

November 1st, 2018

Ridge-Brook Review

Steve Perry- Principal



Ridge-Brook Families,

Happy November to all of our families! We are officially into the second 9-weeks of the school year. Our PTA just wrapped up our fall book fair. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who helped make this event a success. Our PTA also completed their fall fundraiser. Please know that the goal of our PTA fundraisers is so our PTA can purchase items for classrooms, provide COSI to come and visit our students and also to help with the costs of our many events we have throughout the year. Thank you so much to our PTA and all of the volunteers who make it a success.

Our 3rd annual trunk-or-treat event was held on October 12th. We had a great turnout with over 300 in attendance. There was a kettle corn tent, funnel cakes, face painting and we even had a special visit from the Parma Fire Department. We thank the Parma Fire Department for all that they do each and every day and also for visiting us at our special event. Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered, this is what makes this event a huge success each year.

I also want to announce to parents that we will have a student of the month taking place each month through the entire year. Each month will consist of a core value. September's core value was teamwork and October is dedication. All staff members have an opportunity to give the homeroom teacher of our students, input on how they are demonstrating the core value of the month. Once a teacher determines the student of the month, I will be hand-delivering the signs to the winner's residence. Staff members may also join me to present and take pictures with your child. Each student will also receive a certificate. I'm so happy this is taking place and I'm sure our students are as well.

Have a great November and I hope you also have a fantastic Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Mr. Perry

Important Announcements

-NO SCHOOL-

Tuesday, November 6th

-Teacher's
In-service Day-

Wednesday,
November 21st- Friday,
November 23rd

-Thanksgiving Break-

IMPORTANT!

Parents, please be sure to let the office know **BEFORE 3:00pm** if there is a change in dismissal for your student(s). If we receive the call after 3:00pm, we will have to dismiss your child like normal. This is for the student's safety.
Thank you!

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. Please call the branch for more details at (216) 661-4240.

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. Please call the library for more information at (440) 885-5362.

-Thanksgiving Break-

Will be observed from November 21st- 23rd, 2018.



Enjoy your families and friends and we will see you on Monday, November 26th!

-FAST NEWS-



We're well in to our fall FAST session and its going very well! There are 11 families participating. We're having lots of fun together. Stay tuned for more information about how you can join FAST in the spring!



2018 PEA Canned Food Drive



This year's PEA Canned Food Drive will be continuing until November 9th, 2018. Please send in canned goods and boxed goods with your child during this time. The food will be delivered to the Parma Hunger Center, sorted and delivered to a number of families in Parma, Parma Hts., and Seven Hills so they can have a nice Thanksgiving. Please give generously.



Calling all K-1 families! Join us for our Literacy Night on November 29th from 5:30-7:00pm. More details to follow in the next few weeks. You'll learn about how to share books with your child. Plus, you'll go home with 3 free books!

Parent Right To Know:

You have the right to know about the teacher qualifications of your child's classroom teacher in a school receiving Title I funds. The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that any school district receiving Title I funds must notify parents of each student attending any school receiving Title I funds that they may request, and the district will provide the parents on request (and in timely manner), information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers, including the minimum, the following:

1. Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
3. Whether the teacher is teaching in the field discipline of the certification of the teacher; and
4. Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you to everyone who supported our fall book fair! Students purchased \$2,200 worth of books this time! The school received 40% of those sales to purchase items for our building.

-IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES-



October 29th- November 9th- Canned Food Drive

Tuesday, November 6th- No School for students; Teacher In-Service Day; Election Day

Friday, November 9th- Veteran's Day program; Mother/Son dance at VFHS

Saturday, November 10th- PTA Wing Ding night at Bleacher's

Monday, November 12th- PTA meeting at the Parma Hts library at 5:30pm

Wednesday, November 21st- Friday, November 23rd- Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, November 22nd- December 24th- 5 Below Fundraiser

Monday, December 10th-December 14th- PTA sponsored Santa Shop

Thursday, December 20th- End of the second quarter

Friday, December 21st- Friday, January 4th- Winter Break, No School

Monday, January 7th- Class resumes

-Kids Café-



Ages 18 & under

We serve free healthy meals provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

Parma Heights Branch
Monday- Friday at 4:00-4:30pm

See all of our Kids Café times and locations at
cuyahogalibrary.org/kids-café
Kids Café runs through the week of
May 13, 2019

Veteran's Day Celebration



Will be held on November 9th, 2018 at 10am. A flyer has been sent home. Please turn these in as soon as possible. There will be a short program that morning. Since seating will be limited, we ask that you do not bring any small children or babies to the program. Thank you!

