From Unit A  Thank you to everyone who was able to come to our last Munch and Read of the school year. Please plan to attend IGE in Action Night on Thursday, May 11 between 6-7 PM. Our students are so excited about sharing a lot of their learning with you. IGE in Action is also a great opportunity for families to visit other units to see learning projects there as well.

From Unit B  Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to chaperone our field trips. We had a great time at Robin Hood and look forward to going to the Discovery Center in Kansas City next Friday. Please remember that you need to make arrangements to pick up your student by 4:45 on Friday, May 12.

From Unit C  Unit C students will be traveling to Rock Bridge State Park on Tuesday, May 9 for a day of science fun! Students should wear weather appropriate clothes that could get wet and/or muddy and close-toed shoes with grip on the bottom. Students should pack a lunch unless they have coordinated with their homeroom teachers to take a school sack lunch. Each student is encouraged to bring a flashlight, and bus activities are not needed for the day. Students will receive further information in a letter from Mr. Colman.

2017-2018 school year Lottery School Bus Service Forms are due May 12, 2017.

Student Transportation of America provides bus service for all Columbia Public Schools. They are working closely with us to provide safe and dependable bus transportation service. Rather than creating bus routes that include all students, the bus company will create routes that include only the students that request transportation. This will create more efficient routes. Please complete the gold form sent home last week, indicating your bus service needs. Return the form to school by Friday, May 12, 2017. If you do not respond, or you indicate that you do not need bus service, you will NOT be included on a bus route for next year. Students can be added later. However, they will be added to existing routes. It can take up to five days to add your child to an existing route once you notify the school.

Please help us with this process by returning your form by May 12, 2017.

Principal's Pen....

As students transition to the next unit, parents often wonder about student room assignments for the next school year. Ridgeway teachers spend time meeting with other unit teams to ensure that each child is placed in a classroom where they will thrive academically and socially. We work hard to make sure each and every classroom is a stimulating academic environment.

If any parent would like to write a letter outlining their child’s individual learning needs, we are happy to consider this input. We are not able to accommodate requests for a specific classroom. Specific placement requests do not allow us to balance classrooms effectively.

One of the great things about Ridgeway is the flexibility within each unit team. Children are assigned to a homeroom, but work with the other teachers in the Unit. This approach to grouping students makes it possible for children to get to know and work with all of the teachers. We feel that a collective responsibility for students helps to make Ridgeway a great place to learn.

Parent letters regarding their child’s learning needs should be submitted to Mrs. Shari Lawson by May 19, 2017.
Please mark your calendars for these school events!

May
- May 11 – IGE in Action Night 6:00-7:00
- 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

Club Notes:
- Oak Towers - Tuesday, May 9, 2:45-3:45; this is the last meeting date of the year.

Please note that all other clubs have concluded for the year and are no longer meeting after school. We will follow the usual dismissal plan you have routinely established for your child.

Fresh garden veggies anyone??? If you have any interest in helping to maintain a Ridgeway garden and reap some of what we sow this summer, please contact Valerie Freed at v_freed@yahoo.com or by phone or text at (573) 864-5103. Green thumbs NOT required.

Field day will be Wednesday, May 24 at 1:00. You can sign up to volunteer via Sign up Genius here: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f48a4af2c7-field/ or contact Valerie Freed at v_freed@yahoo.com or 573-864-5103. Thank you!!

*** be sure to have kiddos dress in clothes they will be comfortable getting a little wet in.

From our Media Specialist…. The last day for student checkout will be May 12. Please return ALL library books on or before May 19. Now is the time for that deep search for missing books. Books that are lost or damaged should be paid for as soon as possible. Lost books over $10 that are found within one year will be refunded. Please contact Mrs. Munsterman with any questions: munsterman@cpsk12.org
Rebecca Munsterman, Library Media Specialist

Ridgeway Enrollment! Important Reminder!!
As we prepare for 2017-2018, it is time to assess our student enrollment for next year. Please return this note to the school office if your child will NOT be attending Ridgeway next year. We need to know as soon as possible or no later than May 15.

Please complete the form below and return it to the office.

Student’s (and sibling’s) name with grade ________________________________
______________________________
______________________________

Parent signature
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 Cheez-its, package of cookies etc. No items containing nuts should be sent for the community snack.