Ridgeway RAP
April 22, 2016

Unit News

Unit A
We have enjoyed our baby chicks! They have grown quickly and are ready for farm life now.

For the next two weeks Unit A will go to specials from 8:50-9:40 AM due to MAP scheduling for Units B and C.

Unit B
Please don’t forget to send in a 50% cotton/50% polyester t-shirt for your child. If your student was in Unit B last year, you are welcome to re-use their t-shirt from our Australia unit and we will put their new Oceans design on the back. Thank you!

Unit C
On Monday, April 18, 3rd grade students were sent home with a yellow letter about mobile technology in the classroom. During IGE-in-Action Night (Tuesday, May 10), 3rd grade parents are invited to stop by the media center between 5:45 and 7:00 to learn about iPads in the classroom. Information will be repeated several times so parents do not have to stay for the entire time. Thank you to the parents who have returned the RSVP for the evening.

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will participate in MAP (Missouri Assessment Program) testing this spring. All testing will be in the morning on the dates listed below:

**Grade 3 students:** April 26, April 29, May 2, and May 3

**Grade 4 students:** April 26, April 27, May 2, and May 3

**Grade 5 students:** April 26, 27, 29 and May 2, 3, 5, 6

Preparation you can do at home:
- Make sure your child has a good night’s rest before testing dates.
- Make sure your child has a nutritious breakfast.

The Ridgeway Choir has three upcoming Spring performances. We will perform this Monday, April 25 at Oak Towers during the school day. Our evening performance will be in the Ridgeway gym on Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 PM. Also, we will perform at a school assembly on Thursday, May 5 at 1:45 PM. Choir members should wear a choir t-shirt to all three performances.

We Always Swing Jazz Concert
All Ridgeway students will attend a Children’s Jazz Concert on Thursday, April 28. This concert is sponsored by Columbia Public Schools Fine Arts Department and the “We Always Swing” Jazz Series. We will leave Ridgeway at approximately 9:20 and walk to the concert at Hickman High School, returning in time for lunch.
School Club Meeting Times—check the RAP for changes

Chess Club ~ Tuesdays after school from 3-4:30 in the Art Room
Ridgeway Choir ~ Tuesday mornings at 7:25 in the Music Room
Astronomy Club ~ Wednesday mornings at 7:20-7:50 in Mr. Gramke’s room
Fitness Club ~ Wednesdays after school from 2:45-3:45  **The Fitness Club will not meet next week, April 27, due to the early dismissal. We will meet on Wednesdays May 4 and May 11**
Computer Lab ~ Thursdays after school from 2:45-4:00 in the Computer Lab
Nature Club ~ Thursdays after school from 3:00-4:00 in Ms. Malloy’s room, meeting dates are April 28 & May 5.

End of Year Events

As the school year draws to a close, please note the activities that are planned!

**May 24** ~ All School Picnic. This is an all day activity of fun and food for students to enjoy.

**May 25** ~ 1:00, Track & Field Day for the Unit B & C students, Bubbles and Chalk for Unit A students. More information will come home soon.

Last Day of School, May 26

The ‘official’ last day of school is May 26, with early dismissal at 12:10. This busy day will begin with the Ridgeway Awards Assembly at 8:05, to include special recognition of the Fifth Grade Class as they are promoted to middle school. Fifth grade parents are invited to attend. Be sure to bring your cameras!

ABCD Calendar

* Monday, April 25 ~ D  
* Tuesday, April 26 ~ A
* Wednesday, April 27 ~ B
* Thursday, April 28 ~ C
* Friday, April 29 ~ D

Please remember that the day your child has PE, they must wear tennis shoes to class.

Ridgeway Calendar

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| May 26     | **Official Last day of School**  
Ridgeway Award Assembly, Fifth Grade Recognition 8:05  
School dismisses at 12:10                          |

The Unbound Book Festival on Saturday, April 23 is a fabulous event for readers of all ages. While most events are for adults, Macklanburg Playhouse will serve as the children’s venue. There are authors, a musician and a storyteller that your child will love to see! For a schedule and more information, go to [www.unboundbookfestival.com](http://www.unboundbookfestival.com)