Kindness Week ~ April 4 – 8

Spreading kindness to our school, our family, our community and learning to be kind to yourself!

All week:

- We encourage Ridgeway Students and families to achieve the 50 suggestions for Kindness Checklist. Everyone will receive this list at the beginning of the week.
- Look for the best in others, what are their strengths? Let them know what you appreciate about them. Find simple ways to show you care, smile, and eat lunch with a new friend.
- Daily kindness announcements.

**Monday**
Wear Yellow to represent Friendship and kindness. “A friend loves at all times”
ALL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY!

**Tuesday**
“Be a good sport” Dress up in gear from your favorite sports team! :) Show sportsmanship, team work, cheer each other on!

**Wednesday**
"All friends are unique" -Mix and match your clothes, accessories, socks and shoes! Appreciate differences/diversity! Be yourself, be your best you and appreciate others for who they are. Today I can invite a new friend to sit with me at lunch and play with someone new on the playground.

**Thursday**
"Showing Kindness in our Community" –Wear school colors or Ridgeway attire.

How will you help your community? What is something kind you can do for your family, teachers, and friends?

**Friday**
"Kindness of All Colors" Wear color of your choice. WE WILL GATHER TOGETHER FOR AN ALL SCHOOL PICTURE in colors to form a rainbow representing the beauty of diversity.

Kindness is an act that the deaf can hear and the blind can see ... Mark Twain

No act of Kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted .... Aesop

In the end ~ only kindness matters

Thank you for signing your child up to participate in Nature Club! I’m looking forward to enjoying some beautiful spring weather and learning about nature. Our club will begin the week after Spring Break, so please arrange transportation if needed. All meetings will occur on Thursdays and will last from 3:00-4:00 pm. Students whose families noted on their participation form that they will be picked up from Adventure Club will be released to Adventure Club at 4:00. Otherwise, please plan to pick up your child promptly at 4:00 in the front of the school. If your child’s transportation plans have changed, please let me know. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you! Meghan Malloy, mmalloy@cpsk12.org

The dates of our meetings will be: April 7, April 14, April 21, April 28 and May 5.
The Annual Meeting of the Ridgeway Autonomous School Board will be held on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting the School Membership will elect two Board positions due to the expiration of their two-year terms. “School Membership” is defined in the Bylaws as “individuals, and family members thereof, who regularly attend(ed) Ridgeway Elementary School. School membership shall include all students who are officially enrolled and have completed all the of the enrollment documents for Columbia Public Schools. Membership shall also include all current and former Ridgeway Elementary faculty and staff.” One position available is the board position for a Former CPS Elementary Administrator, currently held by Susan Fales. Mrs. Fales has indicated she is interested in continuing to serve in this position. The second available position is one for a Current Ridgeway Elementary Parent, presently held by Grant Scott. (Note: The Current Ridgeway Elementary Parent is elected by the School Membership, except Ridgeway Staff.)

Anyone interested in being considered for one of these positions on the Ridgeway Autonomous School Board should contact Kathy Dempsey at kdempsey@cpsk12.org or 573-881-0632. A short personal statement should be submitted. The statement or personal bio will be shared with the School Membership at the Annual Meeting. Please contact Kathy on or before April 7 if you are interested so that personal statements can be compiled for the Annual meeting.

School Club Meeting Times~ check the RAP for changes

Chess Club ~ Tuesdays after school from 3-4:30 in the Art Room
Ridgeway Choir ~ Tuesday mornings at 7:25 in the Music Room
Astronomy Club ~ Wednesday mornings at 7:20-7:50 in Mr. Gramke’s room
Fitness Club ~ Wednesdays after school from 2:45- 3:45 meeting on April 6, April 13, April 20, May 4, and May 11. Students report to Mrs. Shull (Units B & C students) and Mrs. Wheatley’s (Unit A students) classrooms.
Computer Lab ~ Thursdays after school from 2:45-4:00 in the Computer Lab
Nature Club ~ Thursdays after school from 3:00-4:00 in Ms. Malloy’s room, meeting dates are April 7, 14, 21, 28 and May 5.
Oak Towers Friends Club ~ Thursdays after school from 2:45-4:00 on April 14 and May 12
Note: Lego Club had it’s last meeting Thursday, March 17.

Ridgeway Calendar

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