
December 3rd, 2020

Ridge-Brook Review

Steve Perry- Principal

Parents and Families,

During the holiday season, I truly hope you've have an opportunity to connect with all of your family in some way. It's been difficult for everyone, but I hope that this holiday season is one in which you can still celebrate with all of your family. Typically, I would talk this month about our Veteran's assembly and all of the great things happening "in" the school. While this hasn't been the case, I want to thank you for all of your continued support in making sure your children attend online classes with teachers and classmates. I've seen some amazing lessons and interactions between teachers and their students. I am extremely proud of my staff for all of their hard work to engage students in lessons, conversations and for assessing their progress. The connection witnessed between students and teachers continues even in our online environment. Please continue to support your child's education and reach out to your child's teacher with specific questions. We will get through all of this together and will be back to normal at some point. When that happens, we will all continue the great learning and positive relationships with our students.

For this year's students of the month, we are continuing to ask teachers to nominate one student. While we still have core values in place, it's somewhat difficult to look at a core value as students are not in-person. With that in mind, I've asked teachers to look at a core value and see if it applies, or if not, they have the discretion of simply nominating one of their students. The continued plan is to present the student of the month sign at school and take a picture of each student. We will then post the picture on our bulletin board in our main entrance. Until we are back in person, I have been delivering these signs to homes. October's core value was fairness and for November, it was courage. Again, a teacher may choose to use a core value to select a student or choose a student in another way. However students are recognized, we are extremely proud of them for getting this honor.

Again, I hope you have a wonderful holiday, however you are able to celebrate. Please stay safe and healthy and I wish you the best.

Sincerely,
Mr. Perry



Important Announcements:

NO SCHOOL

**Wednesday,
December 23rd, 2020
until
Monday, January 4th,
2020**

**Enjoy your winter
break!**



The Cuyahoga County Public Library is offering **FREE HOMEWORK HELP!**

In response to state and local orders to protect public health that strongly emphasize gatherings of groups no larger than ten, Cuyahoga County Public Library's Homework Centers will not re-open in their traditional format this fall. Our Homework Center coordinators will be available to answer students' academic questions via phone or in person Monday through Thursday.

Please call the Parma Branch at 440-885-5364 for more information.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we ask that parents **do not enter the building. Please buzz in and we can assist you at the front door!**

Students Of the MONTH

November's core value was **COURAGE**. Each student selected as student of the month has exhibited courage this month. We are so proud of you all!

- Mason Y.
- Manuel V.
- Payton C.
- Taylor J.-W.
- Hannah W.
- Jaher P.
- Nina D.
- Emma S.
- Chance H.
- Kya E.
- Brock P.



WINTER BREAK



We will observe winter break from Wednesday, December 23rd until Sunday, January 3rd. Enjoy your family and friends. We will see you on Monday, January 4th, 2021!



Ridge-Brook Families,

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 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 marker or crayons. Invite them to write a story about a favorite activity, sports team, animal, or event. When students write, help them with words they don't 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 turn return love to read at well!

See you in January,
Your Title I Teachers

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat. Dec. 19th-	PTA's Drive Thru Winter Wonderland
Wed., 12/23-1/3-	Winter Break!
Mon., 1/4-	Beginning of AIMSweb and MAPS testing
Fri., 1/15-	No School for students End of second quarter
Mon., 1/18-	No School MLK Jr. Day
Tues., 1/19-	End of AIMSweb and MAPS testing
Wed., 1/27-	Report Cards available on HAC



SCHOOL OF CHOICE

Our open enrollment is now live online! It will remain open until 1/15/21. Parma School of Choice is an application to choose a school within our district for the next school year.

Requests are approved based on the date of application and space available, no fees owed, behavior and attendance considered. Current PCSD students will receive priority status.

Parents will be notified of acceptance after February 28th.

This application can be completed at:

<https://www.parmacityschools.org/Page/8081>



Hello families,

Wow it's December! We are working on our school-wide Embrace All art project. Many students have already received their Embrace All materials envelope. Some will receive theirs this week. Inside the envelope is a dolphin for students to decorate in their nationality and ethnic backgrounds. Be creative! Students may draw flags, favorite ethnic foods, even musical instruments. Put your name on the back of your dolphin and return it to your teacher by December 14th. We will be creating an Embrace All bulletin board in our front lobby for everyone to enjoy. I've enjoyed virtually coming in to your classrooms and talking about Embrace All.

Remember:

I will Accept, Include, and Show Kindness to everyone who Acts, Looks, and Thinks different from me.

