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March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

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# Ridge-Brook Review

Steve Perry- Principal

Parents and families,

Welcome to March! Even though we may have warmer weather, please make sure students come to school with coats. We are still going to have some cold days and we want to make sure all students are dressed appropriately for the weather. We will continue to go outside as often as possible. It's important to note that if the actual temperature or wind chill is **20 degrees or colder**, we will remain inside for recess.

February was a great month for events. We had our annual muffins with mom and our donuts with dad. Dads and male role models continued the tradition of eating a donut off of a string. This was definitely a hit!

Next month, our state testing in grades 3 and 4 will take place. A testing schedule will be sent home as we near the end of the month. We want our students to do amazing and show us what they know. I know they can do it! Please encourage your child to try their best.

As a final reminder, I need all parents and family members to follow our expectations as it relates to entering our building. When entering the building, you should **sign in with our front desk personnel and then go straight to the main office**. For the safety of all our students, no adult is permitted to just go to a classroom, unless you have signed into the office, been given a visitor's pass, and you have arranged a meeting with the teacher. A staff member in the office will communicate with the teacher that an appointment is here. I, along with my staff, will continue to implement this and all procedures as it relates to security. We have the responsibility of keeping your children safe and we will continue to be diligent in finding ways to ensure we do just that. Thank you for your understanding and following all procedures and requests from staff members as you enter our campus.

**I also need to remind parents of our no smoking policy on our campus.** There should never be a time when any staff member or parent is on our campus smoking. However, you are permitted to smoke in your car while on campus. Thank you for your understanding with the policy as well.

We are in the final stretch of a great school year and I hope this was the best year ever for you and your child. There are great things ahead and into next year as well. Have a great March!

-Mr. Perry



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## Important Announcements:

**-NO SCHOOL-**

**Tuesday,  
March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
For a Staff  
Professional  
Development Day**

**-and-**

**Friday,  
March 20<sup>th</sup>-  
Friday,  
March 27<sup>th</sup>  
for Spring Break**

*Have a great  
Spring Break*



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

**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.

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Ridge-Brook has a new look! This past week we had a PBIS Pep Rally to get the students excited for the new PBIS initiatives. There are red and blue tape lines in the hall to teach the students to walk on the right side of the hall. The hallways are lined with posters to reinforce expectations. The most exciting news is the roll out of the Dolphin Dollars. Be sure to ask your child if they have received any Dolphin Dollars! We are really focusing on the "Three R's." **Be Respectful:** I will treat each person the way you want to be treated. **Be Responsible:** I will do the right thing even when no one is watching. **Be Ready:** I will perform my best because I am prepared. Please be sure to discuss and review these expectations with your child(ren) frequently. Thank you for your continued support!



**SPRING FUNDRAISER**



Please consider participating in the spring fundraiser this year! All of the money earned will go towards supporting our PBIS (positive behavioral intervention and supports), additional recess activities for the children, and assemblies for next school year.

We will be selling **Grand Pacific Popcorn** this year. They are a local, family owned company who makes all their popcorn to order!

**The fundraiser will run from March 3<sup>rd</sup> until March 18<sup>th</sup>. All orders will be delivered on April 6<sup>th</sup> for us to sort. All checks can be made payable to [Ridge-Brook Elementary](#).**



Happy birthday, Dr. Seuss! March is Read Across America Month!

We are excited to celebrate reading together at our Literacy Night, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for all of your support with our All School Book Club. It's been fun discussing the book with our Ridge-Brook community!

Charlotte's Web is ending soon. We hope you've enjoyed reading this classic with your family.

With Spring Break approaching, please be sure to continue reading at home.

Check out your local libraries for special story times or to choose some other great classic book! If you enjoyed Charlotte's Web, you might like these book, The Trumpet Swan, Matilda, Little House in the Big Woods, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardobe, The Giving Tree, or Where the Wild Things Are.



**Dominos for lunch-** Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

**Literacy Night-** Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 from 4-5:30

**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

**Spring Break-** Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>- Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

**Dominos for lunch-** Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**COSI assembly-** Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Report Cards sent home-** Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

**Sundae Bar-** Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**PTA's Movie Night-** Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6pm

**NO SCHOOL-** Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**NO SCHOOL-** Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Popcorn Day-** Friday, April 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**

# physical education



## FROM THE DESK OF MR. ADOMAITES

Thank you to all who helped make this year's Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart a success. The students of Ridge-Brook set goals and worked with their teams to achieve them. This year, Ridge-Brook was able to raise **\$1,843** to donate to the American Heart Association.

Students that did raise funds will receive thank you gifts from the American Heart Association. These gifts will be mailed to Ridge-Brook in about 3-4 weeks. I will distribute them as soon as they arrive. Thanks for all the support in this activity that has graced our gym since 1999.

