

# RIDGECREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## PARENTS NEWSLETTER



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### UNIFORM

It is mandatory that all students wear uniform every day. Pants, skirts, dresses and shorts are navy blue. Collared shirts and blouses are solid white or light blue. Sweaters are navy blue. Hoodies are not allowed inside the school. Blue jeans, sweat-pants and leggings are not permitted.



### Important Dates

September 15-October 15 Hispanic Heritage Month

Wednesday, August 23 - Town Hall Meeting 6:00pm

Friday, August 25 - Pre-k / Kindergarten Orientation 12:00pm - Ice Cream Social for All Students 12:30pm

Monday, August 28 - First Day of School - All Students.

Tuesday, August 29 - Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration - 3:00-6:00pm

Monday, Sep. 4 - School Closed - Labor Day

Tuesday, Sep. 12 - Back to School Night in person for students in Pre-k, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade - 6:00pm

Wednesday, Sep. 13 - Back to School Night in person for students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade - 6:pm

Monday, Sep. 25 - Yom Kippur Holiday - School Closed



### Welcome our new Teachers

Parent /students, please welcome our new teachers who have joined the Ridgecrest Family.

## WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

### PARENTS WELCOME!!!

Welcome parents to a new school year. I hope you had a healthy and safe summer. Also I hope that little by little everyone is returning to their normal routine. The students are getting used to school routines and procedures in the classroom and throughout the school. Please remember the following:

- \*Students must report to school on time. We need students in their seats at 7:45 a.m. to begin instruction.
- \*Parents please review your child's papers and backpacks on a regular basis for classroom updates.
- \*Students do not have options regarding the buses. Bus riders always ride the bus unless there is a written change.
- \*Please help the school staff by updating phone numbers so that the school can always contact parents.

### Class DOJO

We will be using **Class DOJO** this school year. Class Dojo is a great app that helps you stay in touch with your child's teacher. Please accept the invitation your child's teacher will send to receive important information from the school. If you don't get an invitation, call your child teacher.



**School Hours 7:30a.m. -1:55p.m.**



Ridgecrest is now a **CEP** school. The Department of Food & Nutrition Services is pleased to announce that Ridgecrest was selected to participate in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Program. All students will receive **free breakfast** and **lunch**. Therefore parents **DO NOT** need to complete a lunch application for this school year .

### Counselor Corner

Being in school all day, every day, helps your child get the most out of elementary school. **Be there!** Try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours.

### A Message from the Community School Coordinator

Hello Ridgecrest Family! My name is Ms. Portillo. As the Community School Coordinator at Ridgecrest, I am responsible for bringing in resources to our school. I am excited to share that we will be introducing a lot of amazing resources and programs this school year! Ridgecrest is continuing to offer free therapy services for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in therapy with Ms. Gomez, you can call me at 202-827-6782 or email me at [yesenia.portillo@pgcps.org](mailto:yesenia.portillo@pgcps.org).

### HEALTH NEWS



We hope that everyone had a safe and healthy summer break. As we embark on a new school year, we are excited to share exciting events and information regarding bettering student and adult health.

This month the focus is on Childhood Obesity. September is **National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month**. Make sure if you are sending lunch or breakfast to school, you have provided a balanced meal of protein and carbohydrates. Also ensure your child gets plenty of exercise and rest to help facilitate the learning process.

September 20 is **National School Backpack Awareness Day** - please check the weight of your child's backpack to avoid them developing shoulder and back pain.

September 27th is **National Women's Health and Fitness Day** - Moms, take care of yourself!! Women's Health & Fitness Day is the nation's largest annual health promotion event for women of all ages.

### PTO -Parent / Teacher Organization

Parents, please join our PTO!!! We are looking for officers that can help grow the Parent Teacher Organization. Contact Ms. Andrade to join. Phone: 240-801-5542 email:[montser.andrade@pgcps.org](mailto:montser.andrade@pgcps.org)

### Parent Engagement Assistant

Hello Ridgecrest Parents. I am Mrs. Andrade, the Parent Engagement Assistant. I am here to help you resolve any situation related to the school or your child. You can contact me through calls / texts at my direct number 240-801-5542 or by email at [montser.andrade@pgcps.org](mailto:montser.andrade@pgcps.org)

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