PTA

Thank you again to everyone who sold items for our fall fundraiser, we raised almost

\$6,500

Congratulations to the following top 10 students on being our top sellers for our fall fundraiser: **Kaitlyn D., Keely S., Mason R., Kody M., Tayler J. Bella K., Lexie B., Bryce C., Stephen M., and Aislynn D.**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Trunk or Treat event. It was a huge success and fun was had by all.



Saturday, November 10th from 7-10pm

Tickets are \$25 for all you can eat and drink and 50/50 raffle tickets are available for \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Contact Shellie Nemes at 206-609-2515 to purchase tickets or any additional information or email us at ridgebrookpta@gmail.com

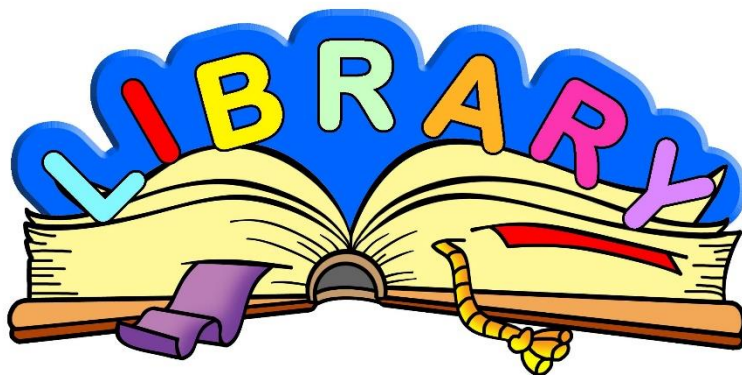
Our next PTA meeting is November 12th at the Parma Library (Powers Blvd.) at 5:30pm.

Contact us at our email:

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NOVEMBER PROGRAMS AT THE PARMA BRANCH LIBRARY

Art Experiences— Grades K-8. Engage your imaginative self with open-ended art explorations. Examine the works of art masters and explore various mediums such as paint, pastels and clay. All materials are included. Fridays at 4:00 p.m., November 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th at Parma Branch Library, 6996 Powers Blvd. <https://tinyurl.com/ArtExpParma>

Engage with Me: THANKS! Random Acts of Kindness and Gratitude— Families of students in K-8th grade come together to learn about resources and ideas to help your children succeed in life, and meet other people from your community to share ideas and support. Pizza served. Tuesday, November 13th at 6:45 p.m. at Parma Branch Library, 6996 Powers Blvd. <https://tinyurl.com/EngageNovember>

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. Third Thursday of each month. November 15th at 6:30 p.m. at Parma Branch Library, 6996 Powers Blvd. <https://tinyurl.com/MasterBuildersNov>

Brick Builders Club -- Grades K-3. Do you love LEGO™? Come build with us! We supply the bricks, you supply the imagination. Last Tuesday of each month. November 27th at 4:00 p.m. at Parma Branch Library, 6996 Powers Blvd. <https://tinyurl.com/BrickBuildersNov>

Dear Parent or Guardian:

At Ridge-Brook Elementary, we know that the Internet plays an important role in your child's education and that it can be a great resource for you as a parent. We are increasingly incorporating digital tools in the classroom to enhance learning, conduct summer program activities, and using email to communicate with you. Home internet is a great opportunity for your child to go online to continue learning. Also, it gives them the chance to show you what they have learned in class.

That's why we want to make sure you know about a program called Connect2Compete.

If you have at least one child attending school in the district and your household has not had Cox Internet in the last 90 days and participates in one of these government subsidy programs: National School Lunch Program, SNAP, TANF or Public Housing, you may qualify for fast, affordable home Internet service from Cox Communications. Internet service through Connect2Compete costs just \$9.95 per month. For participating families, there are no deposits, no contracts, no installation cost and the modem rental is free.

If you think this might be right for your family, it's easy to get started. Call toll free 1-855-222-3252 or visit www.connect2compete.org/cox to see if you qualify. Enroll now and get connected!

Also, families that are approved and sign up for the program will be entered in a raffle to win a GOOGLE CHROMEBOOK LAPTOP! After you confirm your installation date, contact La'Var Howell, Communications Specialist – Public & Government Affairs, Cox Communications at 216-535-3358.

Connect2Compete is a program to provide home Internet service for families.