Thanks,  
Mr. Adomaites



### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2020

Saturday, March 7 8:00 AM-4:30 PM	Friday, April 3 8:00 AM-12:00 PM 3:00 PM-8:00 PM	Saturday, May 9 8:00 AM-4:30 PM
Friday, June 12 8:00 AM-12:00 PM 3:00 PM-8:00 PM	Monday, July 6 8:00 AM-12:00 PM 3:00 PM-8:00 PM	

my **PARMA** story

Parma City School District Central Office  
5311 Longwood Avenue | Parma, Ohio 44134

your story begins in DCSD!

Parma City Schools provide residents of Parma, Parma Heights, and Seven Hills access to unparalleled opportunities. We are thrilled to welcome the Parma City School District Class of 2033 beginning in March, as we kick-off Kindergarten Registration 2020!

**STEP 1:** All parents **MUST** complete the online registration prior to attending a registration event. The completion of the online registration will act as a "ticket" to any one of our five Kindergarten Registration events. Click this link to begin the registration process:

<https://www.parmacityschools.org/registration>

**STEP 2:** Attend one of our Kindergarten Registration events!

There will be 5 kindergarten registration dates available this spring and summer. All events will be held at the district's administrative offices, 5311 Longwood Avenue, Parma.

### Kindergarten Registration dates:

Saturday, March 7: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 3: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m./ 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 9: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday, June 12: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m./ 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Monday, July 6: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m./ 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.

For more information, please

visit <https://www.parmacityschools.org/registration>



Ridge-Brook's **CORE VALUE** for February was **CARING**. 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!

**Amaya M.**  
**Sophia W.**  
**Sophie B.**  
**Alyssa F.**  
**Alayna G.**  
**Autumn C.**  
**Serenity W.**

**Avary T.**  
**Ryan Y.**  
**Muhannad A.**  
**Jared Z.**  
**Addyson T.**  
**Olivia B.**  
**Zariah W.**



Ridge-Brook Families,

First and third grade students continue 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.

Our classrooms with the greatest percentage of attendance in February were Mrs. King's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class and Ms. Lynch's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. The classrooms earned our traveling attendance trophies filled with lollipops. These students are very proud for earning the trophy attendance award!

Project More, a reading mentoring program, is going really well. Some of our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students are enjoying extra reading time on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. We couldn't complete this program without our WONDERFUL volunteers. MANY THANKS for spending time with our students. Everyone is benefitting from time spent at Project More!

The Ronald McDonald Dental Van will be here at the end of April. Please be on the lookout for a consent form that will be sent home with your child before spring break!

Mrs. Jesse  
Home Liaison



## -DATES TO REMEMBER-

**March 5<sup>th</sup>**- Parma Council of PTA's Google Sponsored Be Internet Awesome workshop 6-8pm at Parma Senior High

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**- Blast from the Past Wing Ding at Rookies in Parma Heights from 7-10pm

**March 13<sup>th</sup>**- Gourmet Popcorn Day! \$1 per box!

**March 16<sup>th</sup>**- PTA meeting- location TBD- check our Facebook page!

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**- COSI assembly. We will need volunteers! Be on the lookout for a flyer!

Be sure to follow us on Facebook at **Ridge Brook Elementary PTA** for updates on PTA activities and events at school.



Follow Mr. Perry on Twitter **@ridgeprincipal** and on Instagram **@ridgebrookprincipal** for special updates and photos.

## -FUNDRAISING-

Our largest fundraising event is our "Wing Ding". Less than 2 weeks away on March 7<sup>th</sup> at Rookies in Parma Heights from 7-10pm. Orange flyers have been sent home recently with ticket sale information. Extra flyers are in the office. Pre-sale tickets are \$25 (includes 10 FREE Chinese Basket tickets included) \$30 at the door. 50/50 tickets and 10 Disney Park Hopper passes tickets are available now and you do not need to be present to win. Contact [ridgebrookPTA@gmail.com](mailto:ridgebrookPTA@gmail.com) for tickets. Follow our FB event to see all the amazing prizes we will have at the event!

## -PROGRAMS-

### **Muffins with Moms and Donuts with Dads-**

Thank you to all the moms, dads, & special friends who were able to spend time with their children at our family events in February! We love family days here at Ridge-Brook! Thank you to the parents and staff who volunteered at the events.

### **Google- Be Internet Awesome Workshop-**

We had a great informative evening learning about digital screen time and online safety with our families in attendance. We even had a special guest, 15<sup>th</sup> District State Representative Jeffrey Crossman and he was excited to see and hear about the wonderful things we have going on at Ridge-Brook. This workshop was funded by a grant from the National PTA in partnership with Google.

### **COSI-**

Our annual COSI assembly will take place on April 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a fun event the students really enjoy at Ridge-Brook. In order to make this happen, we will need parent volunteers to man the stations. We are in need of 15 volunteers for the morning and 15 volunteers for the afternoon. If interested, please email PTA and check your student's backpack for our flyers! More information will be coming home soon.