
September 4th, 2018

Ridge-Brook Review

Steve Perry- Principal

Ridge-Brook Families,

Welcome back to school! I was so happy to see many of you at our Parma Kickoff event on August 18th. I had a great time giving out free book bags and books. It was great to see the other Parma schools in attendance as well as the sports teams, career tech and clubs.

I wanted to take a moment and review our drop off/pick up procedures. This is especially helpful for new families. The pick-up procedures are the same as last year. This means that K/1 students are picked up outside the kindergarten rooms on Manhattan Ave. and all other students are either bused or picked up by parents in our parking lot. If you park your car in our school's parking lot or if you park on the side streets, we ask that you personally walk your child back to your car; this is for the safety of your child. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to any of our bus duty personnel who are outside in the morning and afternoon.

As we continue to partner with our PTA, I encourage parents and families to find ways to attend PTA meetings and volunteer at the many events offered by the PTA. The PTA puts the needs of our students first and continuously looks for ways to enhance student learning and educational experiences while including families. You can also friend request the Ridge-Brook PTA on Facebook. PTA's Facebook page will be a main form of communication/promotion of our PTA this year.

Building positive relationships with our students and families, along with academic achievement, is our mission. Creating leaders who will change our community and world in a positive way, is ultimately our goal. We truly believe your decision to be a part of Parma City Schools and attend Ridge-Brook Elementary is the best decision you can make.

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Important Announcements:

-NO SCHOOL-

September 3, 2018
due to Labor Day

October 12, 2018
due to NEOEA Day

October 19, 2018
due to Teacher's
In service Day

**"You're off to great
places**

Today is your day

**Your mountain is
waiting**

So get on your way!"

-Dr. Seuss

Homework

The Cuyahoga County Public Library is offering two programs for the 2018-2019 school year:

Homework Mentoring— is a free program offered to help students with their homework individually. This program is held at the Parma Snow branch.

Homework Center— is a free program held at the Parma Branch on Powers Blvd. This is small group mentoring. Registration is required and offered on a first come first serve basis.

To register, please see the front desk at the library.

PICTURE DAY



September 20th, 2018

Lifetouch will be here to take individual pictures of students on September 20th. They will return on October 25th for retakes. If you would like a picture retake, please send in the original picture package with your child on October 25th, 2018.

As the year begins, please use email or the main office as a way in communicating with staff. Appointments are necessary when needing to speak with staff regarding your child or any issue of which you have a concern. It is not possible for teachers at any time, to leave their students to speak with a parent regarding their child. For the safety of our students, ALL VISITORS MUST ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS, show identification and sign in. When you enter the building, please come directly to our office. SAFETY FIRST! Our new office is now located in the office surrounded by glass windows in the main hallway. Also, if you need to change your child's transportation in any way, please write a note to your child's teacher or call the office prior to 3:00. We want to make sure your child gets safely where he/she needs to go, so early communication will ensure that this can happen. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

If questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact the office and let me know how I can be of assistance. Your concerns and questions are important to us. Let's make this year the best year ever!

Sincerely,
Mr. Steve Perry

Taste of the Town and Chevy Trax Raffle



Please join us on Wednesday, September 26th from 6-8:30pm at St. Michaels Event Center for the 2018 Taste of the Town! The raffle winner will be announced for the Chevy Trax at the Taste of the Town event. This event will be featuring many of the area's best eateries! All proceeds go back to our students. Tickets are available in the school office. Taste of Town tickets are \$30 and Chevy Trax tickets are \$10. Hope to see you there!

Title 1 News



Welcome back Ridge-Brook Families!

Hi, my name is Miss Zehe, and I am very excited to be joining the Ridge-Brook Title I team! This is my 5th year in the district. I taught Title I for two years at Thoreau Park, I taught 3rd Grade at Parma Park for one year and I taught Kindergarten last year at Thoreau Park. I have a Bachelor's of Science in Education degree as well as my K-12 Reading Endorsement from Cleveland State University. I am beginning my Master's degree in Instructional Technology from Grand Canyon University this fall. I am looking forward to the 2018-2019 school year!

