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December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

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# Ridge-Brook Review

Steve Perry- Principal

Parents and Families,

We have certainly had a “winter awakening” so far! While the weather has turned cold, there continues to be so many awesome things happening at Ridge-Brook. Most recently, we held our annual Veterans Assembly for military personnel and veterans. Our students did a fantastic job in leading our building in song and in celebration of those who have sacrificed so much for our freedoms, that we cherish each and every day. Our students, with the leadership of our music teacher, Mrs. Harasym, did an amazing job leading our building and singing many patriotic songs. Thank you so much to our students and staff for making this event even more special this year. I also want to highlight that our Student Leadership Team, with the guidance of Ms. Trainer, has raised around \$261 during the all school money competition for the “Wreaths for Western Reserve”. This was presented at our assembly. The wreaths will be laid at the Western Reserve Cemetery on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much for your generous donations to this important cause.

Also taking place this past month was our annual canned food drive, sponsored by the PEA (Parma Education Association). Each year, our students and families never cease to amaze us with their generosity. This year, our students, staff and families donated approximately 1,500 items! This is unbelievable! Thank you so much for your giving. This will be a tremendous help as we partner with other schools who have also joined this mission to help families throughout our district. Thank you also to our PTA for being involved and providing incentives to students for their donations, this is greatly appreciated!

October’s core value of the month was **dedication**. I, along with various staff members, have continued our mission this year of delivering student of the month signs and certificates to those students who receive this honor each month. November’s core value was **responsibility**. Congratulations to our students of the month.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a happy holiday. As we enter December, our last day before break will be December 19<sup>th</sup>. This will officially be the half-way mark of the school year! Enjoy the time with your families. Thank you to all of our families for continuing to support Ridge-Brook Elementary and our PTA. Together we can do great things!

-Mr. Perry



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## Important Announcements:

**-NO SCHOOL-**

Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>,  
2019

End of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter  
In-Service day for staff

Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>-  
Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020  
Winter Break

Class Resumes  
Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>,  
2020

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*Happy  
Holidays*

*Best wishes for  
the new year*

## Homework

The Cuyahoga County Public Library is offering

### FREE HOMEWORK HELP!

From 9/18/19-5/7/20

Since 2002, our free Homework Centers program has helped thousands of students in grades K-8 improve their grades and subject comprehension. Homework centers are available at 10 branches. Students who participate in the program will receive homework assistance from trained tutors in the following subjects: language arts, math, reading, science and social studies.

#### WE OFFER:

Homework assistance  
Internet access  
Educational books and games  
PC and database access

## WINTER BREAK

Will be observed from December 23<sup>rd</sup>- January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020



Enjoy your family and friends.  
We will see you on Monday,  
January 6<sup>th</sup>.

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## Ridge-Brook Choir Holiday Concert



Please come and support our choir for their first concert!

**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**Valley Forge High School  
9999 Independence Blvd.  
Parma Hts., OH 44130**



# PCSD

Parma City School District

## OPEN ENROLLMENT

The open enrollment period for the 2020-2021 school year has started! Open enrollment will be closing on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. It is only available for current students in grades K-12. Requests are approved based on the date of the application and space available, no fees owed, behavior and attendance considered. This is contingent on space and appropriate programming to meet student's needs.

All forms are now digital. Please go to [www.parmacityschools.org/schoolofchoice](http://www.parmacityschools.org/schoolofchoice) for more information or to apply for open enrollment.



Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are now approaching the holiday season. With Winter Break around the corner, students will have extra time at home with families and friends to relax and enjoy the winter season. This is a great opportunity to spend extra time reading with your child. Please use this time to review letter sounds and practice fluency because after break we will be administering the mid-year benchmark (AIMSweb and MAPS).

Here are some ideas to try out:

#### **Create a Reading Corner-**

Make a small reading corner with your child. Put pillows and a soft blankets in a corner of the room where they are working. Add some of your child's favorite books, or some new books, for the child to look at. Ask him/her to choose a book, look at the pictures/read words, and retell the story in their own words. Give lots of encouragement for looking at/reading books independently.

#### **Make a Book-**

Give your child some paper and markers or crayons. Invite them to write a story about a favorite activity, sports team, animal, or event. When students write, help them with words that they do not know. This is a great way to incorporate science, social studies and writing into reading. Writing can be a challenge for struggling readers, so extra practice at home will support your child in school.

