No school on Monday, October 31.

**UNIT A** Thank you to all who helped make our Fall party so much fun and to everyone who helped make Wheels Day a success. Reminder: next Friday, November 4 is Munch and Read. Please join us from 2:00-2:40 pm.

**UNIT B** will be out of the building on a field trip to the Planetarium at Rock Bridge High School next Thursday, November 3 from 10:00-11:45. Scholastic Book Orders were sent home today and are due on Wednesday, November 2.

**Unit C** Thank you to Haley Atkins for coordinating our Fall Party and to other parents who donated items. We hope our students have a fun and safe three day weekend! Don’t forget that reading calendars are due the first week of November.

**Ridgeway Shirt orders will be due on Friday, November 4.** Keep in mind that shirts will be royal blue, a lighter shade than what is reflected on the electronic copy of the form. Please be sure to staple checks to your order or place checks or cash with your completed order form in an envelope. This will help us keep money and orders together!

Please contact Anna McMillen at anna.mcmillen@gmail.com with any questions.

**Ridgeway Family Skate Night**

Come have some fun and exercise with the Ridgeway family and help a good cause. Regular skates are $6 per person (inline skates are an additional $3). A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a charity chosen by Student Council. Bring your own skates if you wish but they must have very clean wheels. This event is reserved for Ridgeway students and their families only. Please ensure your children are supervised by an adult during the skate party to help keep all skaters safe.

When: Monday, November 7 (No school on Tuesday, November 8 – Election Day)
Where: Empire Roller Rink, 1305 Business Loop 70 E
Times: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm Unit A
       7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Units B & C
Fundraising for Ridgeway

Ridgeway promotes ONE Fundraiser every year, FUNDAY. However, there are many ways in which participation in various activities can help us to earn a few extra dollars. Below is a list of such opportunities.

1. **Shoparoo** – This year we are participating in a hassle-free fundraiser called Shoparoo. Nationwide, 7,000+ schools are already fundraising through Shoparoo and we see it as great opportunity for us to make a difference this year. All you need to do is take pictures of your grocery receipts with the Shoparoo app made for your smartphone. It doesn’t matter where you shop or what you buy - every receipt submitted results in a donation to our school! So, what are you waiting for? Downloading the app from this link will earn us BONUS points http://app.shoparoo.com/share/6akqd1z7 and then select our school as your chosen cause. Since there is no limit to how much money we can raise with Shoparoo, be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to join in – every receipt counts, and you get bonus points when your friends sign up. Examples of what you can upload: Target/Walmart/Gerbs – Anything purchased, Break-Time – Buy a soda at a convenience store, upload the receipt, Prescriptions -- Got some allergy meds from Kilgores – this receipt counts too, Pet Store – Does Fluffy need some food – Upload that receipt as well. In general any grocery, pet store, convenience store, etc will work. If in doubt try uploading, you never know. For every 500 points Ridgeway earns $1.00.

2. **BoxTops for Education** – Twice a year the Box Tops Coordinator submits Boxtops and Ridgeway receives a check based on the number submitted. Boxtops can be sent to school at ANY time during the school year. In addition to cutting out Boxtops you can earn additional points for our school at their website: http://www.boxtops4education.com/ Just this small act earns us on average $1200.00 each year! That’s no small potatoes. So get Clipping!

3. **Labels for Education** – This is like the BoxTops program. Labels can be found on a wide variety of products such as Campbells soups and V8 juices. With Labels for Education collections we most recently received much needed playground equipments such as jump ropes, balls, etc. Labels can be sent to school ANYTIME. 2016 IS THE LAST YEAR OF THIS PROGRAM, SO TURN IN ASAP!

4. **Tyson Project A+ program** – Tyson Products also sends checks to schools for turning in Tyson A+ labels. Labels can be found on nearly every Tyson frozen food item. Check their website for participating products: http://projectaplus.tyson.com/ Tyson labels can be sent to school ANYTIME.

5. **Amazon SMILE**—If you order products from Amazon, consider using the Ridgeway https://smile.amazon.com site instead! It is the exact same as ordering from Amazon, but a portion of the proceeds go to the school. Log into the general Amazon Smile page with your usual Amazon account information. When it asks you who you would like to support, choose “PTA Missouri Congress Ridgeway Elementary PTA”. After you do so the first time, it will remember who you want to support every time you login to the site.

We also periodically find out about online contests to benefit schools in terms of money or supplies (e.g., Target, Lysol, office supply companies). Make sure you are a member of our Facebook group to help us with these opportunities! Search “Ridgeway Elementary PTSA Outreach” on FB to find us!
Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars!

Monday, October 31 ~ No School, Teacher Collaboration Day
Tuesday, November 1 ~ Parent Advisory Council, 6:00; PTSA 6:30
Friday, November 4 ~ Munch and Read, 2:00-2:40 Unit A Parents are welcome to join their child!
Monday, November 7 ~ Skating Party, Unit A 5:30 - 7:00, Units B & C 7:00 - 8:30
Tuesday, November 8 ~ No School, Election Day
Friday, November 11 ~ No School, Parent –Teacher-Conferences

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences
Wednesday, November 9; Thursday, November 10; Friday, November 11
Parent -Teacher-Student conferences at specified times. Confirmation notes with the dates and times of your conferences will be sent home.

ABCD Calendar
Tuesday, November 1 – A
Wednesday, November 2 – B
Thursday, November 3 - C
Friday, November 4 – D

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

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

Please note ~ All Thursday clubs ~ Computer Lab, Fall Lego Club, Math Club and Spelling Club will not meet Thursday, November 3.

On Wednesday, November 9 and Thursday, November 10, all clubs will not meet due to Parent Teacher Conferences. All students will be dismissed as usual unless the office is notified of other arrangements.

The Book Fair is coming to Ridgeway!
Wednesday November 9, 3:00-6:00
Thursday November 10, 3:00-6:00
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! Check out these sneak preview videos to see some of the books we will have for sale.


Still want to volunteer? It’s not too late! Click on this link to sign up for a time slot.


Thank you! ~ Rebecca Munsterman, Media Specialist

Once again this year, the National Park Service would like to give a free annual park pass to every interested 4th grade student and their family. Through the Every Kid in a Park program, they would have access to every US National Park and Historic Sites in the country from their entire family. It’s a really great program! They just have to fill out a simple form online at https://www.everykidinapark.gov/