Today marks the last day of the 2019-2020 school year. We miss our students and families very much. It has been fun to wave and see you as you pick up student belongings. The ‘last chance’ to pick up items will be tomorrow, Friday, May 22 from 8:30-11:00. Also, Ridgeway Staff made this video for you to enjoy over the summer: 

https://youtu.be/XrJBWh3cEhM

News from Ridgeway’s Autonomous School Committee

Ridgeway’s Autonomous School Committee has two open positions: 1) Parent 2) Member-at-Large. Each position is a 2-year term beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. We have three candidates interested in the two positions. We will hold an electronic vote so all Ridgeway parents will be able to participate in the vote.

1. Biographical information for each candidate is included at the end of this RAP. It is arranged in alphabetical order by candidate name.
2. TODAY - Thursday, May 21, all current Ridgeway families will receive an email from: ahorn@cpsk12.org via SurveyMonkey. The email will include the biographical information for each candidate and ask parents to vote for two out of three candidates. Voting will last for one week and will end on May 28. Please look for the email later today.
3. On Friday, May 29 – the top two winners will be announced. The candidate receiving the most votes will serve in the parent position. The candidate receiving the second most votes will serve in the member-at-large position.
4. Our next Autonomous School Committee meeting will be Wednesday, September 2 at 4:00. We will either meet in person or via zoom, depending on current health guidelines and CPS protocol.
5. Officers will be elected at the September 4 meeting.
Counselor: Dear Ridgeway Families! Wishing you and your family a very safe summer! Enjoy each day and remember to practice self-care and kindness to yourself and others. Looking forward to seeing you all again! See page 6 and 7 for more counseling news.

Library/Media: Even though we embark on the summer in a different way than usual, there are still a lot of fun summer reading programs available. There are programs through Daniel Boone Public Library, Barnes & Noble, Sora, and others. Click the link here to find out more information: https://www.smore.com/7xyke

I look forward to when I can see you face to face and chat about books again. Keep up those good reader habits all summer long! ~Mrs. Munsterman

Music: Well, we made it! Not in a way I ever could have imagined, but here we are. What an absolute joy I’ve had this year getting to know your students and Ridgeway. I feel so lucky to be a part of such a wonderful school. At the end of each year in music I like to make our last class special by turning our classroom into a summer camp. Even though we cannot be together this year around a pretend fire I still wanted us to share that final joy of singing, so I made my own campsite at home and recorded this video… https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QiPiKCMeKy

I hope you all have wonderful summers and continue to allow music to be a part of your every day, in whatever way possible.

PE: Ridgeway students and families, I hope everyone is ready for school to be out!! I know you probably have lot’s of fun activities planned. I will miss all of you so much, especially the graduates that I won’t see next year. PE will be different in Middle School, but I think you will really like it!!! Take care everyone and stay healthy, happy and safe this summer!!

Here is the link for a dance to the tune of “Old Town Road”
https://www.bing.com/videos/search?view=detail&mid=AD3665D9D043C8D80B4DAD3665D9D043C8D80B4D&shtp=GetUrl&shid=527a07ec-g61e-41c8-88b4-a4ab511fe5dc&shk=znzum315D6ClP4dwJVj9p6%2B1oj6NdxFcyJQc3wrwsY%3D&form=VDSHT&shth=OSH.L678UFTpcaDXoznjQ8xGkw

News from Mr. Buckner: Ridgeway family, I will miss you and I wish you all a great summer. To the 5th graders, best of luck on your next journey. I am extremely proud of you and thankful for each one of you. Here is a cool activity that you can do at home. https://www.wevideo.com/view/1614427122

News from Mrs. Pagoada: It has been an honor and a privilege to get to know all of you this year. I hope you have a safe and happy summer and I am sending you many well wishes until we meet again. In the meantime, here is something you can work on from home. You can study up on anything you are interested in with this PBL resource (Project Based Learning). Check out the following link, pick your grade range and area of interest, and explore! https://app.pblproject.com/students/lessonplan/search
Ridgeway Autonomous School Committee candidate – Anne Alexander

I am writing to express my interest in joining Ridgeway’s Autonomous School Committee. I am passionate about education and have spent my adult life in multiple education communities. I am a former teacher and a current law professor (teaching Education Law). My role as mom to Lilly and Sydney (heading into unit B) has been transformative on my views on education in more ways than I can write here. I want to join the Committee because I want to give back; it feels like the most natural place to share my various education-based skills and experiences (some of which are listed below).

