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# the RIDGEVIEW *vista*



RIDGEVIEW ELEMENTARY  
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## Looking Ahead

September 18	Early Release
September 25	PTO Mtg. 6:00
September 25	Popcorn .25
October 2	Early Release
October 9	No School
October 12-16	Bring A Loved One to Lunch
October 16	Popcorn .25
October 23	Early Release
October 30	Food Drive starts Popcorn .25 or 1 can of food

## NEW Meal Prices

<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>\$1.15</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>\$2.45</b>
<b>Milk</b>	<b>\$.40</b>
<b>Adult Lunch</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>

## ✕ Letter From The Principal ✕

Dear Parents:

Welcome back to another school year! I hope your summer vacation was restful. As principal, I am excited to meet you and help make this a great year.

As we get started with the new school year please be on the lookout for information coming home via your son or daughter by making it a habit of checking their backpack each and every night. Every year Ridgeview and its parent organization hold fundraisers and community events. The funds generated are put to good use in a number of different ways that positively affect Ridgeview and its learning objectives. We greatly appreciate your generosity and hope that you will continue to support Ridgeview in any manner possible.

Please pay particular attention to our school calendar. This school year there are a number of Fridays where school will be released early (12:30 PM). Please be sure to plan ahead and make arrangements for your child as necessary.

Lastly, thank you to Springfield voters. We are well under construction and our new music classroom is starting to take shape. Your bond dollars have made it possible to build a new music classroom, thus adding space to our building and accommodating full day kindergarten. In addition, bond dollars have provided a ceiling mounted projector and speaker system in every classroom and will soon be providing additional computers to Ridgeview Students.

It is my privilege to serve as the principal of Ridgeview Elementary School and it is my pleasure to work alongside such an outstanding and committed staff. The staff at Ridgeview goes out of their way to create a balanced atmosphere of high academic standards and expectations where personal responsibility is built into a caring and nurturing environment. This balance is often tricky and needs to be supported by ongoing and consistent communication between home and school.

Please do not hesitate to call if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,  
Jim Crist, Principal

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# School Announcements

**Peanut Allergy/Classroom Food** Students at school have severe allergy to nuts. This allergy can be life threatening. Because of our concern for the health of these children, we are asking those of you who bring snacks to avoid any product which contain any type of nuts or nut oils. If you provide snacks please bring these snacks to the health room so the health aide can double check for nut containing products. Foods which have labels that read "may contain nuts" or labels that indicate the food was manufactured with nuts are also to be avoided. We are asking you to select other food items for the classroom. Also, If your child has eaten a nut containing food for breakfast, please have him/her wash their hands thoroughly before coming to school. **We will no longer be allowing birthday treats, cupcakes, cake, etc. at school on student birthdays. Plan to have those special treats at home.** Thank you for your willingness to provide snacks with our children's nutrition and safety in mind. Please check with our Health Aide if you have questions about your food item.

## Student Drop Off Pick Up Area

1. Please do not park anywhere within the circular driveway directly in front of the school during morning drop off, and afternoon pickup times. Leaving a parked car in this area creates an unsafe environment.
2. Pull all the way forward to the end of the sidewalk (white) unloading / loading zone before letting your child exit your vehicle. Keeping the traffic moved as far forward as possible creates a steady flow of traffic.
3. Once your child has exited safely onto the sidewalk, please proceed safely out of the pull-through area so that other cars may pull forward.
4. Have your child exit the door closest to the school so that they do not have to exit into traffic.

## Student Arrival/Dismissal Times

Just a reminder that students are to arrive at school during the times listed below unless given permission (such as Safety Patrol, teacher, breakfast club, Willamalane Kid's Club, etc.)

- 8:15 a.m.** students eating breakfast enter through cafeteria
- 8:25 a.m.** all students arrive and enter through their outside classroom doors.
- 8:35 a.m.** class starts, students should be in their classroom and ready for instruction.
- 2:50 p.m.** all students dismissed

## **Early Release**

**Early release for grades 1-5 is at 12:00.**

Students will be served lunch just as they are on a regular school day.