Hi, my name is Mrs. Myers. This is my 2nd year here at Ridge-Brook as a Title I teacher! I am excited to be back. This is my 5th year in the district. I have a Bachelor's of Science in Education degree from Baldwin Wallace College and earned a Masters of Arts in Education with a focus in literacy from Baldwin Wallace University. I am looking forward to the 2018-2019 school year.

Hi! My name is Mrs. Coljohn, and I am very excited to be joining the Title 1 team at Ridge-Brook as a title one teacher. This is my ninth year in the district. I am coming from Renwood, where I taught Kindergarten for seven years and Second grade for one year. I graduated from John Carroll University with a degree in Early Childhood Education Pre K-3rd with a K-12 Reading Endorsement. I am looking forward to a new school year at Ridge-Brook!

Mrs. Amato will be here as a substitute for Mrs. Watson, who just had a baby and is enjoying some time at home with her newborn.

Be on the lookout for more information regarding our Annual Title One Meeting and Family Literacy night this year. We hope you have a great school year!

-Ridge-Brook Title One Team

FAST News

Families And Schools Together



FAST is a free program that Ridge-Brook is offering for the entire family. There is one program every week that includes dinner, games, prizes, parent & child time, family time, adult time, and FUN! Childcare is included and the entire family is welcome. FAST will be held on Mondays for 8 weeks from 5:30-8 pm. Please see the flyer that has been sent home with your child and respond

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Space is limited and the spots fill up quickly.

-IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES-



PTA Fall Fundraiser – August 24th- September 10th, 2018

Labor Day – No School September 3rd, 2018

PTA Board Meeting - September 10, 2018- 5:30pm at the Parma Library on Powers Blvd

Popcorn Day- Friday, September 14th

Picture Day – Thursday, September 20th, 2018

Father's Walk- Thursday, September 20th, 2018

PTA Kalahari Night- Friday, September 21st

Taste of the Town- Wednesday, September 26th, 2018

PTA General Meeting- Thursday, September 27th, 2018, Parma Hts. Library

Popcorn Day- Friday, October 5th

PTA General Meeting- Monday, October 8th at 5:30pm at the Parma Hts. Library

Trunk or Treat- October 12th from 6:30-8:30pm

Scholastic Book Fair- Thursday, October 11th-Thursday, October 18th

Fall Conferences- Thursday, October 11th from 5:00-7:45pm

NEOEA Day- Friday, October 12th NO SCHOOL

End of 1st Quarter- Thursday, October 18th

NO SCHOOL- Friday, October 19th, Teacher In-Service Day



**PARMA AREA
FAMILY COLLABORATIVE**

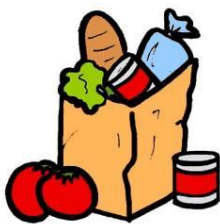
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Clothing Center



Every Thursday at 2:00pm at the
Parma Area Family Collaborative
Office

Mobile Food Pantry



Second Thursday of every month
from 2:30pm-4:30pm at the
Parma Collaborative Office

For more information, please check
out their website at
<https://familycollaborative.com>



On behalf of the Ridge-Brook Parent Teacher's Association (PTA), it is our pleasure to welcome you to our wonderful community! We are looking forward to a great year filled with fantastic events, community building activities and most importantly supporting our kids and teachers so they can continue to attain excellence in education.

The primary way to make this the best year family and our community is to join the PTA! This is your chance to be a member of a great organization that funds many of the opportunities you see at Ridge-Brook. Your support enhances your child's experience at our school and we want to hear from you! When you join the PTA you are not obligated to attend all meetings, nor volunteer; you can participate as much or as little as you would like or able, finding a perfect balance that is right for you.

