UNIT A  Thank you so much to Mrs. Dominique King for presenting Hispanic Heritage to all Unit A classrooms. Please be sure your students are prepared for our daily outdoor recesses with appropriate outerwear. Also, please put your child’s name on all outerwear, backpacks and lunchboxes!

UNIT B  Unit B teachers are finding a lot of coats and lunchboxes left in the hallway every day. Please make sure your child’s belongings have your child’s name on them and encourage your child to keep track of their belongings at school. Thank you!

UNIT C  Everyday students need to come to school with their iPad (adequately charged), home-to-school folder, and a snack. Students have been doing a good job of remembering these items. When they are forgotten, teachers talk to students about the importance of routines that make sure the items are not forgotten even if the morning is rushed. Students are not allowed to call home if these items do not make it to school.

Several parents have asked what school work their child needs to do on their iPad during the week. The To Do List outlines each week’s required work. Students should check off completed assignments. Please check with your student about their progress. Students may read their Scholastic News magazine using the Scholastic Magazine app. Access codes have been shared with students. The app includes a related video and will read the magazine aloud to the student. Students are asked to “check” their answers using the app. Students may also use their iPad to complete their monthly reading calendar requirements. They may read old Scholastic magazine issues, books on Myon.com or the Myon app, or books on Pebble Go. Spelling words can be practiced using the Spelling City app. Math facts can be practiced using a number of apps. We have also downloaded a number of additional math and problem solving apps.

Parents: Yearbook orders are going home today! Yearbooks are $5.50 per book. Deadline to order is October 26. Please send correct cash or checks payable to Wagner Portrait Group using the sealed envelope provided. Yearbooks orders will be collected in the classrooms. Please have your child(ren) turn their orders in to their teacher.

This will be your only opportunity to order a yearbook.

Ridgeway PTSA generously provides a yearbook for each fifth grader at Ridgeway. It is not necessary to purchase a yearbook if you have a fifth grade student!
Music classes are advancing in their ability to read music using hand signs. Eventually students will compose songs for the class to read. Many students have been hand sign leaders. Classes are also challenged to sing rounds and harmonizing part songs. We have enjoyed vowel songs in English ("Apples and Bananas") and in Spanish ("Yo Te Dare"), and Units A and B students have sung a Spanish lullaby, "Nino Querido."

Composer identification packets and our bulletin board help students learn important cultural and historical facts as well as musical information. We often use a tic-tac-toe game to deepen the learning process and make learning more fun. Several songs we regularly sing in class help students to feel secure with their singing voice. These include: "Let Us Sing Together," "The Orchestra Song," "Alleluia" by Mozart, "The Star Spangled Banner," "America," "America the beautiful," and the "Ridgeway School Song."

Unit A has learned dynamics by playing the Lucy Locket game. They have been challenged to recognize rhythms and sing on pitch with fun activities.

Units B and C are improving their on-pitch singing by playing the Name Game. Unit B has sung and danced the French song, "Sur le Pont" and the round, "Scotland's Burning."

Unit C has practiced recorder fingering technique and note reading. We are working on "Ode to Joy" and are starting the recorder packet of songs from the Gameplan curriculum. Our partner and group work allows many students to lead groups. They are also learning "Crawdad Song" which fifth graders will sing at the Extravaganza in January.

Lastly, we are fortunate to have our piano tuned twice a year. To emphasize the beauty of the instrument I played Fur Elise for classes soon after the tuning. All classes exhibited model audience behavior.

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THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO RIDGEWAY!

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9 3:00-6:30
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10 3:00-6:30
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11 8:00-10:00

Students can preview the selection ahead of time, but sales will only be conducted Wednesday and Thursday after school and Friday morning.

The book fair coincides with parent teacher conferences, so we hope to see you all there!

If you would like to volunteer to help with the book fair, please visit this website to sign up: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090944adaf2eaaf58-book
Ridgeway School Club Information

- Choir ~ Tuesday, morning practice at 7:25 AM, and Thursdays during Unit B & C lunch recess
- Tuesday ~ Chess Club, Art Room 3:00-4:30
- Wednesday ~ Drama Club 3:00 - 4:00
- Wednesday ~ Sports Club 3:00 - 4:00
- Thursday ~ Computer Lab 3:00 - 4:00
- Thursday ~ Fall Lego Club 3:00-4:00
- Thursday ~ Spelling Club 3:00- 4:00
- Friday ~ Reading Club, Unit C Lunch 12:25-12:50

Club Notes

Paper Crafting will meet on Wednesdays from 3:00-5:00, only on specific dates. The next meetings are November 2 and 16, December 14, with more dates in the new year.

Oak Towers Club will meet on Tuesdays from 2:45 to 3:45 on the following dates: October 25, November 15 and December 6.

Spelling Club ~ Mrs. Cox, Sponsor ~ May still join!

All Unit B and Unit C students are invited to attend Spelling Club each Thursday after school from 3:00 – 4:00 in Mrs. Cox’s classroom. Club meetings began on Thursday, October 6. Students will be dismissed promptly at 4:00, and parents should pick up at the front of the school. Our last meeting will be after the school Spelling Bee in February, 2017.

The purpose and the focus of the club is to practice for spelling competition. Materials from the Scripps National Spelling program will be used to coach students for competition. You may visit the website at www.spellingbee.com for more information.

Please complete the sign up form below for your child to participate and return to school.

Student Name: _______________________________ Homeroom: ___________
Parent Name : _______________________________ Phone: _______________
Email: ________________________________________
Emergency Contact: ___________________________ Phone: _______________

Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars!

Tuesday, October 18 ~ Dental Screening and Fluoride Clinic
Wednesday, October 19 ~ Early dismissal at 12:10
Tuesday, October 25 ~ Picture retake day and classroom group pictures
Wednesday, October 26 ~ yearbook orders due
Friday, October 28 ~ Unit Parties, check RAP for times
Monday, October 31 ~ No School, Teacher Collaboration Day

Please remember tennis shoes must be worn the day your child has PE.