Unit A: Thanks to all the parents who came to Unit A's Curriculum night. We enjoyed sharing with you about all the learning we have at school.

A big thank you to Melissa Tague, a former Ridgeway parent, for helping each Unit A classroom make applesauce during the last month. The students enjoyed peeling and tasting apples and applesauce.

Principal's Pen...

PTSA is a great way to meet parents and staff and learn more about Ridgeway. Also, starting in October, our Parent Advisory Committee will meet monthly before the PTSA meetings. So, please record this on your calendar: October 9, 6:00 – PAC meeting, 6:30 – PTSA meeting. Would you like to know more about Parent Advisory Committee? Please read the form that your child is bringing home today. Then, please complete the PAC form and return it to school. You are welcome to join the group!

Music Report from Mrs. Hayes

In music classes, students regularly identify the notes of the treble clef using our floor staff. Unit A learns the numbers of the lines and spaces, while Units B and C learn the letter names. They all learn to use their hand staff for practice. Student leaders are doing a great job in this activity!

The SMARTBOARD and flash cards are used to read melody and rhythm. We often sing rounds, “America,” “The Star Spangled Banner,” and the Ridgeway school song. Various activities, such as clapping, walking, tapping the beat, and circle games help students understand the difference between beat and rhythm.

Unit A has explored a wider range of their speaking voices and their singing voices in order to know the difference between them. They have also created movements to accompany several songs.

Unit B has played a passing game from Ghana to improve their sense of beat. They’ve learned about dynamics, form, and tempo in music. Both Unit B and Unit C experienced “accent” using tennis balls; and Unit C added the term “ledger lines” to their vocabulary. They also played chords on the organ and piano to accompany one of our songs. Many of the songs we sing include specific movements or dances. This gives students an opportunity to follow directions while singing and to work with other students to do a good job.

Recently we all enjoyed singing two vowel songs, “Apples and Bananas” and a similar vowel song in Spanish, “Yo Te Dare.”
Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars!

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Dear Parents,

Thank you, thank you for your questions about the Ridgeway Parent Survey! First, the survey is anonymous. Email addresses are NOT being collected for families that respond to the survey.

While the district only asks our fifth-grade students to complete it, families/parents of students at every grade level are encouraged to complete the survey. We have updated the following paragraph based upon your feedback and hope it is clearer now.

Each year, Columbia Public Schools sends a climate and culture survey to all parents and staff. In addition, students in grades 5, 8, and 11 complete a climate survey. Typically, the survey window is late fall. This school year, Ridgeway is planning to do that same survey and two shortened surveys to compare parent responses over time. Please follow this link to access the shortened survey with eight questions:

https://goo.gl/forms/nd1es2apS8D9JitA3

Choir: All Unit B and Unit C students are invited to be in the Ridgeway Choir. Choir practices will be on Tuesday and Friday mornings 7:20-7:40 AM beginning on October 2. Students must participate in both rehearsals each week. The Winter Concert will be at 6:30 PM on December 4. The Spring Concert will be at 7:00 PM on May 7. Sign up and t-shirt order forms are going home today and are due back by Friday, September 28.

Lunch Menu Changes

Sept. 26
Pizza Crunchers
Oct. 3
Wild Mike Cheese Bites

Running Clubs: All Ridgeway students are encouraged to participate in Ridgeway’s Fall and Spring Running Clubs. Students may choose to participate in both or one of the clubs. Running Club will be on Tuesdays as listed on the flyer going home today. All students who return their signup form on or before Friday, September 28, will be able to participate. On Monday, October 1, Mrs. Shull will send a confirmation email with more information to all Fall Running Club members. We would love for families to come run and walk with us at each of our Running Club sessions.

ABCD Calendar

Monday, Sept. 24 ... NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, Sept. 25 ... A Day
Wednesday, Sept. 26 ... B Day
Thursday, Sept. 27 ... C Day
Friday, Sept. 28 ... D Day

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

Parent Advisory Committee

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meets once a month at 6:00 p.m. for 30 minutes before our PTSA meetings. Both teacher representatives, parent representatives, and the principal attend and bring suggestions, questions, and topics for discussion. This group is intended to facilitate the opportunity for open communication about group questions and topics.

