From Unit A  All of the Unit A classes learned on the STEAM bus this week. We explored more activities regarding pull and friction.

From Unit B  We will be doing a lot of cleaning on Monday. If possible, it would be great if you could send a grocery sack or canvas/paper bag to send extra stuff home in. For those returning to Unit B, we will keep their writing binder for next year so you don’t have to worry about that over the summer!!

From Unit C  Reminder for Unit C students to bring an extra bag on Monday, May 22 to carry home their binders and other items.

   Additionally, Monday, May 22 is iPad turn-in day. Students need to return their iPad and charger (cord and cube).

Honors Choir  Parker Atkins, Avery Johnson, and Aleena Simmons were chosen to represent Ridgeway in Honors Choir for the 2017-2018 school year! Congratulations!

Principal’s Pen  Ridgeway Elementary has two teachers that will be leaving Ridgeway at the end of this school year:

Coach Tim Gambill, our Physical Education teacher, retired a few years ago but continued to work part time at Ridgeway. He is officially retiring now. His boat is ready and the fishing poles are propped by the door in hopes of reeling in some big ones.

Beth McClure, our Instructional Coach, will not be with us at Ridgeway and Columbia College. She has been accepted to a PhD program at University of Edinburgh in Scotland. She will continue working on Professional Development School partnerships in this new position.

   We wish the best to Coach and Ms. McClure!

Attention all Volunteers!  Parents and other volunteers will be asked to update background checks at least every five years or when there is a break in volunteer service. The Columbia Public School district reserves the right to require any employee or volunteer to rerun background checks at any time. Therefore, if you completed a background check for the 2016-2017 school year and were approved, you do not need to submit a new one to volunteer next school year.

Have a Nice Summer Vacation!
Please mark your calendars for these school events!

**May**
- May 23 - Ridgeway All School Picnic
- May 24 - Track and Field Day 1:00
- May 25 - Fifth Grade Graduation 8:05
  - Last Day of School-Early dismissal of 12:10

**Summer School**
- June 1—Summer School Open House for new Kindergarten students and parents 4:30-6:00
- June 5– First day of Summer School

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**ABCD Calendar**
- Monday, May 22– A Day
- Tuesday, May 23– B Day*
- Wednesday, May 24– C Day
- Thursday, May 25 - last day of school!

*School Picnic

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**Ridgeway Summer School**
We are excited to host summer school at Ridgeway this year. Our first day of classes will be Monday, June 5. Students should bring a backpack each day but do not need to bring any supplies. We will follow regular school year arrival and dismissal routines. On Thursday, June 1, we will host an open house for incoming kindergarten students and parents from 4:30-6:00. We will have information about breakfast and lunch accounts as well as a representative from STA to answer bus questions. Not all teachers will be in the building.

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As her Girl Scout Bronze award project, Bethany Rigdon and two of her troop members are collecting new and gently used stuffed animals and books to be donated to Women’s & Children’s Hospital and The Rainbow House.

Please bring any donations to school where collection boxes will be located through the last day of school!

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**The Annual Ridgeway Picnic will be Tuesday, May 23.**

School lunch for that day will be hot dogs, carrots, apple slices, and milk. If you have an active lunch account, this is charged as a regular school lunch. If you do not have an active lunch account, the cost is $2.60 (correct change is helpful). Students also have the option to bring their own lunch from home. All students will travel to Cosmos Park first thing in the morning and return to school for dismissal. Ridgeway staff supervise this day, so parent volunteers are not needed.

A few notes about the day:
- We will be outside for the majority of the day. Please put sunscreen on your child.
- All students are welcome to bring a water bottle labeled with their name.
- Apple slices will be served for morning snack.
- Our tradition is to have a community snack in the afternoon. Students may bring a snack to share. These snacks may be sent to school from May 8-23. Some suggestions might be: washed and ready-to-serve fruit, bag of chips or pretzels, box of Cheezits, package of cookies etc. No items containing nuts should be sent for the community snack.