From Unit A  Please look for the attached information regarding Valentines. We recommend working on a few a night and make sure students write names the “school way.”

From Unit B  Thinking ahead to our spring field trips, if you are interested in chaperoning, make sure that you get your volunteer application turned in – it can take as long as 8 weeks to get the background check completed. Thank you!

From Unit C  Unit C will travel to Missouri Theater to see the play, “Raisin’ Cane,” on Thursday, February 2. Unit C will leave at 9:20 and return to school before lunch.

For all Fifth Grade Parents:  Be looking for a large envelope being sent home today. It contains details about your fifth grader’s yearbook and special information we need from the parents. Because of the yearbook deadline, it is date sensitive.

The Ridgeway PTSA gifts a yearbook to each fifth grader. We thank them for their generosity.

Music Classes  are learning two songs to sing at the kindness assembly in the Spring. One of them requires students to read the music and the words so they can see the measures, the first and second ending, and the two voice parts. Some classes are now able to sing several parts at the same time in our Orchestra Song. All are increasing their ability to be independent singers. Unit B has also sung cumulative and partner songs to work on security in singing. We’ve all enjoyed some songs about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and continue to sing greetings each time we meet in English, Spanish, and French.

Our tac-toe games have challenged students to spell music-related words on the smartboard and to write rhythms correctly. We also enjoy playing rhythm instruments for several songs and games.

Unit C continues to practice reading the treble clef as they play their recorders. Our student leaders do a great job helping others in their group to learn correct fingering, note names, etc.

REMINDER:  Choir starts on Tuesday, February 7, 2017.  We look forward to seeing everyone at 7:25 A.M. SHARP!!!

MUSICALLY YOURS  MRS. HAYES
**Countdown to Kindergarten**

**Kindergarten Registration 2017**

*At Ridgeway, it is for younger siblings of current or former Ridgeway students*

*Thursday March 9 ~ 4:00-6:00, Ridgeway Office*

*Please mark your calendar!*

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**Kindergarten Registration 2017**

In preparation for next year’s Kindergarten class, please inform the office of a younger sibling of a current or former Ridgeway student who will be entering Kindergarten at Ridge-way in the fall of 2017. The form below is provided for the parents to complete and return to the office by February 20.

If you have called or emailed the office with this information, you do not have to complete the form.

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**Sibling Kindergarten Enrollment**

Please complete this form if have a student who is the younger sibling of a current or for-mer Ridgeway student who will attend Ridgeway in the Fall of 2017 as a kindergartner.

Please return this form to the Ridgeway office by February 20.

Kindergarten Student’s Name ________________________________

Parent’s Name ____________________________________________

Parent’s email address ______________________________________

Sibling(s)_____________________________________________________

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*** Fun Day News ***

Big Drawing raffle ticket information is in your child’s Friday folder or backpack today. Raffle tickets are $1 each or $5 for 6. Incentive sales period begins today and runs through Tuesday, February 21. For every $30 sold in raffle tickets during the incentive sales period, you receive 1 Golden Ticket entry for a chance to win an XBOX ONE. The incentive sales deadline is firm, so get those raffle tickets turned in early.

To print raffle tickets, click here. [http://sharedweb2012.cloudapp.net/RidgewayBigTicketDrawing/](http://sharedweb2012.cloudapp.net/RidgewayBigTicketDrawing/). Check those backpacks for more information! For ques-tions, please contact Michelle Willis at bilderwillis@yahoo.com.

To make it even more fun, Units A, B and C are holding Unit Rallies for Early Incentive Sales for the Big Drawing. For those units with ticket sales totaling $1,000 before February 21, Unit A will offer an extra choice time, Unit B students will enjoy a movie and popcorn, and Unit C students will have a fun picnic.
Please mark your calendars for these school events!

February
- Autonomous School Board Meeting 4:15
- Munch and Read  2:00-2:40
- No School, teacher collaboration
- Parent Advisory Committee 6:00 PTSA; 6:30
- Spelling Bee 5:30
- Unit A Family Math Night 6:15 -7:15
- Unit Parties, times will be posted in the RAP
- Skating Parties, Unit A 5:30-7:00 and Units B & C 7:00-8:30
- Parent Teacher Student Conferences 3:30 -6:00
- No School, Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 -10:00

Ridgeway Spelling Bee
All Ridgeway students are invited to participate!
Thursday, February 9, at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center.
Trophies and certificates will be awarded! Please contact Mrs. Cox at mcox@cpsk12.org with any questions. Please register by February 8 using the sign up form below.
Then, turn it into the office or to Mrs. Cox.

Club Notes

Brain Games - Wednesday, 2:45-4:00
Chess Club - Tuesday, 3:00-4:30
Choir - Resumes Tuesday morning, February 7
Computer Lab - Thursday, 2:45-4:00
Drama Club - Wednesday, 3:00-4:00
Lego Spring - Thursday, 3:00-4:00
Math Club - Thursday, 3:00-4:00
Picasso Party - Tuesday, 2:50-4:00
Spelling Club - Thursday, 3:00-4:00
Fitness Club and Running Club will meet later this spring!

These clubs meet on the specified dates:

- iPad club – Wednesday 3:00-4:00 meeting dates: February 1, February 8, and February 22
- Oak Towers - Tuesday, 2:45-3:45, meeting dates: February 21, March 21, April 18, and May 9
- Paper Crafting - Wednesday 3:00-5:00, meeting dates: February 8, with scrapbooking beginning on February 22, March 8, and March 22.