The next way to make it the best school year ever is to volunteer! It has been proven that a child whose parent(s) is involved in his/her education and school experience is a more successful student. By getting involved at home and school, children do better-grades are higher, test scores rise, self-esteem grows and schools improve. By joining and volunteering in the PTA there is no better way to get connected. Know what's happening at Ridge-Brook, meet other parents and teachers, and build rapport, plus share ideas, concerns, and experiences. By volunteering you put your skills, hobbies and interest to work!

It has been said that the number one reason people don't join PTA is because no one asked... WE ARE ASKING! And asking you to ask your friends! Join us, a membership is only \$5.00. Please join us for the first PTA meeting of the year, Monday, August 27th, at 5:30 p.m. Parma Library at Powers Blvd.

Follow us on Facebook for
updates! [@RidgeBrookElementaryPTA](https://www.facebook.com/RidgeBrookElementaryPTA)

Sincerely,
Laura Eichenmiller
PTA President



EVENTS



September Events at the Library

6996 Powers Blvd. Parma, OH 44129

Grandparents Festival— Preschool – Grade 5 with Grandparents. Celebrate everything that grandparents and grand-friends do for their families. Live music, crafts, health and family resources, genealogy, special storytimes, light refreshments and door prizes. Saturday, September 8th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Parma Branch Library, 6996 Powers Blvd. <http://tinyurl.com/grandparentsfestival>

Ready Set Create! Building Challenges for Kids-- Grades 2 – 5. Hands-on building and technology challenges give you the chance to solve problems, be creative and work with real engineers. Sponsored by STARnet and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Saturday, September 15th at 2:00 p.m. at Parma Branch Library, 6996 Powers Blvd. <https://tinyurl.com/ReadySetCreateSept>

Homework Center Open House—Grades K – 8. Come join the homework center staff to find out all about the center and the help it can offer your child. The entire family is welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Tuesday, September 18th from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Parma Branch Library, 6996 Powers Blvd. <https://tinyurl.com/HWCOH>

Zoom to the Moon-- Ages 3 - 5 with a caregiver. Put on your space suit and take an imaginary rocket to the moon. Preschoolers will explore simple astronomy principles through hands-on activities and imaginative play. Friday, September 21st at 11:00 a.m. at Parma Branch Library, 6996 Powers Blvd. <https://tinyurl.com/ZoomMoon>

Master Builders-- Grades 4 – 6. Are you a LEGO fanatic? Want to tackle building challenges with friends? Bring your imagination and we'll supply the bricks. The third Thursday of every month. September 20th at 6:30 p.m. at Parma Branch Library, 6996 Powers Blvd. <https://tinyurl.com/MasterBuildersSept>

Brick Builders Club-- Grades K-3. Do you love LEGO? Come build with us! We supply the bricks, you supply the imagination. The last Tuesday of every month. September 25th at 4:00 p.m. at Parma Branch Library, 6996 Powers Blvd. <https://tinyurl.com/BrickBuildersSept>

Talespinner Theatre: Jan and the Trickster, A Polish Tale of Magic-- Ages 5 – 10. Young Jan and his magical new friend perform feats of magic and solve riddles to try to best Kostiei, the trickster king of the enchanted forest. Based on a traditional Polish folktale. Performed live by Talespinner Children's Theatre. Wednesday, September 26th at 6:30 p.m. at Parma Branch Library, 6996 Powers Blvd. <https://tinyurl.com/TalespinnerParma>

Attendance Spirit Week 2018

September 17-21, 2018



Monday: Shades day

Attendance is so bright, you've got to wear shades

Tuesday: Pajama day

Rock and Roll to school on time



Wednesday: Mismatched day

Don't miss out on learning, its Wacky Wednesday

Thursday: Hat Day

Head for Success by arriving on time



Friday: School spirit day

Wear School shirt or school colors (royal blue & white)