I WILL EMBRACE ALL!

Enjoy Winter Break! Embrace your family with holiday traditions! Stay well!

Happy Holidays!
Mrs. Jesse
Ridge-Brook Home Liaison



The goal of implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is to ensure that we are creating the best possible culture and environment at our school in order to promote student success. Our school wide behavior system at Ridge-Brook is the Three R's – Ridge-Brook Dolphins are Respectful, Responsible, and Ready.

RESPECTFUL- I will treat each person the way I want to be treated.

RESPONSIBLE – I will do the right thing even when no one is watching.

READY – I will perform my best because I am prepared.

Because we have moved to virtual instruction for the time being, our committee continues to work to find ways to implement and incorporate PBIS best practices in a virtual environment. Although this undoubtedly presents some difficulties, we are confident we can find ways to connect with students and to create the best possible "school" environment, even from a distance.



Please be sure to join our building wide Remind network! You can either download the app or text our code to 81010.

Ridge-Brook's Code:
@rb67479d6

2020-2021 CITY OF PARMA YOUTH BASKETBALL



Boys and girls leagues are available from 1st-9th grade! Registration will be open online November 18th through December 4th, 2020 or in person Monday through Friday from 8:30am-4:00pm. Social distancing and masks required in office.

There is a \$25 fee for each participant. A \$5 late fee will be charged for any registrations taken after the late registration date.

You can register at Activenet.active.com/parmarec or at the Recreation Department at 7335 Ridge Road.



Ridge-Brook PTA



Greetings from Ridge-Brook PTA! Please follow our FB page where we post PTA information as well as District information & other parent resources. In this virtual world of 2020, we aim to connect to our parents the quickest way available! <http://www.tinyurl.com/RBelemPTA>

WINTER WONDERLAND DRIVE-THRU

When: Saturday December 19th

Time: 2 – 4 pm (subject to change)

Load your kids up into your car and come to our Winter Wonderland drive-thru. Ridge-Brook staff and PTA will be at their cars dressed in their holiday best to wish everyone a happy holiday send-off. We will have a special guest and a few elves at the very end handing out something to each student.

Parents and kids are encouraged to participate as well. Show your holiday spirit by decorating the inside of your car, dress like a snowman, Santa Claus, elf, wear an ugly sweater, you choose, your options are endless. ***** Hint Hint, you could win a prize for most holiday spirit *****

All the staff miss seeing their students and this is a great way for staff and students to see each before winter break, all while being socially distant of course. Parents will receive more information about this event from your child's homeroom teacher soon as we work out details and Robo call from Mr. Perry. We will include all children in each household so registration is required so we can have a headcount.

PTA MEETING

January 20th at 6:30 pm - Virtual meeting on Zoom. Members will receive reminders on our RB PTA Facebook page as well being provided the link in their registered emails from memberhub.com.

MEMBERSHIP

Even though our students are remote learning we are still a virtual resource and voice for all of our students and parents. That is why it's still very important to join our PTA to lend your voice to our efforts to provide support for the students and staff at our building! Memberships can be purchased at school office for \$5 cash/check or NEW online registration*: www.tinyurl.com/JoinRBpta *small processing fee

Thank you to all parents & staff who have joined so far!
We have 44 members. Can we make it to 75 by the end of the month?

CONTACT US

Email us at ridgebrookpta@gmail.com if you have any questions/comments/ concerns. If you have any suggestion on future events that PTA could do, please share them with us!!!

FUNDRAISING UPDATES

Fundraising efforts are still going forth, albeit smaller events than usual. We have hope to be able to provide in person events in Spring 2021 so we are still hard at work to be ready when the time comes. We also fund an annual \$750 scholarship to a PCSD senior who attended Ridge-Brook. This scholarship is named in honor of Kristina Shirak, a kindergarten teacher who passed away suddenly in 2019. A portion of our proceeds from any fundraising helps support this continuing effort to honor her legacy and support students who plan a future in education.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our online Panda Express dining for dollars event. We have a chipotle dining for dollars event this Weds December 2nd at the Parmatown location 4p-8p. Details can be found on FB www.tinyurl.com/RBchipotle20

We also have two other ways to raise funds online. Our memberhub Store has deals online where you can save money and help us earn cashback. Currently you can purchase a limited selection of gift cards for 10% off. Visit www.tinyurl.com/RBgivebacks

Also if you use amazon.com we can earn cashback if you link to RB PTA. Shopping must be done from amazon smile.com or you can set the amazon app to link to amazon smile.
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