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
18	2	20	11	8	5	4	1	6
	23			22	19	18	15	20

1st Grade Hearing Screening  
Will take place  
September 24th.

If you have questions you may contact  
our speech teacher, Dean Vanderbush  
at 541-744-6308

# Parent Organization Corner

Welcome to 2015-2016 school year from the Ridgeview PTO! Did you know that you are already a member? Every parent of a Ridgeview student is automatically a member of our Parent Teacher Organization. No need to sign up or pay dues! Great things are going on this year and your help is needed! Please contact us if you are looking for a way to get involved.

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Vice President: Kim Aldinger: [kimaldinger11@hotmail.com](mailto:kimaldinger11@hotmail.com)  
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Like us on facebook and stay up to date at:  
<http://www.facebook.com/ridgeviewelementary>

## **Young Rembrandts Art Class**

*Young Rembrandts is excited to offer drawing classes after school again this year!*

*Fliers will come home soon with information to sign up.*

*Classes take place after school on Thursdays in Room 15 from 3:00 - 3:50.*

## **Campbell's For Education**

Now is the time to turn in those labels you collected over the summer. Remember, that all we need is the UPC from the Campbell products not the front of the label.

## **WOW PRIZES**

Ridgeview supports a reward program known as the 'WOW' program. When a student is acknowledged using great judgment and positive choice they might be given a 'WOW' slip. These slips are then combined for a weekly drawing consisting of two winners per class. The winner may then choose a 'WOW' prize from many novelty items available at the designated 'WOW' desk located by the office. Reinforcing and rewarding great student behavior is the goal of the 'WOW' program.



## **Box Tops**

Clip box tops and earn cash for your school! It is easy to find Box Tops. In fact, you may have some in your home right now. Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite products. Each Box Top coupon is worth 10¢ for your school and that adds up fast! frozen, fresh produce, snacks, juice, meals & sides refrigerated & dairy, baking, water filtration systems and filters, disposable tableware & waste bags, storage bags, & containers, paper products and apparel.

Stephanie Perkins coordinator: [perkmom1@yahoo.com](mailto:perkmom1@yahoo.com)  
Visit [www.btfe.com/products](http://www.btfe.com/products) for a complete list of participating Box Tops products.



## **POPCORN**

We will be providing popcorn on select Fridays for a nominal fee of .25 a bag. For class parties we will do an all school pop and provide free popcorn to all the students. If you would like to help pop popcorn please contact: [ambershoshin@yahoo.com](mailto:ambershoshin@yahoo.com)

# *When NOT to Send Your Child to School*

**Most seasonal illnesses do NOT require students to stay home from school.** Please review the following information. If you do not have easy access to medical care, please call your school nurse. There are clinics available, as well as help with Oregon Health Plan applications.

**Here are some simple rules to help you through the winter months:**

**Common cold with runny nose & cough, but NO fever** -- does not require staying home from school. Send tissues with your student, encourage extra fluids & frequent hand washing.

**Runny nose, with cough AND FEVER** -- seek medical advice.

(A thermometer reading over 100.4 is considered a "fever".)

**Sore throat, NO fever** -- uncomfortable, but going to school is OKAY. Encourage your child to get more rest and to drink extra fluids.

**Sore throat WITH fever, headache or abdominal pain** -- seek medical advice.

**Ear pain** -- needs medical attention. If an infection is present, antibiotics will be prescribed & possibly medication for pain relief. A child with an ear infection does not need to miss school. These guidelines also apply to sinus infections.

**Diarrhea & Vomiting** -- Exclusion from school is required if the student has 3 or more watery stools in one day, and for any vomiting. If a fever develops, seek medical advice. Students may return to school when there has been no fever for 24 hours.

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

**Only licensed health care providers** can diagnosis, prescribe treatment & provide a note to excuse a student from school for more than 2 days.

**Transportation** -- A sick child will not be allowed to travel home on their regular school bus. An authorized adult will need to pick them up from the school.

**VERY IMPORTANT!!** Please inform the school if there are any changes in the contact numbers for your student. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Registered Nurse assigned to your child's school. The Health Aide at your child's school can give you contact information for their RN or can have the nurse contact you directly.

