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February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

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# Ridge-Brook Review

Steve Perry- Principal

Ridge- Brook Families,

Welcome to February! As you read this newsletter, I'm sure you realize that next month is March already. Where has the time gone? I want to remind all of our families of some events coming up during the month of February. The dates are listed in this newsletter, but remember that we have our donuts with dad and muffins with mom events coming up. We typically have our Grandparent's Day in February, but after a couple bad February weather days, we moved this event to the fall. Moving forward, we will continue to have our Grandparent's event in the fall. PTA will also be holding a Google Workshop on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Our PTA won a grant from Google to help families learn how to safely navigate the internet. Dinner will be provided as well as some prizes!

Parma City Schools has a new look to our website. Please take a moment and check it out. On our new Ridge-Brook site, you will also see an "activities" tab. If you click on this tab, you will see our PBIS initiatives and the various uploaded items we use here at school as part of our PBIS program.

If you haven't already, be sure to follow me on Twitter and Instagram. You can follow me on Twitter [@ridgeprincipal](#) and on Instagram at [ridgebrookprincipal](#). I use both of these social media sites to promote our staff, students and school. Please spread the word, as I want to continually communicate out to all of our families and our community.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to give my sincere gratitude to Mrs. Karin Thompson, our office clerk. Mrs. Thompson has been an important part of our Ridge-Brook family for many years. Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, was her last day. Mrs. Thompson has retired from our Ridge-Brook family. I want to publicly thank her for all of her service to our students, staff and family. She will be sorely missed and her contribution to everything and anything that takes place each day at school, will be missed and certainly not the same. I have said often that a person's worth is the legacy they leave behind. And while retirement is not really saying goodbye, but another chapter in her life. Mrs. Thompson's legacy is clear; she put students, staff and families first each and every day. The memories that have been made and the laughs that have happened every day are a testament to her putting others first to make everyone feel special. Karin, you have made all of us feel special and on behalf of everyone here at Ridge-Brook, thank you! Most importantly, enjoy retirement!

Mr. Perry



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Important  
Announcements:

**-NO SCHOOL-**

Monday,  
February 17<sup>th</sup>,  
2020  
In observance  
of  
President's Day

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*Spring  
Conferences*

Will be held on  
Thursday, 2/6/20  
from 5-7:45pm



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

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**BOOK FAIR**



The spring book fair will be taking place from Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> until Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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Our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Committee has been meeting consistently throughout the school year. We continue to establish our goals and our plan moving forward, with our main goal being to become a Bronze Level PBIS school. The members of our committee this year include: Zack Kantouros (PBIS Coordinator), Angela Jesse (Home Liaison), Katherine Brenneman (Teacher), Cheryl Trainer (Teacher), Richel Maloney (Teacher), Lina Coljohn (Teacher), Jen Olson (Parent), and Megan Jenkins (Parent).

The first action step towards achieving our goal for the year was to visit a few of our other district schools that are currently implementing very successful PBIS initiatives, which we accomplished in October. In November, several members of our committee attended an important PBIS training at the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio. As a result of the training, our committee rolled out three important action steps that we have since completed. The first step was having an external facilitator to gather information on where we stand with our PBIS practices as a school. The second step, which took place in early December, was for the PBIS Committee to analyze the walkthrough data and determine our strengths and weaknesses as a school in terms of PBIS practices. Our committee completed a PBIS rubric in order to score ourselves on our current school-wide PBIS implementation and our score was 10/30, for 33% of school-wide PBIS implementation, which is a great starting point! Our plan is to be above 80% by spring. For the third step, our committee created our first Action Plan, which outlines what steps we need to take to improve PBIS implementation at our school.

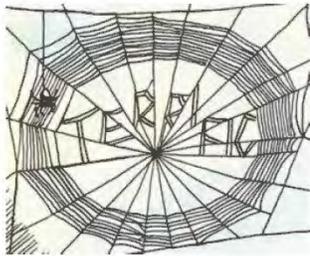
The goal of going through this formal PBIS process is to ensure that we are creating the best possible culture and environment at our school in order to promote student success. Currently, we are working on revamping/improving our school-wide behavior expectations, revamping our student incentive system, creating PBIS Lesson Plans that will be taught to the students each day by classroom teachers, and creating new behavior expectation posters for classrooms and hallways.



Hi families!

It's February already!! The Winter Benchmark Testing is complete, and our new groups have been busy working.

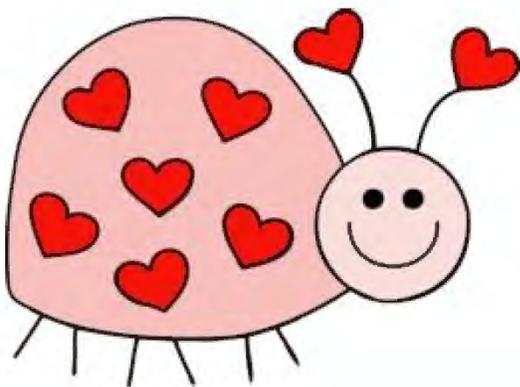
Please be on the lookout for information coming home about our All School Book Club! Ridge-Brook is excited to share another.....



book together. Can you guess what it will be?

Also, the first week of March, our school will be celebrating Read Across America. We will have a special after school activity on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, so save the date! We hope you can join us for a Reading Extravaganza!

