School Committee**

- We will hold a virtual zoom meeting on Monday, May 18 at 4:00. If you are interested in joining the meeting, please email Shari Lawson (slawson@cpsk12.org) and she will send the zoom link to you.

- Ridgeway’s Autonomous School Committee has two open positions:
  - Parent
  - Member-at-Large

  Each position is a 2-year term beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact a committee member no later than May 15, 2020:

  Sandy Hamar (skhamar@ccis.edu)
  Laura Sandstedt (LSandstedt@cpsk12.org)
  Tabi Williams (TWilliams@cpsk12.org)
You are invited to a drive-by celebration for

Mrs. Kathy Dempsey
Ms. Suby Wallace
Mr. Ron White

to honor them in their retirement on

Wednesday, the 27th of May
two thousand and twenty
from three to four o'clock

Ridgeway Elementary School
Sexton Road

Cards are welcomed.
Rain date: Thursday, 28th of May

In order to join the drive-by line from the Business Loop, turn to go south on Grand Ave, and then follow the green arrows on the map attached. Our honored guests will be stationed at the front of Ridgeway on the sidewalk. You may not get out of your car or stop your car. You may prepare signs, cards, wave and shout words of encouragement. Someone will be there to collect any cards from you.
Agenda
ASC Meeting, 5/18/20
Zoom Meeting (contact Shari Lawson for the zoom link)
4:00 pm

1. Call to Order @

2. Reading and approval of 2/19/20 Minutes

3. Treasurer’s Report

ASC Introductions and School Membership Comments (Limit 3 minutes per member)

5. Old Business

Review MSBA Bylaws Revisions - Pushed to August at earliest.

6. Committee Reports

RWE Facelift Committee - Erin

7. New Business

a. Open Position Elections
b. Officer Elections
c. Budget(?)
d. Principal’s Report

Set date of First Meeting Next Year

Adjournment @

For Reference meeting dates this Year:

August 28, 2019 @ 4pm
October 1, 2018 @ 4:00 pm – no meeting MSBA training
November 20, 2019 @ 4:00 pm
January 15, 2020 @ 4:00 pm – February 19, 2020 @ 4pm
March 16, 2020 (Budget Meeting) @ 4:00 pm Canceled
April 14, 2020 (Annual Membership Meeting) @ 7:00 pm AFTER PTSA Canceled
April 29, 2020 (Officer Elections) @ 4:00 pm Rescheduled - April 18, 2020 @ 4pm (Officer Elections)