

April 1st, 2019

Ridge-Brook Review

Steve Perry- Principal

Dear Ridge-Brook families,

Happy April everyone! It seems like every year, we get to December and it feels like it's going to be a short winter and then the snow and the cold arrives. Before you know it, the winter has dragged on. Oh well, we have turned the corner and it's starting to get warmer. Let's hope it keeps warming up and kids can start getting outside to play in some nice weather.

Our book fair was a huge success and we had a great turn out by our grandparents. Thank you to our PTA for their continued support of the many events we've had recently at Ridge-Brook. We appreciate all that you do!

Also held recently was our kindergarten registration at the Parma Library. If you did not participate, you can still register your child if they are entering kindergarten. Please spread the word to any families who may have children entering kindergarten next year. If you have a child entering kindergarten, please register him/her as soon as possible. The goal is to know as soon as possible, the number of students registered for kindergarten so we can plan accordingly. Thank you for your help with this.

If you like to stay up to date with things going on here at school, be sure to follow me on Twitter. You can follow me by searching @ridgeprincipal. I post many things during the week and month to promote our students and staff at Ridge-Brook. Don't miss out!

Have a great April,
Mr. Perry



Important Announcements

NO SCHOOL

Friday, April 19th
and
Monday, April 22nd

Spring Testing

-Grade 3-
English
April 16th-17th
Math
April 23rd-24th

-Grade 4-
English
April 10th-11th
Math
April 25th-26th

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.

RIDGE-BROOK SCHOOL HOURS



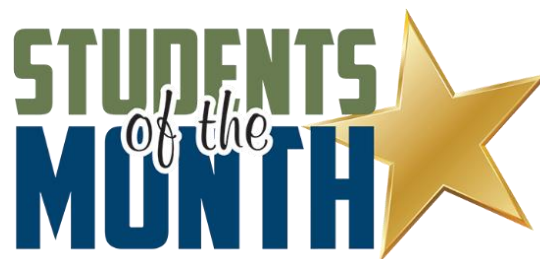
Ridge-Brook is open for all students from 9:00am-3:30pm. Please be sure to make plans for your child to arrive and dismiss during these times for safety reasons. For children who are eating breakfast at school, the cafeteria opens at 8:45am.

FAST



FAST is off to a good start this spring! We've been having lots of fun getting to know each other and spending more time as families. We have 11 families this session! With spring coming up, we will be planting flowers and making some different crafts as well!

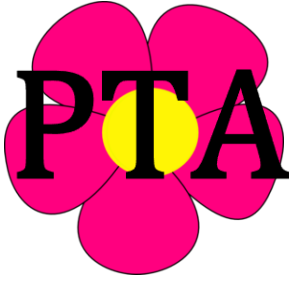
FAST graduation will be on Monday, April 29th! Thank you to everyone who has participated!



FEBRUARY CORE VALUE: CARING

Miranda K.
Ameer A.
Charbel F.
Nishma B.
Antonia S.
Jeremiah S.F.
Kayleigh V.
William M.

Zaid M.
Hunter C.
Talayah A.
Emma E.
Noah H.
Skye P.
A'Miah H.
Mary-Pat S.



Ridge-Brook is lucky to have such amazing families and students!

The Box Tops contest raised \$209.06!

Congratulations to the following classes who received a popcorn party and scholastic dollars for book in their classrooms.

Mrs. Oswald
Mrs. Kessler
Miss Shirak

The Wing Ding raised over \$5,700! Thank you to everyone who either attended, purchased raffle tickets/ Disney raffle tickets or donated. Congratulations to Mrs. Maloney's class for selling the most admission and raffle tickets.

Spirit Wear order forms have been sent home and need to be returned by April 5th.

Ridge-Brook PTA will be selling CAR WASH CARDS for \$5 (100% profit to our PTA) to be used at Sgt. Clean's. The retail value is \$9 and would make a great Easter or Birthday gift! More information will be sent home.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK is April 29th through May 3rd. We have great things planned to show the teachers and staff at Ridge-Brook just how stupendous they are! Please keep an eye out for more details!

Friday, May 24th is Olympic Day! We will need a lot of volunteers if you would like to request off of work to be able to attend.