Any parent is invited to attend at any time. We encourage PAC members to join us for PTSA at 6:30. Childcare is provided by the Adventure Club staff and is available for school-age children. Please call the school office at 214-3550 if you will utilize childcare.

Please fill out the form below and sign if you are interested in attending the meetings and/or being a PAC Unit Representative. Please remember that parents are invited to attend at any time. Contact information for the unit representatives will be posted on the school website. PAC members represent all parents and may bring group questions and comments to the meeting. The first PAC meeting is October 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to attend. Also, please mark your calendar for our future meeting dates: November 13, January 8, February 12, and March 5.

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Parent Advisory Committee
(Return this form to Ridgeway by Thursday, October 4, 2018.)

Parent Name

Name of Child

I prefer to be contacted by: (circle one)

email ____________________________ or phone ____________________________

Please list topics that you are particularly interested in discussing:

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Please indicate by checking which unit(s) you will represent:

Unit A ____ Unit B ____ Unit C ____

____ Yes, I would like to be a PAC Unit representative.

____ I do not wish to be a PAC unit representative, but I plan to attend the meetings.
Ridgeway’s Running Clubs

Fall: October 2, October 9, October 23, October 30, November 13

Spring: March 12, March 19, April 2, April 9, April 16

Students may be in either or both.

Why Running Club?
- Helps learn to set goals and work towards achieving them.
- Provides excellent cardiovascular exercise & physical activity
- Increases stamina and endurance
- Skills learned can also be applied in other athletic areas
- Confidence, improved memory, and more energy are also some of the many benefits of organized running.

Who: All Ridgeway students K-5 who turn in the bottom of this form to Mrs. Shull by Friday, September 28

Sponsor: Mrs. Shull (wshull@cpsk12.org)

- Students will run, walk, or a combination of both.
- Students will meet in Mrs. Shull’s classroom after school and weather permitting we will go out back. In case of rain, we will walk inside of Ridgeway.
- Pick up will be promptly at 3:45 from the front east doors of Ridgeway. Students who are enrolled in Adventure Club will be dismissed directly to Adventure Club.
- Students should wear athletic shoes and comfortable running clothes each club day. Students should bring a water bottle labeled with his/her name.
- We welcome parents and siblings to run with us. Parents, please let me know if you will help supervise as well.

This signup sheet must be returned to Mrs. Shull by Friday, September 28 for students to be in Ridgeway’s Running Clubs.

I give permission for my child to be in Ridgeway’s Running Club. I verify that my child is in good physical health and fit to participate in this type of physical activity.

My child will participate in: (circle one)  Fall  Spring  Both

Child’s Name ________________________________________________

Parent’s Signature ____________________________________________  Phone # _______________________

Parent Email ________________________________________________ (please write neatly)

Child’s Teacher ____________________________________________  Child’s t-shirt size: S M L XL -youth

(circle one)

S M L XL - adult
Ridgeway Choir wants you!!!

Students in Unit B and Unit C are invited to join the Ridgeway Choir. We will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, October 2, 2018. There will be two practices a week. You must attend both rehearsals.

Rehearsal times are:
#1 – Tuesdays, 7:20 - 7:40 AM
#2 – Fridays, 7:20 - 7:40 AM
Our Winter concert will be at 6:30 on December 4. Our Spring Concert will be at 7:00 PM on May 7.

Musically yours,
Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Shull

Parent Permission and T-shirt Order Form

My child has permission to participate in Ridgeway Choir. I understand that choir rehearsals are mandatory and meet every Tuesday and Friday morning from 7:20 to 7:40 AM.

Student’s Name ____________________________________________
Teacher ____________________________________________________
Parent Signature ____________________________________________

We also have Ridgeway Choir t-shirts that choir members wear to performances. Please indicate the size your child needs, and include payment. Choir members may wear any Ridgeway Choir t-shirt from previous years. This year’s t-shirt is yellow with blue lettering. Families members are welcome to purchase choir t-shirts too. Please return this form by September 25. See Mrs. Lawson if you need assistance in purchasing a t-shirt.

T-shirt order Form, please remit payment with this form.

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We look forward to making beautiful music together!!