Ridgeway RAP
May 10, 2019

Unit News

Unit A
Thank you for coming to IGE in Action night. Your students enjoyed sharing our classroom and learning with you. If your student has a summer birthday and hasn’t celebrated yet and would like to, please contact your homeroom teacher to set up a time.

Unit B
Field Trip Reminder! Unit B will be going to the St. Louis Science Center on Thursday, May 16. We will be leaving Ridgeway promptly at 8:00. Students should come to Unit B as soon as they arrive at school (as early as 7:20). We will be returning to Ridgeway at 4:00. Please make arrangements to pick up your child promptly. Please refer to the field trip note in your child’s home-school folder for details about lunch, what to bring on the bus, etc.

Unit C
Field Trip Reminder! Unit C will be going to the Gateway Arch in St. Louis on Thursday, May 16. We will be leaving Ridgeway promptly at 8:00. Best practice would be to arrive at school before the bell rings at 7:40. We will be returning to Ridgeway at 5:00. Please make arrangements for prompt pick up as well. All students will either need to bring a disposable sack lunch or order one from school. Be talking to your child now, if you haven’t already, to ensure he/she knows the plan and has a lunch.

Principal’s Pen...
As students end school and transition to the next unit, parents often wonder about student room assignments for the next school year. Ridgeway teachers spend time meeting with other unit teams to ensure that each child is placed in a classroom where they will thrive academically and socially. We work hard to make sure each and every classroom is a stimulating academic environment. If any parent would like to write a letter outlining their child’s individual learning needs, we are happy to consider this input. We are not able to accommodate requests for a specific classroom. Specific placement requests do not allow us to balance classrooms effectively. One of the great things about Ridgeway is the flexibility within each unit team. Children are assigned to a homeroom, but work with the other teachers in the unit. This approach to grouping students makes it possible for children to get to know and work with all of the teachers. We feel that a collective responsibility for students helps to make Ridgeway a great place to learn. Parent letters regarding their child’s learning needs should be submitted to Shari Lawson by May 23, 2019.

Thank you!
The Ridgeway Teachers and Staff would like to say a big THANK YOU for such an awesome Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week!
A message from Mrs. Bozian, Instructional Mentor

Our partnership with Columbia College this year has resulted in great success on many fronts! Columbia College students provided one-on-one reading instruction for children throughout the spring semester while continuously assessing their progress and making adjustments based on identified needs-real world teaching experience! In addition, four Columbia College student interns successfully completed their student teaching and are now ready to enter the work force after gaining authentic and rigorous training from our RWE teachers. Thanks to all partnership stakeholders for a wonderful year of learning for all.

The Annual Ridgeway Picnic will be Thursday, May 23.

School lunch for that day will be hot dogs, carrots, applesauce, and milk. If you have an active lunch account, this is charged as a regular school lunch. If you do not have an active lunch account, the cost is $2.80 (Correct change is helpful.) Students also have the option to bring a lunch from home. All students will travel to Cosmo Park first thing in the morning and return to school for dismissal. Ridgeway staff supervise this day, so parent volunteers are not needed.

A few notes about the day:
- We will be outside for the majority of the day. Please put sunscreen on your child.
- All students are welcome to bring a water bottle labeled with their names.
- Apple slices will be served for morning snack.

Media Center

Please return ALL library books next week on or before May 17. Now is the time for that deep search for missing books. Books that are lost or damaged should be paid for as soon as possible. Lost books over $10 that are found within one year will be refunded. Please contact Mrs. Munsterman with any questions:
rmunsterman@cpsk12.org

Summer Reading

Ridgeway students are invited to participate in a program to check out books from the Ridgeway Media Center to read over the summer! This is a great way to keep kids reading all summer long! The program is open to students currently in grades K – 4 who have no overdue/unpaid books from the media center. Please see the permission slip going home today for more information. The permission slip is due back by Friday, May 17 if students would like to participate in this summer reading program.
Field Day is Tuesday, May 28 from 8:30-10:00! We will hope for good weather so be sure to dress your kiddos in athletic shoes and clothes that are quick drying as there are several water relay events and consider applying sunscreen. We are in need of several volunteers - we especially need people to fill water balloons for this fun event! Please use this link [Field Day](#) for more information and to sign up and/or contact Valerie Freed at v_freed@yahoo.com or 573-864-5103 with any questions you may have. Thank you!

### Upcoming Events

- **Monday, May 13** - All School Photo
- **Thursday, May 16** - Unit B Field Trip to St. Louis Science Center
- **Thursday, May 16** - Unit C Field Trip to St. Louis Arch
- **Tuesday, May 23** - Ridgeway’s All School Picnic
- **Friday, May 24** - 5th Grade Graduation at 8:05 AM
- **Tuesday, May 28** - Ridgeway’s Field Day.
- **Tuesday, May 28** - Last Day of School, Early Dismissal at 12:10

### ABCD Day Calendar

- **Monday, May 13** ... B Day
- **Tuesday, May 14** ... C Day
- **Wednesday, May 15** ... D Day
- **Thursday, May 16** ... A Day
- **Friday, May 17** ... B Day

Please have your child wear tennis shoes to school the day they have PE.
Summer Reading
It's in the Bag!

Dear Ridgeway Families:

Ridgeway students are invited to participate in a program to check out books from the Ridgeway Media Center to read over the summer! The program is open to students currently in grades K - 4 who have no overdue/unpaid books from the media center.

Here is how the program will work:
• Students will come to the library at a designated time during the last week of school to check out up to 8 books.
• Each student that participates in the program will be given a canvas bag with a zipper to keep his or her books in for the summer.

We are asking those who participate to make a commitment to:
• Keep the books in the bags whenever they are not being read and keep the bag in a safe place.
• Return all books and the bag to Ridgeway at the Ice Cream Social on August 13.
• If you move unexpectedly during the summer, return the books and the bag to the Board Office if Ridgeway is not open.

If you have any questions, please let me know.
Rebecca Munsterman, Media Specialist, rmunsterman@cpsk12.org

If you would like to participate, please sign and return this slip by Friday May 17.

I would like my child to participate in the Summer Reading Bag Program. We agree to take care of the books by keeping them in the bag, return the books and bag at the Ice Cream Social on August 13, and enjoy reading!

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Student Name               Unit      Teacher

Parent signature