Our next meeting is April 8th at 5:30pm at
Parma Heights Library
LIKE Ridge-Brook PTA on Facebook
Contact us: ridgebrookpta@gmail.com



- April 3rd, 2019-** Ronald McDonald Dental Van
- April 8th, 2019-** FAST from 5:30-7:45pm; PTA meeting at the Parma Hts Library at 5:30pm
- April 10th, 2019-** 4th grade ELA testing
- April 11th, 2019-** 4th grade ELA testing
- April 12th, 2019-** 2nd grade field trip to the Natural History Museum; Ronald McDonald Dental Van
- April 15th, 2019-** FAST from 5:30pm-7:45pm
- April 16th, 2019-** 3rd grade ELA testing
- April 17th, 2019-** 3rd grade ELA testing
- April 19th, 2019-** NO SCHOOL
- April 22nd, 2019-** NO SCHOOL
- April 23rd, 2019-** 3rd grade math testing
- April 24th, 2019-** 3rd grade math testing
- April 25th, 2019-** 4th grade math testing
- April 26th, 2019-** 4th grade math testing
- April 29th, 2019-** 1st grade field trip to Lake Erie Nature Center; FAST from 5:30pm-7:45pm
- May 3rd, 2019-** 3rd grade field trip to the zoo
- May 7th, 2019-** Teacher's in service day- NO STUDENTS





Beginning April 1st, Ridge-Brook will kick off our first annual All School Book Club with Flat Stanley. Your child will bring home a yellow paper with information and a calendar on the back. Please read the weekly chapter with your child so they can participate in the trivia to earn prizes.

In April, students will be taking the AIR test. Here are some tips to make sure they start the day ready to go.

1. Make sure your child gets an ample, normal amount of sleep the night before the test.
2. Mark testing days on your calendar to help remind you and your child when the testing will take place and plan your preparations.
3. The student should eat a nutritious and filling breakfast. Avoid high sugar cereals which can make the student hyper and/or unfocused.
4. Make sure the student is on time (if not early) on the day of testing.
5. If your child is sick, please contact the school immediately to inform them.

Working with students who are anxious about testing (for parents):

1. Try not to put too much pressure on the student. Reinforce that as long as they worked hard in preparation and did their absolute best you will be proud of them.
2. Have the child visualize success. Encourage them to rehearse what it will feel like to get a good score on the test.
3. Work with them to focus on breathing. Stress is often caused by insufficient oxygen to the brain. Work with the student to take time before the test begins to take a number of deep, cleansing breaths, exhaling slowly. Focusing on breathing by taking some time when stress levels rise helps to focus the mind during testing.
4. Plan for a fun outing or treat for your child after the test has been completed.
5. Keep a positive attitude about testing in general around your child and emphasize their ability to demonstrate what they have learned rather than the consequences of not passing.



River Valley Paper Company

Did you know that Ridge-Brook is recycling all our paper goods? Help our school earn money by bringing your recycling to our bin in the parking lot! We earn money for every ton we recycle! Let's protect our planet and recycle!

River Valley accepts:

- Mail
- Catalogues
- Flattened boxes
- Books

River Valley does not accept:

- Aluminum
- Glass
- Plastic
- Styrofoam

Feel free to bring your recyclable paper up to Ridge-Brook and place it in our bin out front!



FROM OUR HOME LIAISON

HAPPY SPRING!

The Family Collaborative is hosting many fun events! Please call for any additional information. If you're thinking about summer activities for your children, the City of Parma is still accepting baseball and softball registration at 440-885-8144 or www.cityofparma-oh.gov. Tot T-Ball is also available! The district is providing Camp Invention at Pleasant Valley Elementary from June 3-7, 8am-2:30pm. Camp Invention is a high-energy, hands on stem camp! Please contact Megan Kinney at kinneym@parmacityschools.org for additional information.

As always, I'm here to offer resources and assist families. Please reach out as needed at 440-843-1574

Thanks,

Angie Nolan, Home Liaison



Parenting Partners offers Practical Tools for Positive Parenting

- Want to become a more positive, proactive parent?
- Need help with discipline and behavior?
- Want to stop arguing, bargaining and begging?

"Parenting Partners" is an 8-week, evidence-based series of parenting workshops designed to help you become a more positive and effective parent. It's parenting classes for GOOD parents who want to become GREAT parents!!

**Classes are every Tuesday from March 19 - May 7
3:00-4:00 p.m.**

FREE childcare is available!

For more information or to register, call 440.887.4873