Your Title 1 Teachers,  
Mrs. Amato, Mrs. Coljohn,  
Mrs. Tollis and Ms. Zehe



## February Events

- Dominos for lunch-** Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Spring Conference Night-** Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 5pm-7:45pm
- Spring Book Fair-** Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>- Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Muffins with Mom-** Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Popcorn Day-** Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Donuts with Dad-** Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- NO SCHOOL-** Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Dominos for lunch-** Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Spring Pictures-** Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Dominos for lunch-** Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020
- PTA's Wing Ding-** Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Popcorn Day-** Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- NO SCHOOL-** Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020



Communicate safely with  
students & parents.

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**



## FROM THE DESK OF MR. ADOMAITES

During the week of February 10<sup>th</sup>, Ridge-Brook students will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart. **We are looking for volunteers to come jump with their students!** Below is the schedule.

- Kindergarten: Thursday, 2/13 from 1:15-2:15pm**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Thursday, 2/13 from 2:20-3:20pm**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Tuesday, 2/11 from 9:30-10:30am**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Wednesday, 2/12 from 10:50-11:50am**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Friday, 2/14 from 9:30-10:50am**

All money that is collected will go directly to the American Heart Association.

Thanks,  
Mr. Adomaites



Hello Ridge-Brook Families!

We have had a very busy January. The week of January 13<sup>th</sup> was our Attendance Spirit Week. CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Oswald's first graders and Ms. Lynch's fourth graders. Those classrooms currently have our traveling Attendance trophies. We will host another spirit week in February. Did you know that missing 2 days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year? Being on time is also very important. When a student is chronically tardy, it is difficult to play catch up during the day. Frequent tardiness does not set a student up for success.

On January 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> we were pleased to have presenters from The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio as our building guests. Two classroom workshops were presented building wide. The students learned not to judge a book by its cover. They learned that although everyone is different, when you ask questions you can find some common ground. This common ground can be expanded upon to form a friendship. The students also learned about conflict resolution. They learned ways to confront conflict and resolve situations with a positive outcome. Each presentation was presented at an age-appropriate skill level. The students truly enjoyed and learned from our presenters. Many THANKS to the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio.

The Second Step social skills curriculum skill continues for first and third grades. Both grades recently learned ways to calm their bodies down when they have a strong emotion. We are half way through the Second Step Program.

Thank you for all you do for your children!

Until next month,  
Mrs. Angie Jesse  
Home Liaison



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

A'Miah H.  
Kody M.  
Edward L.  
Tajane M.  
Brooklynn B.  
Luke H.  
Alanyu L.

Azlan A.  
Fadel A.  
Lexi B.  
Gianna W.  
Ethan G.  
Mikaela M.  
Kyle W.

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Parma City Schools will be hosting the 2nd Annual Young Entrepreneurs Day Event on Saturday, March 7, 2020. Students in grades 3-6 are eligible to participate in the event where they will learn how to develop business ideas by working through an online curriculum and then have the opportunity to present their ideas to a panel of judges to compete for cash prizes. We gave out a total of \$1,500 in cash prizes to our winners in 2019. For more information and to register for the event, please visit [www.pcsdconnects.org](http://www.pcsdconnects.org) and click on the YED 2020 button at the bottom of the page. If you have any questions please contact Chuck Caldwell, Administrative Specialist for Workforce Development, via email at [caldwellc@parmacityschools.org](mailto:caldwellc@parmacityschools.org). Register today and learn how to become an Entrepreneur!



THANKS FOR CLIPPING!



The Box Tops program is transitioning to digital scanning of receipts instead of clipping. We know this requires more work, but the process is much faster! Download the box tops app, register yourself, and select Ridge-Brook Elementary to receive your clips. In your profile, you can choose to add a note for your family or student's name (please include classrooms to receive credit for any contests we may hold). If you have any questions, please email Amanda Rouse at ridgebrookPTA@gmail.com

# Save the Dates

Muffins with Mom

Donuts with Dad



\*The Book Fair will be open during both events\*

Ridge-Brook PTA

PRESENTS



THROW BACK TO YOUR FAVORITE DECADE!

Wing Ding **March 7, 2020**  
Rookies Bar & Grill  
7-10pm  
Dress to impress!  
\$25 pre-sale \$30/door  
All you can eat & drink  
50/50, raffles & more!!

Our largest fundraiser is coming up on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Come show your support by attending our annual Wing Ding. Join us at Rookies on W. 130<sup>th</sup> in Parma Hts. for a great night out to support our PTA! All pre-sold admission tickets will include 10 FREE RAFFLE BASKET TICKETS (at the door)! Look for a flyer coming home soon to place your ticket orders. We will have side boards, liquor basket raffle, and 10 DISNEY PARK HOPPER PASSES to raffle off. 50/50 raffle and Disney tickets are being sold ahead of the event and you don't need to be present to win!

As a reminder, all of our fundraising efforts and your support continues to help Ridge-Brook PTA provide programs and our family engagement events as well as supporting our staff and building. Without your help, we wouldn't be able to provide opportunities like our game night and our family days at school!

We are looking for donations for the event (products and monetary) to fill the raffle baskets for the event. If you would like to donate, or you know a business that would like to contribute, please contact us.



Join us for a Be Internet Awesome family workshop!  
*You'll learn about how to be safe and smart online.*

**Thursday February 13th, 2020**  
**Ridge-Brook Elementary Gym**

**5:15 - 8:30 pm**



All Ridge-Brook families welcome! **RSVP IS REQUIRED!** Dinner served 5:15-6:15pm  
PRIZE Raffles at 8:15pm