- Master of Science in Elementary Education
- Graduate Certificate in Educational Public Policy
- Former Teacher, multi-lingual 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade classroom (lead teacher, math instruction)
- Certified professional learning coach, trained by the National School Reform Faculty
- Presented classroom research at National Council of Teachers of English national conferences
- Authored a fully-funded $48,000 technology grant for a classroom mobile computer lab
- Co-authored “Revisiting Texts” in Scholastic’s Reading Revealed: 50 Expert Teacher’s Share What They Do and Why They Do it
- Legal Intern: Missouri School Boards’ Association & Missouri DESE
- Represented Chicago Urban League in inequitable school funding lawsuit

When I think about the Committee, I think about the power of community to imagine, create, and maintain a flexible educational environment based in a shared vision for our children’s future. I want to be a part of that.

Ridgeway Autonomous School Committee candidate – Joanne Boomer

One year ago I had the opportunity to fill an open position on the Autonomous School Committee (ASC) and serve as vice president. In that time I’ve learned how the unique position and flexibility Ridgeway has been given as an Autonomous School can benefit our kids. Parents and the ASC can contribute to different aspects of the administration of Ridgeway including certain budget decisions, provide feedback and guidance to make our school better for our kids today. My job in Information Technology at the University of Missouri requires me to ask questions and help solve challenges as small as affecting one person or thousands. Budgets, technical challenges, support, management, there are few topics I’ve not had a conversation about. These same strengths I bring to the ASC.

I am the mom of two Ridgeway kids, one in 4th grade and the other in Kindergarten. Continuing to serve Ridgeway as a parent representative on the ASC provides a viewpoint from a parent at both ends of the age spectrum with a voice to ask the questions and look at every detail before decisions are made.

Let’s work together.
Joanne Boomer

Ridgeway Autonomous School Committee candidate – Madalyn Gramke

My name is Madalyn Gramke. I’m the wife of Unit C teacher, Zach Gramke, and mother to upcoming Unit B and C students, Blair and Emersyn Gramke. I’m running to be a part of the Ridgeway Autonomous School Committee because Ridgeway is our families second home and where our heart resides. I believe I would be an asset to the committee because I have a passion and personal interest in the health and wellbeing of the school, the students and the staff. In addition to the emotional reasons that I want to be involved I also believe my strengths and experience would benefit Ridgeway and the committee. I have held various board positions in the last 12 years serving in a variety of roles from membership retention, vice president to president. Focusing on the health and happiness of the children of Columbia has always been a passion of mine. Some of my more recent boards and/or organizations I have been involved in are Kiwanis, Youth Empowerment Zone, and Big Brother/Big Sister. In my day to day job as a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, I work with my clients to learn what is most important to them and partner with them in creating strategies to achieve their goals. I believe that my history of being a board member and leader within my firm and my strengths of partnering with others to achieve desired results in the most efficient and appropriate manner to all involved would make me an asset to the Ridgeway Autonomous School Committee.
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.
It’s summer time and that means lots of time outdoors! While this bring much needed change, it also creates new opportunities for children to encounter dangerous situations. It’s important for adults to have conversations with children about ways to help them stay safe. School counselors talk with students each year about the 3 Rs: Recognize, Refuse & Report, as well as the Ways to Stay Safe & Never, Never Rules. Take a few minutes to review these rules to ensure a safer summer!
WAYS to Stay Safe

Recognize
Is it safe? What’s the rule?

Report
Tell an adult

Refuse
Say words that mean no