Unit A  We encourage all families to read together each day. Students become better readers by reading and listening to books. Students took home a Six Flags Read to Succeed reading log in Friday folders last week. If you would like for your student to receive a free child’s ticket to Six Flags St. Louis, record 6 hours of your student reading or listening and return to school by February 11.

Unit B  Thank you so much for supporting your child’s reading by having them read frequently at home! Please make sure your student is tracking their reading on their Six Flags Read to Succeed form as well as the their Pizza Hut Book It! Calendars.

Unit C  These cold winter nights and weekends are perfect weather for reading!!! Unit C students are required to read each month and log their reading on a calendar. Students are asked to read 30 minutes a day for 15 days. They received their January 2016 calendar last week. The January Reading calendar is due Friday, February 5. Signatures of both a parent and the student are required. Unit C students may also count their reading for the Six Flags Read to Succeed program which is due Thursday, February 11.

Unit C students are studying Financial Literacy in preparation for our visit to JA BizTown. The students have been learning how to endorse a check, how to complete a deposit ticket, how to write a check and how to enter transactions in a check register. Students will continue to practice these skills during part of their Math Investigations time with Ms. Williams.

Club/Group Picture Day for the yearbook is Thursday, January 21.

Members of the various clubs and groups will have their picture taken for the yearbook. If possible, students may wear their club t-shirts, if they have them. Boy Scout or Girl Scout uniforms are also encouraged.
Art Fair and Talent Show  January 26th  5:30 - 7:00
The Art Fair will feature a piece of art created by each student during their Art Class. This year we are focusing on self-portraits. Parents and students are welcome to submit additional original art work to display as well. Please deliver your original artwork to the art room by January 20. It is a wonderful time to enjoy these creative expressions from students, parents and Ridgeway staff!
Talent show information will be sent home soon. Start practicing now!

School Club Meeting Times ~ School clubs have resumed and will begin as noted. Three new clubs are added. Please remember to check the RAP for any changes or cancellations.  
Chess Club ~ Tuesdays 3-4:30 in the Art Room  
Ridgeway Choir ~ Tuesday mornings at 7:25 in the Music Room, begins January 26  
Astronomy Club ~ Wednesday from 7:20-7:50, Mr. Gramke’s room  
Drama Club ~ Wednesdays 3-4:00, Mrs. Sandstedt’s room  
Computer Lab ~ Thursdays 2:45-4:00 in the Computer Lab  
Spelling Club ~ Thursdays 3-4:00 in Mrs. Cox’s room  
Oak Towers Friends Club ~ next meeting February 18  
Lego Building Club ~ Begins February 11.

From Student Council ...  
The campaign to benefit the Humane Society is still collecting donations!  
The Central Missouri Humane Society is in need of these items:  
canned or dry dog/puppy food, canned or dry kitten/cat food, nursing bottles for puppies and kittens, kitty litter, pooper scoopers, fleece blankets, used towels and rags, gently used or new pet carriers, new or used harnesses, cat and dog toys, liquid laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, hand sanitizer, liquid hand soap and spray bottles.

We are going to have a donation box at school in each classroom. Please don’t bring money because we are not collecting money, however, any of these items would be a great donation. We will collect items through January. Thank you, Ridgeway Student Council Members
Ridgeway Calendar

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Kindergarten Registration 2016

As we prepare for next year’s Kindergarten class, it is time to let the office know if you have a younger sibling of a current Ridgeway student entering Kindergarten next year. Please let the office know as soon as possible by calling Kathy or Judie at 214-3550 or emailing Kathy at kcowherd@cpsk12.org.

Countdown to Kindergarten ~ 2016 Kindergarten Registration

is scheduled for Thursday, March 10 from 4:00-6:00. At Ridgeway, it is only for those new Kindergarteners who are the younger siblings of current or former Ridgeway students. More information about enrollment procedures are posted on the CPS website at www.cpsk12.org.

Fun Day is Saturday, March 12, 2016
Please see the back page for important fun facts about Fun Day!

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

Ridgeway PTSA

PTSA is looking for volunteers to run for officer positions for the 2016-2017 year, which include: President, Vice President of Promotion, Outreach and Volunteerism, Vice President of Membership, Secretary, Treasurer, and Deputy Treasurer. The nomination slate will be announced at the February PTSA meeting and voting for the positions will be held during the March PTSA meeting. Please contact Nicole Campione-Barr, chair of the nomination committee, at campionebarrn@missouri.edu by February 1 if you are interested in learning about or running for one of these positions!
FunDay News!!

Hey, Ridgeway families! This is the news about FunDay 2016 for our newcomers. Veteran families: please skip to the section below entitled What Can I Do to Help Now?

What is FunDay?
FunDay is Ridgeway's one-and-only fundraiser of the year. Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 12, 2016. We turn the entire school into a carnival with games, food, a crazy maze, a country store, a Cake & Book Walk, and Kona Ice. The finale is a great big raffle drawing. The carnival starts at 10 & ends at 2. But, don't leave yet! We meet in the gym for the Big Drawing at 2 for an hour of prize-winning excitement. Our silent auction adds even more prizes to the celebration.

How are the earnings spent?
Each unit receives a $1200 allocation to spend as teachers desire for items such as books, supplies, large-dollar items, and school events like track and field day. Another $2000 is provided for field trips, $1000 to the specialists, and $1000 goes to the Principal's fund. Previous FunDay proceeds purchased The IPADS the students are currently using, supported Author visits and Playground Equipment.

What's the Big Drawing?
Don't miss this event at 2pm! Parent volunteers gather prizes from local businesses for our unique baskets. We've offered the likes of IPADS, televisions, weekends GetAWays, bicycles, & even a boat! We love all kinds of donated prizes, even gas cards for our getaway trips. You can help bring these items to school. A few weeks prior to FunDay, families receive an itemized list of prize packages and sell tickets like mad to everyone they know.

What can I do to help now?
- Write the date, March 12, 2015 on your calendar!
- Feel free to start selling Big Drawing Tickets now! Any tickets sold prior to Feb. 19, 2016 will be eligible for entry into the GOLDEN TICKET drawing (PRIZE announcement coming soon – 2015 prize was an IPAD mini) follow this link to fill out and print your own tickets: http://appliedskills.com/ridgeway/. Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5. For every $30 sold per family, you will get one entry in the GOLDEN TICKET drawing. Questions? Contact Big Drawing Chair Michelle Willis at 424-3311 or bilderwillis@yahoo.com
- Hang onto your best gently used kid’s books, action figures, toys, and stuffed animals, household goods and decorations for the Country Store & book walk. We'll collect the week of FunDay.
- Contact Angela Connell at angelaconnellpt@yahoo.com or 356-8397. if you can help solicit donations for the Big Drawing, if you know of a business we should contact for prizes, or if you have a prize to donate. Please coordinate with Angela so we don’t contact businesses repeatedly.
- Make time to serve on a committee (call any contacts listed see below). We have lots of small, interesting jobs available in a variety of committees that don’t take lots of time.
- Plan to work a 2 hour volunteer spot on FunDay if you aren’t already signed up (Volunteer Signup will start Feb.)
- Read RAP & visit https://www.facebook.com/RidgewayFunDay/ for Updates

Thanks to all volunteers who have already begun. We couldn't do this without you!

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