From Unit A  Please help your child practice putting on their winter items. This includes turning sleeves right side in, zipping coats, and putting on mittens, hats, and scarves. We are having quite a few students needing help with this. Thank you!

From Unit B  Next week will be a busy week in Unit B. On Tuesday, we will be enjoying electrical safety presentations by our partner in education, Ameren Missouri. On Friday morning, we will be taking a field trip to the Missouri Theatre to watch The Odd Squad Live. We will leave school about 9:30 and return about 11:30.

From Unit C  Thank you to anyone who turned in the student teacher permission slip! If you still have one at home please turn it in as soon as possible.

As Fun Day festivities begin make sure you are watching for the Big Drawing tickets! Unit C is offering a unit activity if we can raise $1,000 worth of ticket sales. Make sure your child turns in his/her tickets to the homeroom teacher.

Art Fair/Talent Show Night ~ Thursday, January 26, 5:30 ~ 7:00

We hope you'll come and enjoy this amazing gallery of talent!

All Ridgeway students are rendering self portraits, with a twist. Each Unit has a theme to inspire their creativity. The performing arts are also featured in the Ridgeway Talent Show.

Talent Show Information

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 Thursday, January 26 at 6:15 pm in the Ridgeway gym. This event will be a low stress casual environment to feature 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 1/24/17: 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
During the month of January, we have been taking a school-wide moment each day to take a break, relax and have a quiet, three to five minute pause called Mindfulness. We clear our minds and focus on breathing. The calm helps to give our brains a break, and then we are ready to focus on learning for the rest of the day. Your child can tell you how everyone in the building knows to begin, and they can show you how to practice Mindfulness at home.

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!

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 Ridgeway 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.

Sibling Kindergarten Enrollment
Please complete this form if you have a student who is the younger sibling of a current or former 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)__________________________________________________
Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars!

January 26 ~ Art Fair and Talent Show 5:30-7:00

February
- February 3 - Munch and Read 2:00-2:40
- February 6 - No School, teacher collaboration
- February 7 - Parent Advisory Committee 6:00 PTSA 6:30
- February 9 - Spelling Bee 5:30
- February 14 - Unit Parties, times will be posted in the RAP
- February 16 - Skating Parties, Unit A 5:30-7:00 and Units B & C 7:00-8:30
- February 15, 16 - Parent Teacher Student Conferences 3:30-6:00
- February 17 - No School, Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00-10:00

ABCD Calendar

| Monday, January 23 | Monday, January 23 - D Day |
| Tuesday, January 24 | Tuesday, January 24 - A Day |
| Wednesday, January 25 | Wednesday, January 25 - B Day |
| Thursday, January 26 | Thursday, January 26 - C Day |
| Friday, January 27 | Friday, January 27 - D Day |

Please remember tennis shoes must be worn the day your child has PE.

Picasso Paint Party will have its first party for 2017 on Tuesday, January 24 from 2:50 pm - 4:15 pm. The sign-up sheet was filled within minutes of posting! I will send permission slips home today, Friday, January 20. Please make sure that your child, if they received a slip, returns it to Mrs. Malveaux-Andrews no later than Monday, January 23. Only those individuals who return their permission slip will be able to participate.

I am looking at an electronic method for Unit C students to register for Picasso Paint Parties and will keep students and parents posted in the upcoming RAP.

Stay tuned 😊

Mrs. Malveaux-Andrews

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: January 25, 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: January 25 and February 8, with scrapbooking beginning on February 22, March 8, and March 22.
What is Fun Day?

Fun Day is Ridgeway's one and only fundraiser of the year and culminates in a carnival-type event in the spring. This annual event has been going on for over 34 years.

Save the date for a fun family day on Saturday, March 11 from 10AM – 2PM.

On the actual day the classrooms are transformed to fun game and activity rooms for the kids. There is something for everyone from a Toddler Room to a Country Store (an indoor garage sale) to Jupiter's Landing to the ever popular EnviroMaze. There's even a Silent Auction for the adults with a wide range of services and products for bidding.

At the end of the day, we hold the Big Drawing in the cafeteria pulling raffle tickets from our large tumbler. Big Drawing packages are different every year but in the past have included spa packages, date night packages, Branson entertainment tickets and getaway, iPad mini, and many other great packages.

From now until March 11th, you will see more information on Fun Day and ways you can get involved. Information will be included in the RAP, your child's Friday folder, ParentLink, and Ridge- way's PTSA Facebook page. You may also contact us with any questions as well.

Your Fun Day Co-Chairs,
Brandi Daffron and Lizette Somer
ridgeway.fun.day@gmail.com

Fun Day Facts

Did you know Ridgeway has a Silent Auction and Big Drawing as part of the Ridgeway Fun Day? These major money makers are not possible without donations of goods and services. We are always looking for help from families as we gather these donations. If you have a business connection, please consider reaching out to them. If you have new unwanted items in your home or unused gift cards, they would make great additions to our baskets and packages. Donating services you provide is also great. In the past, families have donated baked goods, childcare, photo shoots, and other talents. Please contact Amanda Fues at amandafues@hotmail.com if you have items to donate, ideas, or questions.

AD SHEET DEADLINE REMINDER: If you would like to submit an ad for your business for the FUN DAY AD SHEET, the deadline is Friday, January 27. The cost is $50 for a color, business card size ad. Respond to ridgeway.fun.day@gmail.com. The Ad sheet is distributed to all students twice along with Fun Day Big Drawing prize list, is distributed the day of the event, and is posted all year in the school's lobby.