Make reading fun with your child, and they will in return love to read as well!

See you in January!  
Your Title I Teachers



**Smencils for sale-** Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

**PTA's Santa Shop-** Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>-  
Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

**Dominos for lunch-** Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

**Popcorn & Smencils sale-** Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

**Leadership for Tomorrow 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip-**  
Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>-** Ridge-Brook Choir  
concert at Valley Forge at 7pm

**NO SCHOOL- end of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, In-Service for  
staff-** Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

**Winter Break-** Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>- Friday,  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Dominos for lunch-** Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

**Popcorn & Smencils-** Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

**PTA meeting-** Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am  
in the media center

**Report Cards sent home-** Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>



**Please be sure to sign up for our building wide  
REMIND. All flyers will now be digital! All  
newsletters will now be sent through Remind  
as well.**

**You can either download the app or text our  
school code to 81010.**

**CODE: @98d7h8c**

## physical education



### FROM THE DESK OF MR. ADOMAITES

Hello families,

Please bring gym shoes for each class. I understand the weather is changing and boots are used more frequently, however we still need to bring athletic shoes for class. This is a safety concern for all.

Our students have been working on cardiovascular fitness. We have increased our fitness times to three minutes of elevated heart healthy activity before each class. We are also working on increasing core body strength. Planks and body balances are used often.

December will begin some of our indoor sports. We will start with racquet skills and net play. We will finish the month with team bowling.

Thanks,  
Mr. Adomaites



## FAMILY SUPPORTS

Ridge-Brook Families,

Happy December!

First and Third grade students continues Second Step Lessons. Second Step increases student's school success and decreases problem behaviors by promoting social-emotional learning. The program teaches students to show empathy, manage emotions, and solve problems. The students really enjoy these 30 minute social skills lessons. Ask your 1<sup>st</sup> grader about their Attent-o-Scope and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders about their 4 Skills for Learning.

Our classrooms with the greatest percentage of attendance in October were Mrs. Verhosek's Kindergarten class and Mrs. Kessler's 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. The classrooms earned our traveling gold trophies filled with lollipops. The students also earned an Attendance Brag Tag. They proudly wear their necklaces Fridays during the day! CONGRATULATIONS to our October winners!

Would you be interested in volunteering at Ridge-Brook? We will be hosting Project More; a reading mentoring program on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon's beginning in January. We are looking for reading mentors to assist some of our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Please call for more information.

The holidays can be an exciting but challenging time for some. Our community offers many resources for families. Many local food pantries are available. The Parma Area Family Collaborative offers a clothing center every Thursday. Help is just a phone call away.

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Mrs. Jesse  
Home Liaison





Ridge-Brook's **CORE VALUE** for November was **RESPONSIBILITY**. The following students have exhibited the characteristics of responsibility throughout November and have been chosen as Ridge-Brook's students of the month! Congratulations! We're very proud of you!

Me'Sya W.  
Gemma M.  
Chloe M.  
Talayah A.  
Bailey M.  
Nishma B.  
Sophia B.

Joshua T.  
Jasmine H.  
Andy S.  
Natasha D.  
Lauren Y.  
Mason W.  
Layla O.



A huge thank you to those students and staff who donated boxed and canned food items for our canned food drive. This year, we collected over **1,500 items**. Your generosity will help families in our Parma City Schools community to have a nice Thanksgiving.

Thank you to our Student Leadership Team for collecting and sorting all of our donations!





Don't forget to turn in your order forms no later than December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Thank you in advance to all the families participating, your support it is greatly appreciated.



Our Annual Holiday Shop will be held during school hours the week of December 9<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>. Please be on the lookout for more information to come home with your child. Volunteers are needed to help our many little shoppers. Please send an email along with your availability to [ridgebrookpta@gmail.com](mailto:ridgebrookpta@gmail.com)



- January 13<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting, 6pm, location TBD
- February 7<sup>th</sup> Muffins with Mom, 8:30
- February 14<sup>th</sup> Donuts with Dad, 8:30
- February 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair
- February 17<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting, 6pm at Parma Hts. library
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Wing Ding @ Rookies from 7 – 10 pm
- March 16<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting, 6pm, location TBD
- April 1<sup>st</sup> COSI Assembly (volunteers needed)
- April 9<sup>th</sup> Movie Night at Ridge-Brook, Time TBD