Unit News ABC

Unit A
Remember, Ridgeway students do not wear costumes for Halloween. Remember to send a healthy snack to school, no candy please. Friday, November 2, is our next Munch and Read. We look forward to having you in our classrooms next week.

Unit B
We had more than 30 unlabeled items of clothing left in the Unit B hallway this week! Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the upcoming chilly weather and that your child’s clothing is labeled. Thank you! Unit B book orders are due by Wednesday, October 31.

Conference request forms are in Friday Folders today. Please complete the form, indicating your preferences, and return the form to your child’s homeroom teacher as soon as possible. Forms that are received on Monday, October 29, will have first priority to select conference times. All forms are due by Wednesday, October 31.

Unit C
Unit C teachers would like you to please check with your child about the following items:
* Does he/she have headphones at school? These are used to listen to different educational apps.
* How is iPad usage at home going? Remember to find a safe charging place at home and set up a system to make sure your child remembers it each day for school. Don’t forget, as the parent you get to set the rules for usage at home!
* What day does your child have P.E.? Help them to remember to wear tennis shoes!
* What is the temperature going to be like outside? Kids’ Choice is 55 degrees Fahrenheit. Anything less than that requires a jacket or coat. Please help your child bring layers to school depending on the weather and if he/she likes to wear an extra layer inside all day.

Each unit will have a Fall Party on Wednesday, October 31 according to the following schedule:
- Unit A 1:25-2:25
- Unit B 1:25-2:25
- Unit C 1:15-2:25

Parties are for Ridgeway students only; please make other arrangements for younger siblings if a parent is volunteering during the party. Also, we do not wear costumes or dress up at Ridgeway for Halloween. Please do not send your child to school with any part of their costume.

Website: https://www.cpsk12.org/rwe
Spina Bifida Awareness Month

By this time in the school year, you may have seen or heard about a student at Ridgeway who uses a wheelchair. We know that you or your child may have questions about this situation, so we wanted to reach out to tell you a little more about our daughter, Ryleigh. She was born with a condition called spina bifida. Since October is spina bifida awareness month, we thought it was a good opportunity to reach out and tell you a little more about Ryleigh, about her condition, and maybe help answer some questions you or your child may have. To this end we have composed a brief letter that is available at Ridgeway. You can pick up a paper copy in the school office or contact the office to have the letter emailed to you. We’d be happy to answer any questions you have as well.

Ron and Carmen Rowe - Parents of Ryleigh Rowe, Unit A

Principal’s Pen...

Now that your family has finished reading Rid- ing Freedom, please consider continuing this tradition of reading as a family each evening. You might get a library card and make a regular habit of visiting the library to find books. Check out the ‘new release’ or ‘award nominee’ books in the children’s section.

My own children are 20 and 15. (Gasp! I even gasp a little as I write this!) They are less interested in cuddling up with Mom and reading now, but it was a favorite activity when they were younger. Even through middle school, my husband and I read with our kids every day. In fact, one of the most severe ‘punishments’ in our family was NO books before bed. For the past two weeks, my daughter has participated in the Ridgeway One Read with me, and it has been wonderful! We talk about Charley/Charlotte at other times throughout the day, we wonder what it would be like to make our own way at a young age, and we were delighted to learn at the end of the book that Charlotte was based on a real person! When parents read books with children, we create shared experiences that shape our family culture. Thank you for participating!

Thank you for participating in the Ridgeway One Read! I strongly believe one of the reasons I enjoy reading is because I have many fond memories of my mother reading to me growing up. Those positive experiences with literature have impacted who I am as a person and educator. Because of this, I am passionate about families having conversations and spending time together with books in hand. I hope through the Ridgeway One Read your family had an opportunity to make some great memories these past two weeks. Reading together as a family doesn’t have to stop with the ending of the One Read, though! If you are looking for what to read next, here are some other great historical fiction/adventure stories:

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko
The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
I Survived series by Lauren Tarshis
Ranger in Time series by Kate Messner
Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne

Thank you and happy reading!

~Mrs. Munsterman

Ridgeway has an exciting opportunity to attend a preview show of ‘Beauty and the Beast’ at Battle High School. Our entire school will travel to Battle High on November 8 to see the show performed by Battle students. We will be gone during the morning and return in plenty of time for lunch.

Because of the show, our picture re-take day has been moved to November 29. If you want picture retakes, picture packages have to be returned in their entirety. Pictures cannot be cut in any way. 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.
Meet Ms. Fader!

The Basics!

Hello! My name is Riley Fader, and I will be working with Ms. Malveaux for the next six weeks at Ridgeway Elementary. I am currently in the process of completing my Special Education Certification K-12 and am looking forward to gaining the experience and knowledge that Ridgeway has to offer. I will be alongside Ms. Malveaux as a student teacher and cannot wait to meet and learn from your students!

Education!

I am a Master’s Degree student at Columbia College, pursuing my degree and certification in Special Education K-12. Currently, I have a Bachelors in Education K-5, but my passion is working in the special-education classroom. Following the completion of my student teaching, I will be certified in Special Education K-12.

Looking ahead to School Events ~ Please mark your calendars!

- November 2: Munch-n-Read 2:00-2:30, Unit A Families are welcome
- November 5: NO SCHOOL—Teacher Workday
- November 5: Skating Party at Empire Roller Rink
  - Unit A 5:30—7:00 PM
  - Unit B and C 7:00—8:30 PM
- November 6: NO SCHOOL—Election Day
- November 13: PTSA Advisory Council 6:00 PM
- November 13: PTSA Meeting 6:30 PM
- November 14: Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences 3:30-6:00 PM
- November 15: Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences 3:30-6:00 PM
- November 16: NO SCHOOL—Conferences
- November 16: Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences 8:00-10:00 AM
- November 21-23: NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break
- November 29: Picture Retakes NEW DATE
- November 29: Drama Club Dress Rehearsal 6:10-7:00
- November 29: Drama Club Performance—All are invited 7:00 PM

ABCD Day Calendar

- Monday, October 29 ... A Day
- Tuesday, October 30 ... B Day
- Wednesday, October 31 ... C Day
- Thursday, November 1 ... D Day
- Friday, November 2 ... A Day

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