Dr. Todd Huffman MD & Springfield School District Nurses. Oct. 2008





## AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS ABOUT STUDENT RECORDS AND THE RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The following statement is a summary of school regulations regarding student records. School Board Policy and district Administrative Rules contain the district's detailed rules and regulations. You may want to review copies at each school or at the district Administration Building, 525 Mill Street, Springfield, Oregon.

### 1. Confidentiality of Student Records:

All student records are confidential and may be opened for inspection only in accordance with applicable federal and state law and school board policy.

### 2. Inspection of Student Records:

Parents or legal guardians have the right to inspect their child's student records and to challenge the content of the records. A copy of any portion of the student's record will be made available to parents at a reasonable time and at the cost of reproduction.

Should a parent, guardian or eligible student request the amendment of education records to ensure the records are not inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of a student's privacy or other rights, a hearing may be scheduled.

Once the student reaches age 18, those rights transfer to the student alone.

If the custody of a student has been granted to only one parent, it is important for you to know the non-custodial parent has access to all student records unless there is a court order to the contrary.

### 3. Release of Student Records:

Generally, parents or the student, if he/she is 18 or is attending an institution of higher education, must consent to the release of all student records. The school district, however, may release student records without consent in the following instances:

- a. To other district employees who have a legitimate educational interest in the records;
- b. To the officials of another school district or an institution of post secondary education in which the student seeks to enroll or has already

enroll after the parents have been given an opportunity to review the contents of the records;

- c. To state and federal governmental agencies requiring such information;
- d. In connection with a student's application for or receipt of financial aid;
- e. To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena; and
- f. For emergency situations involving the health or safety of the student or other persons.
- g. To school board members during an executive session closed to the public to consider the expulsion of a student or to examine confidential medical records;
- h. To parents of a dependent student.
- i. To accrediting organizations if the information is needed to carry out their accrediting functions;

## HIV/AIDS CURRICULUM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Oregon Department of Education and Springfield School District believe that public schools have an important role in educating students with current, factual information about HIV / AIDS. In accordance with this belief and Oregon Administrative Rules [581-22-1440], each school in Springfield provides instruction about HIV / AIDS at various times throughout the year.

An age-appropriate plan of instruction has been developed as part of the health curriculum for elementary, middle and high school students. The plan of instruction includes the following:

- Information about the disease and how it is transmitted. This information is designed to allay those fears about HIV that are scientifically groundless;
- hygienic practices that reduce the risk of exposure to HIV, Hepatitis B and other infectious diseases;
- an emphasis on sexual abstinence for youth and monogamous relationships for adults as the safest and most responsible sexual behaviors;
- information about responsible sexual behavior that may reduce or eliminate exposure to HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases; and
- information about the high risks of contracting HIV, Hepatitis B and other infectious diseases thorough the sharing of intravenous drug needles or syringes.

Oregon law and Springfield policies allow parents to preview the curriculum materials that will be used in the classroom program. Parents also have the right to have students excused from all or any part of this instructional program. Parents should contact their child's school for more information about when formal HIV / AIDS instruction will take place, review of the curriculum materials or to have a student excused from the instructional unit.

## TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

The federal No Child Left Behind law allows parents the opportunity to know the qualifications of their children's teachers and paraprofessionals. As the parent of a Springfield student, you have the right to request the qualifications of your child's teacher (including degrees and licenses held by the teacher). You also have the right to request the qualifications of any paraprofessionals who work with your child(ren) in school.

If you wish to know these qualifications, your request must be made in writing and given to the school principal.

## PARENT REVIEW OF MATERIALS

As stated in Springfield School District policy and in federal No Child Left Behind statutes, parents have the right to:

1. Review any instructional material used by the district as part of the educational curriculum for students;
2. Review any instrument used in the collection of personal information from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose;
3. Review any survey by a third party;
4. Review any district survey if the survey items include responses concerning politically affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's family; sex behavior or attitudes; illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior; critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships; legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers; religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent; and income, other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program. A parent may request that their student be excused from participation in a survey, which contains responses in these areas.

Any request for review of these materials should be made in writing to the school principal.