

Ridge Elementary School Newsletter



November 2018

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Administrator's News:

Upcoming Events:

- **Thursday, November 1st**
Board of Ed. Meeting
LHS @ 7:00PM
- **Friday, November 2nd**
PARP Kickoff & Book
Fair
7:00PM
- **Mon, Wed & Thurs**
Nov. 5th 7th & 8th
Book Fair
- **Tuesday, November 6th**
Election Day
SCHOOL CLOSED
- **Monday, November 12th**
Veterans' Day
SCHOOL CLOSED
- **Thurs., November 15th**
Board of Ed. Meeting
LHS @ 7:00PM
Ridge Differently Aabled
Day
- **Monday, November 19th**
7:00PM/ PTA Meeting
Ridge Fall Pic Make Up
Day
- **Tues., November 20th**
State mandated 15
minute Early Dismissal
- **Wed- Fri Nov. 21st -23rd**
School Closed
Thanksgiving Recess



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

As we enter the month of November, autumn is in full swing and we have been enjoying the beautiful weather.

Election Day is November 6th and we encourage the members of our community to vote in your local elections. **School will be closed on Election Day.**

Veterans Day is Monday, November 12th and **school will be closed.** There are many Longwood community members, alumni, and staff members who have served in the military as well as many who are currently serving. We ask you to take a few minutes to think about these brave service men and women and thank them for their willingness to serve our country.

As we approach Thanksgiving, we would like to take the time to thank all of our Ridge families for your continued support, volunteerism, and participation in the many aspects of your children's education. At Ridge School, we are also thankful for the extremely talented and dedicated faculty and staff who have the privilege of helping your children learn and grow each day. Together we create a partnership that is essential to the success of our Ridge students and for that we continue to be thankful.

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED NOV. 21st, 22nd & 23rd

**** November 4th - turn back clocks 1 hour ****

News from the Social Work Desk

It's Turkey Talk Time! Ridge Elementary School is hoping to provide Thanksgiving holiday gifts to our families in need. Several classrooms are creating baskets with Thanksgiving dinner items, as well as a gift card for a turkey, all to aide in our mission to help our community. If you or your organization would like to participate, may we suggest gift cards for a turkey from our local supermarket or retail stores for holiday gifts. Gift cards are great ideas to help purchase holiday essentials! If interested in participating in our holiday gift drive (gifts for children ages 5-14), please drop items off at greeter's desk.

If your family is in need of assistance, whether for Thanksgiving or the holidays, please contact **Ann Marks, Social Worker, in the Primary Ctr. at 345-2316** or **Kristen Kopp, School Counselor, in the Intermediate Ctr. 345-2766.** All calls and information is confidential.

Thank you in advance for all your SUPPORT to assist our Ridge Family Community!

Ann M. Marks, LCSW

Intermediate & Primary Centers

Nurse's News:

Dress in layers!

The weather is changing and it is cold here at the Ridge campus. The best suggestion is to dress in layers for optimal comfort.

Attendance

Just a reminder: parents should call the main office and report when their child is absent and provide a written excuse upon student's return. The note should include the following: student's name, grade, class, dates absent and reason for absence signed by parent or guardian.

Screenings

Annual screenings will begin in November.

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

Good habits to form, ask children to:

- **Cover their nose and mouth** with a tissue when they cough or sneeze—have them throw the tissue away after they use it.
- **Wash their hands often with soap and water**, especially after they cough or sneeze. If water is not near, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- **Avoid touching their eyes, nose, or mouth.** Germs spread this way.

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ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE

Due to New York State regulations, schools are required to differentiate between students' excused and unexcused absences. **Phone calls to report reasons for absences are not accepted. Instead, all absences must be followed up with a written note informing the school of the reason for the absence, tardiness, or early dismissal.** The following is a list of appropriate reasons for excused absences:

- Student Illness
- Critical Family Illness
- Observance of Religious Holidays
- Suspension
- Health care appointments that cannot be scheduled outside of the school day
- Snow day/impossible roadways, as declared by the school district
- Death in the Family
- Court Summons
- State Emergency
- Work study, exams or school related service with prior approval
- Military obligation; Military Family Deployment Related Absences (at the discretion of the principal, assistant superintendent, or superintendent)

All other absences, tardiness, and early departures will be considered unexcused.

EARLY DISMISSAL & EMERGENCY PLAN

If you plan to pick up your child before the end of the day, please be sure to send a note or **call before 3:00PM** so your child can be dismissed promptly.

Do you have a plan in place in the event that there is an early dismissal? All students should know where to go and what to do if an adult is not home when the child arrives home. Please take time to review your family's plan with your child.

WEATHER REMINDER

Cooler weather is now upon us so please remember to dress your child accordingly. Recess is a healthy activity that is part of your child's daily routine. Please check the weather forecast as dressing properly can make a difference in your child's health, school attendance, and academic progress.

Reminder:

Children are not to be dropped off at school before 9:15AM

Call before 3:00PM if making your child a walker. A note sent in the morning of, is preferable.

FIELD TRIPS

November 16th: Leisure Village - Veterans Day Performance
4th Grade & 4-9 @ 9:45am -12:15pm

November 20th: Brookhaven National Labs
Grade 1: 1-1,1-6,1-3 @ 9:40am - 12:00pm

November 26th: Cultural Arts @ 9:40am -12:00pm
Grade 4: H.S

November 30th: Brookhaven National Labs
Grade 1: 1-2, 1-5,1-4,1-7 @ 9:40am - 12:00pm

Grade 2: Cultural Arts @ 9:40am -12:00pm
H.S

BOOK OF THE MONTH



Red: A Crayon's Story
by Michael Hall

Congratulations

Mr. Gentile's Class in the Primary Center
Ms. Cunningham's Class in the Intermediate Center
for the most collected "Box Tops for Education."

Ridge Fire Department Poster Contest Winners:

Kindergarten: Noah Boyd
1st Grade: Gianni St. Nicholas
2nd Grade: Ava Lagravinese
3rd Grade: Justin Morgan
4th Grade: Ravi Mangat