From Unit A  Thank you so much to the Australian visitors for teaching us about Australia this week. Ask your student what they learned. Unit A families, please keep up with the reading for My Father’s Dragon each night.

From Unit B  Please look for a t-shirt order form in your child’s Friday Folder. Due to local stores no longer carrying the 50% cotton/50% polyester t-shirts that we need for our Australian t-shirts that each student designs, we will be ordering a t-shirt for each student. These forms are due next Wednesday.

From Unit C  On Monday, March 20 students will receive a project planning form for their IGE in Action project. Please start brainstorming with your student about a topic of high interest to your student. These forms will be due on Friday, April 7.

Specialist’s Corner  Music classes learned about John William "Blind" Boone and the new Blind Boone Museum in Columbia. The students enjoyed playing the freeze game and moving to "Woodland Murmurs," a piano roll cut by Blind Boone around 1912. They also listened to several other famous musicians and learned about their lives. Some of the poets we enjoyed studying are: Langston Hughes, who wrote 17 volumes of poetry; Gwendolyn Brooks, who was the first African American to receive the Pulitzer Prize for writers; Nikki Giovanni and Paul Laurence. Two of the poems encouraged student participation by using a solo-chorus style. Our focus has been on recognizing things that poetry and music have in common—such as rhythm, pitch, patterns, form, dynamics, emotions, storytelling, tempo, etc.

Choir continues to improve. Several students are working on their speaking parts and some have taken parts home to memorize. Parental help is much appreciated! Our program is on May 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Celestine Hayes, Music Specialist

The Annual Meeting of the Ridgeway Autonomous School Board will be held on Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting, the Board will elect two Board positions due to the expiration of their two-year terms. It is the purpose of the Autonomous School Board to provide programming feedback, support, and guidance to help achieve the school’s mission. One position available is the board position for a Former Ridgeway Student, currently held by Michael Fues. Michael Fues has indicated he is interested in continuing to serve in this position. The second available position is one for a Current Ridgeway Elementary Parent, presently held by Erin Stevens. Erin Stevens has indicated she is interested in continuing to serve in this position. Parents of current students and current and former Ridgeway faculty and staff are able to vote on these positions.

Anyone interested in being considered for one of these positions on the Ridgeway Autonomous School Board should contact Beth McClure at emcclure@cpsk12.org or 573-214-3550. A short personal statement should be submitted. The statement or personal bio will be shared at the Autonomous School Board Annual Meeting. Please contact Beth before April 3 if you are interested so that personal statements can be compiled for the annual meeting.

Beth McClure-Instructional Coach
Ridgeway Elementary & Columbia College
Please mark your calendars for these school events!

March
March 27-March 31 ** Spring Break, School is not in session**

April
April 3 - School resumes!
April 4 - Parent Advisory Council 6:00 PTSA 6:30
April 7- Munch and Read 2:00-2:40, Unit A parents are welcome to join in the fun!
April 18 – PTSA board budget meeting

Club Notes

Computer Lab - Monday session 2:45 to 4:00
Chess Club - Tuesday 3:00-4:30
Choir - Choir Tuesday morning, promptly at 7:25 in the music room.
Oak Towers - Tuesday, March 21, 2:45-3:45; additional meeting dates: April 18 and May 9.
Picasso Paint - Tuesday, March 21, 2:50-4:10
Fitness Club - Tuesday, March 21, 2:45-3:45; Additional club dates are April 4, 11, 18 and 25.
Drama Club - Wednesday, March 22, 3:00-4:00; Additional club dates are April 5, 12, 19, 26 and May 3.
Paper Crafting - Wednesday, March 22, 3:00-5:00; scrapbooking session will have its last meeting on March 22.
Ridgeway Running Club - Wednesday, March 22, 2:45-3:45; additional dates are Wednesday, April 5, 12 and 19
Computer Lab - Thursday session 2:45-4:00
Math Club - Thursday, 3:00-4:00

Reading Club

The Reading Club field trip to the Children’s Literature Festival in Warrensburg is Tuesday, March 21. Students need to bring a lunch and drink. We will leave school at 8:00 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. We are looking forward to meeting with the following authors and illustrators: Gennifer Choldenko, Roland Smith, Ard Hoyt, and Bill Anderson.

Paper Crafting Club

Paper crafting club is currently working on scrapbooking. Our last meeting is Wednesday, March 22. Students are invited to bring pictures from home or send them to Mrs. Dempsey by the end of the school day on Monday to be printed.

Picasso Paint

The Picasso Paint Party Emoji Class has been RESCHEDULED for Tuesday, March 21st from 2:50 pm – 4:10 pm in the Art Room. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Malveaux cmalveaux@cpsk12.org

One School, One Book

Thank you for participating in reading My Father’s Dragon at home. I hope you are enjoying this special time reading with your family as much as I am. Reading together is a great time to have conversations about the story as well. Talk to your child about characters, what is happening in the book, and any tricky words you come across.

The students have done a great job answering the trivia questions each day; keep up the great work!

~Rebecca Munsterman, Library Media Specialist