Remember Monday, November 19 is the Unit A Thanksgiving Snack Feast. Please send a healthy, ready to eat snack with your student. Volunteers are welcome and should arrive at 1:15.

During December, Unit A students study Holidays Around the World. More information about this unit of study and how you can participate is coming home today with your student.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us at Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences. We love having the opportunity to work with all our families as a team to support your children.

One of Unit C’s Traditional holiday activities is visiting a couple of area daycares to share in the holiday spirit. We will read books and play with preschoolers. Families can participate by donating books and puzzles that are in good condition and appropriate for preschoolers, no stuffed animals.

There is an open position on the Ridgeway Autonomous School Committee. The position may be filled by any member of the Ridgeway community, except a current staff member – parent, former student, partner in education, etc. The board meets at least four times a year with a general membership meeting annually. Please email Shari Lawson (slawson@cpsk12.org) if you are interested. Our next meeting is December 12 at 4:00.

I recently learned that several emails that were sent to me did not end up in my ‘inbox’. If you need to reach me, and I do not respond by email; please, PLEASE call and leave a message at the school office. I will make sure that you receive a return call.
Music Report From Mrs. Hayes

1. Keeping a steady beat. Various games help to make this fun (Cookie jar in Unit A, Jolly Jolly Rhythm in Unit C, the name game in Units B and C, and Jan Ken Pon Yo in all units). We also keep the beat while singing.

2. Knowing the difference between “beat” and “rhythm.”

3. Identifying line and space notes on the staff. We use our music carpet a lot. We also read melodies and rhythms on the SMARTBOARD and on flash cards.

4. Learning the meaning of various music symbols and music terms. Games are sometimes used to develop an understanding of terms and symbols.

5. Playing various rhythm instruments and keyboard instruments to accompany songs. Sometimes students are asked to play a specific rhythm or melody. Sometimes they must create one. Our Halloween songs provided opportunities to act out a story and/or to create special effects using the instruments.

6. Singing on pitch. We work to help all students understand their voice and how to use it well. By using hand signs and singing syllables they strive to sing on pitch and in tune with their natural voice.

7. Reading rhythms and drawing bar lines on our turkey and pumpkin worksheets. Singing “Super Turkey” and “Things I’m Thankful For.” We learn to recognize major and minor tonalities and to expressively tell a story and sing about what we are thankful for through song.

Picture retake day is Thursday, November 29. Order forms can be picked up in the office.

If you are unhappy with your picture package and would like to do picture retakes, DO NOT CUT the pictures in any way!! Packages have to be returned in their entirety. Please make sure all pictures and the information sheet are inside the package. Wagner suggests writing a short note as to what you would like to be done differently. For example, “Please make sure you can see her teeth when she smiles.” Return packages to Ridgeway before November 29 for retakes.

ABCD Day Calendar

Monday, November 19... A Day
Tuesday, November 20 ... B Day
Wednesday, November 21 ... NO SCHOOL
Thursday, November 22... NO SCHOOL
Friday, November 23 ... NO SCHOOL

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

Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars

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