Principal’s Pen .........

Our school year has started well! Please look for the Ridgeway RAP each week so that you stay up-to-date on what is happening at Ridgeway!

I wanted to share a few reminders with you about student arrival in the morning. There are two important parts of morning drop off when parents bring their children to school at Ridgeway:

1. Pull all the way forward.
2. Drop and go.

Read on for more detail:

- Students may arrive to school at 7:20. Please do not leave your child before that time. You might see Unit C students arriving for Safety Patrol responsibilities, but other students should not arrive early.
- All students should be dropped off in the morning along the front of the school on Sexton Road.
- Parents and buses should pull all the way forward. The front sidewalk can become congested very quickly. Please, please pull all the way forward!
- Students need to be ready to get out of the car, and parents should remain in the car. This helps our line keep moving.
- Families that need additional unloading time should turn onto Woodlawn Avenue. There is a crossing guard at the intersection of Sexton and Woodlawn to help students cross the road.

Develop routines with your child that you want to continue. Parting for children and parents at school in the morning should be quick. A quick wave and ‘see you tonight!’ gets us all going in the morning.

Note from Unit B.... We have had a great week getting to know one another! We spent a lot of time in homerooms along with starting math on Thursday and Lit Lab (Reading and Word Study) on Friday. We will start science next week. Your child has a blue Home-School folder that should get checked every night and returned to school the following day. You should have received an introductory letter yesterday from Mrs. Sirna, Unit B’s student teacher.

Unit C News: Wow, what a great start to the school year! We have spent most of our time getting used to the new schedule and routines. We have specials first thing in the morning and are second to lunch at noon. This semester we are pleased to include Ms. Staton, a student teacher from Columbia College. She will be spending most of her time in Mrs. Cox’s room.
ABCD Calendar

Monday, August 20 ... A Day
Tuesday, August 21 ... B Day
Wednesday, August 22 ... C Day
Thursday, August 23 ... D Day
Friday, August 24 ... A Day

Please have your child wear tennis shoes to school the day they have PE.

Calendar Note:

We have found a few mistakes on the Ridge-way Calendar of events. (For example, there REALLY IS SCHOOL on October 30!) We will send an edited, updated calendar next week. Please watch for the calendar in a revised format.

Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars!

August 29 - Autonomous School Board Meeting 4:00
September 4 - No School, Labor Day Holiday
September 6 - Back to School Night for Units B & C, 5:30 - 6:30
September 7 - Munch and Read 2:00–2:30
September 11 - PTSA Social 6:00 Media Center
PTSA Meeting 6:30 Media Center
September 18 - Picture Day
September 20 - Unit A Curriculum Night 6:00 - 7:30 Classrooms
September 24 - No School, Teacher Collaboration