UNIT C students have started the JA BizTown unit with Mrs. Dempsey. More information is to come in the next few weeks. Teachers have been taking inventory of the classroom supplies. Any donations of the following would be appreciated: snack, quart and gallon size sealable bags.

On Wednesday, January 13, all fifth graders will attend the district Fine Arts Extravaganza held at Jesse Auditorium and Memorial Union. Buses will leave Ridgeway at 8:40 and return to Ridgeway around 2:00 pm. Students should be prepared with a lunch, including drink, in a disposable bag clearly marked with student’s name. Unit C teachers surveyed students to see who needed a school sack lunch. Please check with your child to see if they ordered a lunch. If they did not, they will need to bring a lunch with them on that day. Unit C fourth graders will remain at Ridgeway with Mrs. Dempsey.

**Ridgeway Calendar**

- **Tuesday, Jan. 12**
  - Social 6:00, PTSA 6:30

- **Monday, January 18**
  - No School, MLK Day

- **Tuesday, Jan. 26**
  - Art Fair and Talent Show 5:30-7:00

- **Thursday, January 21**
  - Club/Group Photos for Yearbook.

- **Wednesday, Jan. 27**
  - Early dismissal 12:10

- **Thursday, February 4**
  - Spelling Bee 5:30

- **Friday, February 5**
  - Munch and Read 2:00

- **Tuesday, February 9**
  - PAC 6:00, PTSA 6:30

- **Thursday, February 11**
  - Unit Valentine Parties, Times TBD
  - Skating Parties, more information to follow

- **Friday, February 12**
  - NO SCHOOL, teacher collaboration

- **Monday, February 15**
  - NO SCHOOL, President’s Day

- **Wed., February 24**
  - Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:00

- **Thur., February 25**
  - Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:00

- **Fri., February 26**
  - Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00-10:00
  - NO SCHOOL Friday, February 26

**ABCD Calendar**

- **Monday, January 11 ~ B**
- **Tuesday, January 12 ~ C**
- **Wednesday, January 13 ~ D**
- **Thursday, January 14 ~ A**
- **Friday, January 15 ~ B**

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

Please see the RAP article about the before and after school clubs! Includes beginning dates and meeting times!
Principal’s Pen....

As winter begins, finally (I think), please review the entire Emergency Procedures for Inclement Weather on pages 11-12 in the Student Handbook for Columbia Public School Elementary Schools. To paraphrase, depending on hazardous weather and road conditions, Columbia Public Schools will consider the following safety measures: full school day cancellation, altered bus routes, or a two-hour delayed school start.

When a two-hour delayed school start is announced, Ridgeway will begin school at 9:50 a.m. Students may not arrive before 9:30 a.m. as there will be no supervision. On delayed start school days, breakfast is not served and there is no morning Adventure Club. Lunch, dismissal, and afternoon Adventure Club continue as usual.

Also, please remember to approve the clothing/coat selection for your student. This includes checking for appropriate hats and mittens. Our recess guidelines from the Ridgeway Student Handbook (page 6) are detailed below.

**RECESS**

Elementary school educators value outside recess. Children learn better when they have opportunities to take a break and get outside for fresh air. We use the following guidelines for outside recess. These are guidelines only and not meant to be a substitute for professional judgement.

- Above 15 degrees: outside recess
- 10-15 degrees: students will go outside for 15 minutes
- Below 10 degrees: inside recess

**Temperatures include temperature/wind chill**

Students should come to school with appropriate gear for outside play. A student should not wear a 'hoodie' all day, and then expect that it will keep them warm at recess. Students should have a winter coat, gloves/mittens, and headgear to keep them warm while outside for 15-25 minutes. None of these items are available at school to borrow. On days with fluctuating temperatures, students should dress in layers. We will send students to recess with the outerwear that they bring to school.

If a child is well enough to come to school, he/she should be well enough to participate in outdoor recess and Physical Education class. The children feel better and work better after a little fresh air and exercise. If a child is recovering from an illness and needs to stay inside for one or two days, please send a note to this effect, and they will be allowed to remain inside the building. For longer periods of time, parents need to send a note from the doctor.
Art Fair and Talent Show  January 26th  5:30 - 7:00

Art Fair Information: Artwork from each student at Ridgeway will be on display during the art fair. This year we are focusing on self-portraits. Parents are welcome to submit art to display as well. Please deliver your original artwork to the art room by January 12. Talent show information will be sent home in early January.

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 ~ Tuesdays 3-4:00, Mrs. Sandstedt’s room, begins January 26
Drama Club ~ Wednesdays 3-4:00, begins January 14, see RAP note below
Computer Lab ~ Thursdays 2:45-4:00 in the Computer Lab
Spelling Club ~ Thursdays 3-4:00 in Mrs. Cox’s room

New Clubs:
Lego Building Club ~ If your child returned a permission slip then please check your child’s Home-School Folder for an important note about participation and dates.
Astronomy Club ~ will begin this Wednesday, January 13th from 7:20-7:50. If your child signed up to be in Astronomy Club there will be additional information in their Friday Folder.
Oak Towers Friends Club ~ See RAP note below. Meet on designated dates after school.

Drama Club  Auditions for the spring cast of Wizard of Oz will be held after school on Wednesday, January 14 in Mrs. Sandstedt’s room. In order to stay for auditions, students in Unit B and C need to fill out the google form( link: http://goo.gl/forms/Qcofn9eU2A) or send the same information in an email or note to Mrs. Sandstedt (please include your student’s name, a parent’s email address, your student’s homeroom teacher, permission to stay for the movie). Students who were in the fall cast of the Wizard are welcome to audition for the spring cast. Fifth graders are guaranteed a role. Others will be cast on space available basis. The deadline for submitting the google form or sending the information to Mrs. Sandstedt is Tuesday, January 13. Students may be pick-up from auditions between 3:45-4:00 by pulling up out front. Students should be prepared to read the audition scene that can be picked up from Mrs. Sandstedt or accessed here: https://drive.google.com/a/cpsk12.org/file/d/0By6ac4uKSmpcNU5FemlnRVQ0MDg/view?usp=sharing
We will be watching the movie after school on Friday, January 15. Please indicate whether or not your child has permission to stay on the google form. If you have any questions, please let me know. ☺ Mr. Sandstedt at lsandstedt@cpsk12.org or 573-239-2212

Oak Towers Friends Club  Club members will meet in Mrs. Shull’s classroom at 2:45 PM, walk to Oak Towers at 2:55 PM, be there 3:00- 3:50 PM, and return to Ridgeway for dismissal promptly at 4:00 PM. Parents should pull up in the front of the building to meet their child at 4:00 PM. Students will be dismissed from the front east doors. Students who sign up to participate in the club will be expected to participate each month without reminders, unless Mrs. Shull receives an email from parents with an exception.
Our dates are as follows: January 14, February 18, March 17, April 14, and May 12
Parents, if you are able to join us, please let me know the week ahead. ~ Mrs. Shull, Club Sponsor