Unit A  A huge thank you to Mr. Balakrishnan (Adithya’s dad) and graduate students from Architectural Studies at MU for bringing amazing 3D demonstrations for all Unit A students to try last Friday afternoon.

Please be sure your Unit A student brings a backpack every day of school. Many treasures will be going home before and on the last day next week.

Unit C  has had a great year. We have enjoyed the generosity and support of our parents. We see lots of growth academically and socially with our students. We hope each of you have a restful summer!

We encourage students to read and write over the summer. Your student can continue to practice academic skills on a device by visiting the following websites or using apps at homes: myon.com, Greg Tang Math (There is even a summer challenge they can work on.), spellingcity.com (search for lists under “Kathy Dempsey”), and other websites that are available via the Ridgeway website (www.cpsk12.org/rwe).

These students made the District’s Honors Choir! Congratulations to: Abbey Theberge, Addison Darr, Christina Cox, Jade Castilow, and Sophia Bader.

Ridgeway Picnic  The annual Ridgeway Picnic will be Tuesday, May 24. School lunch for that day will be hot dogs, carrots, apple slices, and milk. This is charged as a regular school lunch. Students have the option to bring their own lunch from home, but if they choose to have the school lunch that is provided, the cost is $2.60 (correct change is helpful). All students will travel to Cosmos 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 name.
• Our tradition is to have a community snack. Students may bring a snack to share. These snacks may be sent to school from May 16–24. Some suggestions might be: washed and ready-to-serve fruit, bag of chips or pretzels, box of Cheezits, package of cookies etc. Apple slices will be served for morning snack.

Field Day  Track & Field Day is Wednesday, May 25th at 1:00! Volunteers should arrive at 12:30.

Please go to http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f48a4af2c7-field/ to sign-up or contact Valerie Freed via email v_freed@yahoo.com or call/text 573-864-5103 for more information. Thank you!!
Principal’s Pen

In the May 6 edition of the Ridgeway RAP, I wrote about three staff members that will be leaving Ridgeway. Ann Chapin and NaeAnn Flood are retiring, while Valerie Harre is moving to another elementary school within Columbia Public Schools.

I would like to share additional news about the staff. Columbia Public Schools has recently reviewed positions within the schools and how each position supports students. It has been determined to reallocate funds from Playground, Cafeteria, and Crossing Guard supervisory positions. Each elementary school will have Classroom Aide positions that cover the responsibilities of the eliminated position roles, in addition to working directly with students in the classroom and supporting teacher instruction. What does this mean for Ridgeway?

For Ridgeway, this means that we will have four additional staff members leaving at the end of the school year. We will miss:

- Mr. Woody Warren – Playground and Bus Supervisor
- Mrs. Cletie Warren – Lunchroom Supervisor
- Ms. Rosie Warren – Playground Supervisor
- Mr. Taylor Buckner – Crossing Guard

Please consider sending a card for each of these staff members. They will be missed by our entire school population. We will collect cards and present them to each staff member on the last day of school. Notes from students are always welcome! For any family that would like to make a donation, we have made plans to build an additional bench on the playground next school year dedicated to our supervisors. Please send donations to the Ridgeway office.

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From Nurse Marla....

End of the year Medications & Inhalers

As we approach the end of the school year, please keep the following medication information in mind:

- Bring only the medication needed to complete the school year. Medication must be delivered by a parent/guardian or designated adult.
- Pick up excess medication stored at school by 5/26/2016. A parent/guardian or designated adult must pick up the medication. All excess medication will be disposed of after this date.
- If medication will be administered during the 2016 summer school session, existing medication may be kept at the school only if a new summer school Medication Administration Record has been completed and returned to the school nurse. These forms are available from your school nurse.

If you have questions, please contact the school nurse.

Marla Johnson, School Nurse, 214-3550

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Ridgeway Calendar

May 24 | All School End of Year Picnic
May 25 | 1:00 Track & Field Day (Unit B & C) and Bubbles and Chalk (Unit A)
May 26 | Official Last day of School
        | Ridgeway Award Assembly, Fifth Grade Recognition 8:05
        | School dismisses at 12:10

ABCD Calendar

Monday, May 23 ~ D
Tuesday, May 24 ~ A
Wednesday, May 25 ~ B
Thursday, May 26 ~ School Assembly
specials do not meet

Please remember that the day your child has PE, they must wear tennis shoes to class.
It's hard to believe my 8 years at Ridgeway has come to an end. Despite my many roles, the biggest joy has come from coordinating FunDay.

In the last 8 years, Ridgeway families have helped us raise $125,000 for our students. The PTSA operating budget is about $13,000 per year. The funds are used for Field Trips; Expenses for Units, Clubs, Specialists, Media Center; and much more. FunDay money has also purchased the IPADS and cart shared by Units A & B, additional laptops for students, helped improve the average age of reading material in the library and purchased guided reading materials needed for each unit.

Earnings for FunDay this year were $15,000. This accomplishment is due solely to the support of ALL our Ridgeway families and staff and could not be accomplished without you. I want to say thank you to everyone who has helped to make this event such a huge success. It never ceases to amaze me how our families pull together for our children and our school. I look forward to attending FunDay next year and will miss the Ridgeway family and support you all provide. Thank you for all you do! April Ferrao

Summer School News... We are excited to have many Ridgeway students participating in summer school this year! We will be hosting an Open House for students new to Ridgeway on Thursday, June 2 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Current Ridgeway students who will be attending summer school will receive a note on May 26 telling who their homeroom teacher will be for the summer. Class lists will also be available on the first day of summer school. We look forward to fun and learning this summer!

Lunch procedures for Ridgeway students will be the same as during the school year. Students who pay for school breakfasts and lunches during the school year will continue to pay for meals this summer. Students who receive free or reduced meals during the school year will continue to have access to breakfast and lunch during summer school. Please make sure that your student has money in their lunch account if they plan to buy breakfast or lunch this summer.

Ridgeway 6th Annual POOL PARTY
Parents and students please join this Ridgeway Family for an evening of summer fun and fellowship!

When: Saturday, July 16 5:15-7:15 pm
Where: Oakland Pool
Cost: Free (Donations gladly accepted )

Note: This is a Ridgeway Family ONLY event. Parents are required to stay with their students. Students are not to be dropped off at the pool.

RSVP is not required to attend but would be greatly appreciated to plan lifeguard staffing.
Please e-mail or call Kelli with the number attending by July 14.

Questions? Please contact Kelli Thomas at 268-6495 or thomaskla3@gmail.com

Save the Date
Open House and Ice Cream Social
Thursday, August 11, 2016
5:30-6:30

you're invited to a...

UNIT A 4th Annual Play Date
August 2nd 5-7 -- This event is for incoming (new) and returning Unit A students to meet and see each other prior to school starting. Watch for additional invitations to this event this summer.