Unit A  We are looking forward to our Fall party on Friday, October 30 from 1:30-2:30 PM. Mrs. Stevens is our party coordinator. Unit A students will rotate with their home room teacher and class through each of the four unit A classrooms for special activities. Parent volunteers should please arrive at 1:15 to set up. Due to limited space and materials, siblings should not attend. We do not wear costumes at Ridgeway.

Unit C  Unit C’s fall party will begin at 1:15 pm on Friday, October 30. Students will enjoy powdered sugar donuts, apple cider, a movie and activities. Please return your conference slips as soon as possible. Unit C teachers will schedule conferences on a first come, first serve basis.

Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars

Friday, October 30 ~ Unit Parties, check RAP for times
First week of November
Monday, November 2 ~ No School, Teacher Collaboration
Monday, November 2 ~ Skating Parties, see details on page 2
Tuesday, November 3 ~ No School, Election Day
Thursday, November 5 ~ Early dismissal 12:10
Friday, November 6 ~ Munch and Read 2:00-2:40
Tuesday, November 10 ~ PAC 6:00, PTSA 6:30
November 11,12,13 ~ Parent Teacher Student Conferences, see RAP for posted times
November 25-27 ~ Thanksgiving Break

Ridgeway Elementary School
Shari Lawson, Principal
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Website: http://cpsk12.org/rwe
PTSA website: www.Ridgewayptsa.org

Unit B  Watch for Book Orders which will be sent next Wednesday, October 28 and will be due Wednesday, November 4. We wanted to send them early since we won’t have school on Monday (11/2) or Tuesday (11/3).

Also, please check your child’s Friday Folder for their conference note.

Unit B Fall Party will start about 1:20 on Friday, October 30.

School Club Meeting Times
Chess Club ~ Tuesdays 3-4:30 in the Art Room
Ridgeway Choir ~ Tuesday mornings at 7:25 in the Music Room
Drama Club ~ Wednesdays 3-4:00, Mrs. Sandstedt’s room
Computer Lab ~ Thursdays 2:45-4:00 in the Computer Lab
Spelling Club ~ Thursdays 3-4:00 in Mrs. Cox’s room

ABCD Calendar
Monday, October 26-D
Tuesday, October 27-A
Wednesday, October 28-B
Thursday, October 29-C
Friday, October 30-D

Please remember that the day your child has PE, they must wear tennis shoes to class.
Principal’s Pen ... Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences are right around the corner on November 11, 12, and 13. Your child has a conference request form with them today for you to complete and return. Students benefit from close communication between teachers and parents! Please keep these tips in mind:

√ Teachers schedule conferences as they receive the forms. (Hint: Request forms that are returned on Monday, October 26 will more likely fit into the schedule.)

√ Ridgeway students attend the conference with their parents. (Hint: Please schedule a time when your child can come with you.)

√ There are only slots for four families in the hour right after school on Wednesday and Thursday, so requests for that hour are less likely to work. (Hint: Be creative with the time you request. Some Ridgeway families take Friday as a day of family fun. You can schedule your conference, visit the book fair, check out books at the Columbia Public Library, enjoy a special lunch, etc. If Wednesday or Thursday work better for you, you might consider visiting the Ridgeway Book Fair and/or Public Library first, and return to Ridgeway for your conference later.)

Ridgeway teachers will find a way to meet with you!

It is important for every child to have a conference.

Ridgeway Autonomous School Board Survey

The Ridgeway ASB is collecting CPS community input on proposed changes to the Lottery Waitlist Policy. Currently, the Lottery Admission Waitlist Policy regarding Siblings states that younger siblings will be automatically admitted into Ridgeway for their Kindergarten year.

Specifically, from the Columbia Public Schools (CPS), 2015 - 2016 Lottery Rules and Guidelines:

“When a student is selected in the lottery and accepts enrollment, younger siblings will be automatically enrolled in future years. Siblings of students have enrollment priority at Kindergarten only.”

The data and comments will be aggregated to provide a comprehensive narrative of various thoughts and opinions regarding the waitlist policy for the use of current and future Autonomous School Boards.

Please follow the link below to complete the survey:
Ridgeway Family Skate Night! Come have some fun and exercise with the Ridgeway family and help a good cause. Skating is $6 per person - $1 of that will be donated to a charity that the Student Council has chosen. Bring your own skates if you wish, but they must have very clean wheels.

When: Monday, November 2 (No school on Tuesday, November 3 - Election Day!)
Where: Empire Roller Rink, 1305 Business Loop 70 E
Times: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Unit A and 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Units B & C

This event is reserved for Ridgeway students and their families only. Please arrange for someone 16 years or older to supervise your children during the skate party to help keep all skaters safe.

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences will be held Wednesday, November 11 and Thursday, November 12 from 3:30-6:00 and on Friday, November 13, from 8:00-10:00. School is dismissed on Friday for all students. Progress Reports will be given at the conference. Conferences are set for 15 minute intervals. On the forms sent home today, parents will be able to select the day and time. Forms returned before or on Wednesday, October 28, will be given the first priority. Conference confirmation notes will be sent home the week before the conferences. Students are encouraged to participate in their conference.

Conference letters went home today. Please return on or before October 28!

Book Fair is coming soon!
Media Center November 11-13
Watch for times to be posted in the RAP!