**Unit News**

**Unit A**

Please join us for our last Munch and Read for the school year on Friday, May 7 at 2:00 PM. Bring a healthy snack and good books to share if you can.

Our pen pals from Jefferson Middle School will visit us on Monday morning, May 9.

We look forward to seeing families at IGE in Action on Tuesday, May 10 from 6-7 PM. Our students are very proud to share their projects. We also encourage our students to visit Units B and C to see the amazing work displayed.

**The Ridgeway Choir**

Our choir had a wonderful performance at Oak Towers on Monday. We will perform our Broadway Beat show for Ridgeway families on Tuesday evening, May 3 at 7:00 PM. Choir members should wear a choir t-shirt and be in the music room ready to sing by 6:45 PM.

We will perform our final show of Broadway Beat during the school day on Thursday, May 5. Again choir members should please wear a choir t-shirt. There are no more Tuesday morning choir practices this school year. The last choir practice during lunch recess on Thursdays is next week and will include a frozen treat.

**Unit C**

Unit C students are looking forward to a fantastic field trip to Onondoga State Park on May 17. We will have an hour and a quarter long guided tour of the amazing cave and enjoy lunch and a hike in a beautiful natural setting. In addition, we will get a chance to search for fossils along a gravel bar on the Meramec River.

Please be sure to have your child at school on time, as the busses with depart promptly at 8:00 am. They will need a snack and a sack lunch. Also please make arrangements for your child to be picked up at Ridgeway at 5 p.m. Any student not picked up by 5:05 p.m. will be assigned science closet cleanup duty all evening long.

Lastly, if you have not returned your permission slip, please do so ASAP. Extra slips can be found in your students home to school folder.

**Fifth Grade Picture Information**

Parents of fifth grade students ~ the order form for the Fifth Grade Composite Picture is going home today. Ordering deadline is Friday, May 6. You may order online, pay by cash or by check. Checks should be made payable to Wagner Portrait Group.
Principal’s Pen: As students transition to the next unit, parents often wonder about student room assignments for the next school year.

Ridgeway teachers spend time meeting with other unit teams to ensure that your child is placed in a classroom where they will thrive academically and socially. We work hard to make sure each and every classroom is a stimulating academic environment.

If any parent would like to write a letter outlining their child’s individual learning needs, we are happy to consider this input. We are not able to accommodate requests for a specific classroom. Specific placement requests do not allow us to balance classrooms effectively.

One of the great things about Ridgeway is the flexibility within each unit team. Children are assigned to a homeroom, but work with the other teachers in the Unit. This approach to grouping students makes it possible for children to get to know and work with all of the teachers. We feel that a collective responsibility for students helps to make Ridgeway a great place to learn.

Parent letters regarding their child’s learning needs should be submitted to Mrs. Shari Lawson by May 20, 2016.

School Club Meeting Times—check the RAP for changes
Chess Club ~ Tuesdays from 3-4:30 in the Art Room Last meeting May 3!
Astronomy Club ~ Wednesday mornings at 7:20-7:50 in Mr. Gramke’s room
Fitness Club ~ Wednesdays from 2:45-3:45 We will meet on Wednesdays May 4 and May 11
Computer Lab ~ Thursdays from 2:45-4:00 in the Computer Lab last session is May 5!
Nature Club ~ Thursdays after school from 3:00-4:00 in Ms. Malloy’s room, the last meeting is May 5
Oak Towers Friends Club ~ Thursday after school from 2:45-4:00 on May 12

The PTSA Teacher Appreciation Committee is celebrating Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week May 2-6. The theme for the week is ‘Thank you to our Super Heroes’. On Friday, May 6, please encourage your student to wear a t-shirt or the colors of their favorite superhero.

Ridgeway Calendar

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ABCD Calendar
Monday, May 2 ~ A
Tuesday, May 3 ~ B
Wednesday, May 4 ~ C
Thursday, May 5 ~ D
Friday, May 6 ~ A

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