From Unit C  If you have not already turned in your Arch field trip form already, please fill it out and return before May 5.

From Unit B  Look for the last book order of the year in your child’s Friday Folder. Book order are due on Wednesday, May 3.

On Friday, May 5, Unit B will be walking to Columbia College to enjoy a performance of Robin Hood. We will leave at 9:15 and return at 12:00. Please make sure your child has comfortable walking shoes.

From Unit A  Thank you so much to Ridgeway PTSA for funding our field trip to Tiger Academy of Gymnastics this week. The students participated in a lot of forces in action. Thank you also to all of our parent chaperones. Students who have a summer birthday are welcome to celebrate at school before the end of this school year. Please contact your student’s homeroom teacher to schedule. Our last Munch and Read of the school year will be Friday, May 5 at 2:00 PM. Please plan to come with a healthy snack to share if you can.

Field day will be Wednesday, May 24 at 1:00. You can sign up to volunteer via Sign up Genius here: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f48a4af2c7-field/
contact Valerie Freed v_freed@yahoo.com or 573-864-5103. Thank you!!

Principal’s Pen

2017-2018 school year Lottery School Bus Service Forms are due May 12, 2017.

Dear Parents,
Student Transportation of America provides bus service for all Columbia Public Schools. They are working closely with us to provide safe and dependable bus transportation service. Rather than creating bus routes that include all students, the bus company will create routes that include only the students that request transportation. This will create more efficient routes. Please complete this form indicating your bus service needs. Return the form to school by Friday, May 12, 2017. If you do not respond, or you indicate that you do not need bus service, you will NOT be included on a bus route for next year. Students can be added later. However, they will be added to existing routes. It can take up to five days to add your child to an existing route once you notify the school.

Please help us with this process by returning your form by May 12, 2017.
Thank you,
Shari Lawson
Please mark your calendars for these school events!

May
May 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week
May 2– PTSA Meeting 6:00
May 2– Spring Choir Concert 7:00
May 4 - Drama Club Dress Rehearsal 6:00, Performance at 6:45
May 5 - Munch and Read 2:00-2:40, Unit A parents may join in the fun!
May 11– IGE in Action Night 6:00-7:00
May 23 - Ridgeway All School Picnic
May 24 - Track and Field Day 1:00
May 25 - Fifth Grade Graduation 8:05

Last Day of School-Early dismissal of 12:10

Club Notes—please note that many of these clubs will have their final meetings this week.

Computer Lab - Monday session 2:45 to 4:00, May 1 is the last session.
Chess Club - Tuesday 3:00-4:30, May 2 is the last session.
Choir - Choir Tuesday morning, promptly at 7:25 in the music room. May 2 is the last morning session.
Oak Towers - Tuesday, May 9, 2:45-3:45; this is the last meeting date of the year.
Drama Club - Wednesday, 3:00 -3:45; May 3 is the last session.
Computer Lab - Thursday session 2:45-4:00, May 4 is the last session.

We said good bye to our student teachers on Friday. All the students and teachers were sad to see them go. Thank you to all who gave them such amazing send offs. We will look forward to our next great bunch in the fall and we wish all of our student teachers good luck with what the future holds.
Beth McClure
Instructional Coach, Ridgeway Elementary & Columbia College

The Ridgeway choir has three performances next week. Choir members should please wear their choir shirts on Monday and Tuesday. We will walk to Oak Towers on Monday morning, May 1 at 10:30 AM to sing for the residents and staff there. Then, our choir will perform for the students and staff at Ridgeway on Tuesday, May 2 at 10:40 AM. Our Tuesday evening performance for families will be at 7:00 PM in the gym. Choir members should please arrive to the music room by 6:45 PM. There are no more Tuesday morning practices this school year.

Ridgeway Enrollment! Important Reminder!!
As we prepare for 2017-2018, it is time to assess our student enrollment for next year. Please return this note to the school office if your child will NOT be attending Ridgeway next year. We need to know as soon as possible or no later than May 15.

Please complete the form below and return it to the office.

Student’s (and sibling’s) name with grade ____________________________________________

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Parent signature

ABCD Calendar
Monday, May 1 - B Day
Tuesday, May 2 – C Day
Wednesday, May 3 - D Day
Thursday, May 4 - A Day
Friday, May 5 – B Day
Please remember tennis shoes must be worn the day your child has PE.