Unit News

Unit A: Please plan to attend IGE night on Tuesday May 10 between 6 and 7 PM. Our students are excited to share many of their learning projects with you. IGE night is also a great opportunity for our students and families to visit other units to see the learning projects there as well.

Our first graders will meet with Unit B teachers in the morning of Thursday, May 12.

Unit C: We are so very proud of our Unit C students. They worked very hard on the MAP test. We did some fun activities several days after MAP testing. Ask your student about them.

The last 14 days of school will be very busy for Unit C. We hope your student is working on his or her IGE-in-Action project at home. Unit C students should bring their IGE-in-Action projects to school on Tuesday, May 10.

On May 19, Unit C students will turn in their iPads. Students need to make sure they have the current operating system (iOS 9.3.1). Students need to save photos and documents. We have started this process during our Tech time. Students who took their iPad chargers home should return them to school on or before May 19 to be turned in with their iPad. At the end of each school year, iPad are erased, turned in and all accessories inventoried.

Principal’s Pen:

Ridgeway Elementary has three staff members that will be leaving Ridgeway at the end of this school year:

Ann Chapin, Learning Specialist and Speech/Language Teacher will be retiring after 34 years in Columbia Public Schools. Ms. Chapin has taught throughout the district including Ridgeway, Lee, Field, Blue Ridge, Grant, West, Oakland, and Bearfield. She is looking forward to being a full time Grandma!

NaeAnn Flood, Kitchen Manager will be retiring after 15 years in Columbia Public Schools. Mrs. Flood has worked in several schools, including Smithton, Lange, Mill Creek, and currently Ridgeway. She is looking forward to traveling to see her grandkids.

Valerie Harre, Media Specialist, will be moving to Fairview Elementary School. Mrs. Harre has been a classroom teacher, a mentor teacher, a reading coach, and a media specialist in Columbia Public Schools to date. While she is glad to have this new opportunity to work full-time, she is sad to be leaving the Ridgeway community.
**School Club Meeting Times and Notes**

Chess Club, Choir, Computer Lab and Nature Club have all concluded their meetings for this year. The clubs listed below will have their last meeting date as indicated.

**Astronomy Club** ~ Wednesday mornings at 7:20-7:50 in Mr. Gramke’s room, last meeting on May 18

**Friends of Oak Towers Club**
Our last visit to Oak Towers for this school year is next Thursday, May 12. As before, we will leave from Mrs. Shull’s classroom at 2:55 PM and return for a prompt dismissal at 4 PM from the front east doors. We will do games, crafts, and read books with the residents.

**Fitness Club**
Our last time to meet this school year is on Wednesday, May 11. We have loved exercising together on Wednesday afternoons.

**Choir**
Congratulations to the Ridgeway Choir and Mrs. Hayes for three outstanding performances of Broadway Beat this Spring.

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**Round ‘em Up and Turn ‘em In!**

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. Harre with any questions: vharre@cpsk12.org

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**ABCD Calendar**
- **Monday, May 9** ~ B
- **Tuesday, May 10** ~ C
- **Wednesday, May 11** ~ D
- **Thursday, May 12** ~ A
- **Friday, May 13** ~ B

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

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**Ridgeway Calendar**

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| May 26 | **Official Last day of School**  
          Ridgeway Award Assembly, Fifth Grade Recognition 8:05  
          School dismisses at 12:10 |

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**Summer Sensation**
June 6-June 30
School Counseling at Ridgeway: please follow this link for some great articles and resources for parents: http://www.schoolcounselor.org/magazine/category/for-parents Enjoy! In the next few weeks, I will be wrapping up counseling services with your student. It has been a pleasure working with them over the year. If you have any concerns for summer and/or are needing information on how to help your child with any issue or situation, feel free to contact me and I will be happy to help. You can reach me at 573-214-3550. EXT: 59003 I would be happy to meet or talk by phone. Once again, thanks for the opportunity to work with your student. They are amazing masterpieces in the making.

Beth Ryberg M.Ed. School Counselor-Ridgeway Elementary

Volunteer Corner Thank you to all of the wonderful Volunteers who gave of their time this year. We had a total of 306 different individuals donate 3,290 hours of time. That is 1.2 volunteers for every student!

These 8 volunteers represent 31.5% of the total hours worked this year by donating more than 100 hours, individually and will receive a Presidential Award in honor of their commitment and effort:

Melissa Tague with 100 hours, Erin Stevens with 104.75 hours, Kelli Thomas with 105.25 hours, Michelle Willis with 114 hours, April Ferrao with 118 hours, Donna Misslin with 118.5 hours, Michelle Arnold with 144 hours and Barbara Warn with 233.25 hours

Thank you very much to all the volunteers for any amount of time or effort you can provide. If you would like to lend assistance next year in pulling this information together, please contact Kelli Thomas, at thomaskla3@gmail.com.

Don't forget the Volunteer ‘come and go’ luncheon from 11:30-1:00 on Friday, May 13 in the Media Center!