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Ridgeway Talent Show

Does your child like to dance, play the viola or sing their favorite song over and over again? If so, then the Ridgeway Talent Show is a great place to showcase your child's star qualities.

The Ridgeway Talent Show will be held during the Art Fair on Tuesday, January 26 at 6:15 pm in the Ridgeway gym. This event will be a low stress casual environment to show off your child’s talent. Ideas for Talent Show entries may include singing, playing an instrument, dancing, magic tricks, reading poems and telling jokes. To enter your child[ren] for the talent show please email the following information to v_freed@yahoo.com as soon as possible but no later than 1/25/16: Participant Name(s), Unit and parent’s email along with a title for the entry and brief description. Performances will be limited to 3 minutes. A confirmation email will be sent for each entry form received.

Questions? Contact Valerie Freed at v_freed@yahoo.com.

The All School Spelling Bee is on Thursday, February 4 at 5:30 pm in the Media Center. Although Spelling Club members have already signed up, any student who would like to participate is eligible. Parents need to contact the club sponsor, Mrs. Cox at mcox@cpsk12.org to register their child. Please note the deadline is February 1. This is a firm deadline so the needed materials can be prepared. Please note that if a student has signed up, but will not participate, Mrs. Cox also needs to be notified ASAP.

School Club Meeting Times ~ School clubs have resumed and will begin as noted. 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.

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

KITCHEN COMMITTEE MEETING - You’re Invited!! Want to get involved in FunDay planning? Kitchen Committee NEEDS your help. Join us Tuesday Jan 26 at 7:00 pm right after the Art Fair/Talent Show in the teachers lounge to learn more. If it’s not for you that’s fine, but you won’t know unless you come. Hope to see you all there. If you would like to assist but are unable to attend this meeting, please e-mail aprilferrao@gmail.com.

SILENT AUCTION REQUEST: We don’t just need goods for our Silent Auction and Big Drawing at Fun Day (though we are more than happy to take those!). Donations of services are just as helpful. We have had families donate a dozen cookies each month for the year or prepared appetizers for a party. If you are wonderful at organizing or want to offer baby-sitting or gift wrapping services there are many families who would pay for your time and effort by bidding on your offer at our silent auction. Please contact Angie Connell at angelaconnellpt@yahoo.com if you have a something to offer.

Fun Day Notes

AD SHEET DEADLINE REMINDER: If you plan to submit an ad for your business for the FUNDAY AD SHEET please remember the deadline is Jan 29!

Spirit Week
March 7-11
Fun Day March 12
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.)

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

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