Spring Break ~ March 27 though March 31 School is not in session!

**From Unit A**
We looked through all of the lost and found items on Friday and there are many, many items still there. Please be sure to label all clothing that students may take off during the day. We celebrated meeting our advanced Fun Day ticket sales with a bonus choice time on Friday. We hope that you have a wonderful Spring Break!

**From Unit B**
Thank you for reading My Father’s Dragon with your students! We’ve rocked the trivia questions this week because the kids are all eager to answer. We look forward to celebrating Kindness Week when we return from Spring Break.

**From Unit C**
We hope everyone has a nice spring break! Please have a conversation with your student about his/her IGE in Action project. We look forward to seeing our students in April!

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**From Mrs. Hayes, Music Specialist**
**Important Announcement**

Fourth graders are eligible to audition for the 2017-2018 Honors Choir which includes students from all the elementary schools in Columbia. The choir meets weekly after school during the year. Students do not have to be in their home school choir to try out; but those chosen must to be members of their school choir. I work on the two songs with students wanting to try out. At this time interested students are signing up in music classes. They are to let their parents know they have signed up. Tryouts will be after school in late April.

With grateful recognition of their service to Ridgeway School and Students
Please join us as we honor
The Warren Family
Woody, Cletie and Rosie
Ridgeway Playground
Friday, April 7
11:00
It’s a surprise!
Please mark your calendars for these school events!

March
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April
April 3 - School resumes!
April 5– Para Appreciation Day!
April 3 - 7 is Kindness Week. See Counselor Corner for details!
April 4 - Parent Advisory Council 6:00  PTSA 6:30
Autonomous School Board annual Meeting 7:00
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, April 18, 2:45-3:45; last meeting date is May 9.
Fitness Club - Tuesday, April 4, 2:45-3:45; Additional club dates are April 11, 18 and 25.
Drama Club - Wednesday, April 5, 3:00 -3:45; Additional club dates are April 12, 19, 26 and May 3.
Ridgeway Running Club - Wednesday, April 5, 2:45-3:45; additional dates are April 12 and 19
Computer Lab - Thursday session 2:45-4:00
Math Club - Thursday, 3:00-4:00

Today all classes celebrated finishing the book My Father’s Dragon with a popcorn party! Thank you for participating in the One Book, One School program at home. If you would like to share your thoughts and experiences about this reading program, please fill out this short survey https://goo.gl/forms/ar0FmU3F5BLHzxjJ3

If you are looking for some great spring break reading, you might try one of the next two books in this trilogy.

Thank you, Rebecca Munsterman, Library Media 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 Care Team … Calling all caring individuals! We need you! Please consider signing up to join the Ridgeway Care Team. We reach out to staff or families in need to run an errand, bring a meal, send a note of care, etc. Please contact Beth Ryberg at eryberg@cpsk12.org

Counselor Corner

April 3 – April 7 is Kindness Week: Kindness makes a difference! Pass it on! We will spread Kindness like confetti throughout our community. Look for the Kindness flyer going home today to see all of our activities.

We will have a CANNED FOOD DRIVE benefiting the Central Missouri Food Bank. Please bring your canned food items to school. There will be barrels placed throughout school. Acceptable food items include: Peanut Butter, Canned meat, Canned vegetables and Fruit, Boxed Meal Helpers, Beans, Rice, Cereal, Fruit Cups, Ready-to-Eat Entrees (pasta) in pop top cans, soup.

Ridgeway students will decorate Lucky’s Market grocery bags with messages of Kindness to spread kindness throughout our community.

**Dress for Kindness**

- **Monday**: Wear Yellow to represent Friendship.
- **Tuesday**: Wear your favorite sports gear to represent teamwork.
- **Wednesday**: Mix and Match clothes and accessories to represent uniqueness and diversity.
- **Thursday**: Wear Ridgeway attire or RWE colors to show how Ridgeway can spread Kindness like confetti through our community.
- **Friday**: Wear your favorite color. Working together in kindness is like the beauty of a rainbow.

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*Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.*

—Mark Twain

*Scatter seeds of kindness wherever you go.*

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*no act of kindness however small ever is wasted* — Aesop