

RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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In an effort to save paper and our planet for our children's future, this will be the last paper copy. Parent newsletters can be found on our school website and Facebook page.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thur. Oct 4th
BOE MEETING
LHS @ 7:00 PM
- Mon, Oct. 8th
SCHOOL CLOSED
Columbus Day
- Tues. & Wed,
Oct. 9th & 10th
Picture Day
Oct 9th : PC
Oct 10th: IC
- Fri, Oct 12th
Unity Day
- Mon, Oct 15th
Ridge Spirit
Week
PTA Mtg @
7:00pm
- Fri, Oct 19th
Boo-tacular Bash
7:00PM
- Thur. Oct. 25th
Community
Forum
BOE MEETING
LHS @ 7:00 pm



Administrator's News

The 2018-2019 school year is in full swing and your children are beginning to establish routines as they acclimate to the new school year. They are building friendships and learning new concepts and skills. Open School Nights were on September 12th and 13th and it was wonderful seeing so many familiar faces along with many new faces. We thank our teachers for all their efforts to provide you with a "glimpse" of your child's school day and are looking forward to a fantastic school year. We thank you, our families, for taking the time to attend this important event.

News from the Social Worker's Desk

Welcome all Ridge family members to the 2018-2019 school year!! The year is starting great, and all students are making gains to adjust to the routine. My name is Ann Marks and I am the school social worker. Along with the rest of the Mental Health Department (Kristen Kopp-school counselor and Dr. Stephanie Gustave & Mary Ellen Mullen-school psychologist) **welcome you and your family**. If there is anything we can do to help you and your family have a successful school year, please contact us.

It is my hope that this school year is filled with successful experiences for all students. Family involvement is critical to your child's success in school and we welcome it. When parents, caregivers, and extended family members get personally involved in their child's education, their children do better in school and grow up to be more successful in life. Talking to your child about his/her school day is an easy and important first step. Getting those one-word answers when you ask your child, "How was your day at school?" is frustrating but don't give up!! Try some of these questions so you can keep the lines of communication open.

1. Best and Worst: What was the best part of your day? What was the worst?
2. Tell me something that made you laugh today.
3. Tell me one thing you learned today.
4. Who is the funniest person in your class? What makes him/her funny?
5. Who in your class do you think could be a little nicer? What can you do to help?
6. If you were to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you do to help the students learn?

Communicating with your child about their school day shows them you are interested in their lives and education. Family involvement works for all children at all grade levels. Additionally, you can become involved at Ridge in a number of ways, from PTA events, Ridge events to reading with your children. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns about your child, big or small we are here to listen.

Ann M. Marks, LCSW
School Social Worker

News from the Nurse's Desk - IC



The weather is unpredictable. It may be warm when your child leaves for the bus, but the temperature could drop by the time they are heading home. Make sure they are prepared, layers can always be removed. Also, be sure to LABEL clothing with your child's name. Don't forget to label those lunch boxes too.

Extra Clothes: If your child has a wet accident and you prefer that they use only their clothing, please send in an extra outfit. Place the outfit in a bag marked with the child's name and the extra clothing will be kept in the health office.

Avoid illness: Wash your hands, cover your sneeze/cough and wash again! Please encourage children to wash hands even when they first get home from school. Great habits to form ☺

Physicals and Screenings

Physical exams are required by New York State law upon entering and in grades K, 2, 4, 7 and 10. A physical is acceptable within one year of the start date of school. (For example, your student in grade 2 enters Sept. 5, 2015. A physical done in October of 2014 is acceptable.) Yearly physicals, though not required, are recommended and copies for the student's health record are helpful. Forms are available to print from the Longwood main web page under Parent Resources, Health Office Information, then Forms and Information tab.

www.Longwood.k12.ny.us

Screenings are done periodically for vision and hearing. Referrals for failed screenings will be sent home with the student with parent notification by telephone. Physician follow up documentation is required for all referrals in a timely manner.

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News from the Nurse's Desk – PC

Welcome Back!!! Here are a few important back-to-school reminders:

Physical exams are required by New York State Law upon entering and in grades K, 2, 4, 7 and 10. A physical is acceptable within one year of the start date of school (9/6/2017 - 9/6/2018). Forms are available on the district website. Parents and guardians should have reviewed the New York State immunization requirements with their child's pediatrician and submitted all required immunizations. Letters and phone calls have been made if your child is missing any NYS required immunizations.

If your child has a health condition or needs special care during the school day such as medication, treatments, monitoring, please inform the school nurse. Medication order forms are available on the district website under parent information. Please note * over the counter and prescription medications require a doctor's order and your permission to be administered by the school nurse while your child is at school. Please have a current and working phone number on file with us in the event your child needs your attention. Please review the Health Services section of the Student/Parent Handbook. Lastly, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

NUTRITION TIP FOR OCTOBER:

Apples are a great snack!! They provide complex carbs that give the body a long steady energy boost. They are filled with vitamins, fiber and antioxidants. Some studies have shown that eating plenty of apples may reduce the risk of asthma attacks and wheezing. Showing kids where healthy food comes from can encourage them to eat them. Try this fall, going apple picking and having some healthy fun!!!!

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BUS INFORMATION AND SUSPENSION POLICY

In the event that you need to change your child's bus route home from school due to childcare issues or emergencies, or if you decide to pick up your child, a letter requesting a change must be sent to school with your child or you may call the office (directly). All requests must be made no later than 3:00PM. Your child will be issued a pass to board a different bus or be dropped off at a different existing stop according to the information provided to us. The letter must contain:

Your child's name: The new bus route
 The dates/days effective
 When and where you can be reached

BUS SUSPENSION POLICY:

If students cannot control their behavior and continuously disrupt the safety of the bus ride, they may lose their riding privilege for a portion or balance of the school year.

First Misconduct Report = "Warning" letter.

Second Misconduct Report = 3 -day suspension from transportation.

Third Misconduct Report = Minimum 5 -day suspension + hearing.

Fourth Misconduct Report = Minimum 10 -day suspension + hearing.

Please be advised that if, in the opinion of school officials, the child has jeopardized not only his or her safety but the safety of the other students, an immediate suspension will ensue.

MOST COMMONLY BROKEN RULES ARE: fighting, throwing objects, disobedience to driver, destruction of property, use of foul language, eating food on bus, excess noise, and general "horseplay". Please speak with your child about refraining from these behaviors.

CULTURAL ARTS

Finks Farm

ALP

October 1th @ 9:45am - 12:15pm

Kindergarten

October 17th @ 9:45am -12:15pm

Old Bethpage

4th Grade

October 25th @ 9:45am - 2:45pm

Book of The Month



Be Kind

by Pat Zietlow Miller