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January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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# Ridge-Brook Review

Steve Perry- Principal

Ridge-Brook families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break. This is a reminder that the second semester will begin on January 19<sup>th</sup>. This is also the start of our hybrid schedule that we had in the fall. The same cohorts will continue, with the Green Cohort attending on Tuesday/Wednesday and the White Cohort attending on Thursday/Friday. Students in Ms. Brenneman's and Mrs. Hajnosz's class will continue their daily schedules. When the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter cohort schedules are complete at the district level, we will post them on our website, share with PTA and also email them to each family. On top of that, teachers will also share in their Google classrooms.

With students returning to in-person learning, I want to remind parents to please make sure students come to school with coats and hats, as we will continue having outdoor recess when possible. If the temperature or wind chill is below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, we will be inside for recess. This also includes the morning, as students wait for the first bell to let students into the building. Please continue to drop off your children as close to 9:15am as possible. This is the time that the front doors will be opening for students to enter.

We also ask that you continue to assess your children each morning before they leave for school to make sure they are fever free and also symptom free of Covid 19 symptoms. In this newsletter, you will also see the outline for checking for symptoms. Thank you for your help with this.

Especially during this time when students are on a hybrid schedule, having them read, tell you about the story they are reading or simply asking them questions about the story, can have a positive impact on reading.

Thank you so much for all of your support during this time. Here's to a brighter 2021 and the hope for a healthy year and a year in which we get back to what we know as "normal".

Sincerely,  
Mr. Perry



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## Important Announcements:

### NO SCHOOL

Friday, January  
15<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter  
-In-Service Day-

Monday, January  
18<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Martin Luther  
King Jr. Day

Monday, February  
15<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
President's Day

Start of Hybrid  
schedule  
Tuesday,  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021



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!

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# Students Of the MONTH

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

- Bailey M.
- Breanna Y.
- Carter D.
- Delvonte P.
- Juliesy V.
- Lillian M.
- Major J.W.
- Timothy W.
- Suirad B.
- Mason R.





Happy New Year!

It has been a pleasure working with your child during our virtual reading groups! We know it can be challenging at times, but we truly appreciate your help with logging them on. As the new quarter approaches, we may be switching reading groups and/or times, please be on the lookout for some changes at the end of the month.

We would like to wish you a healthy and happy start to the new year! As you know, this time of year is a good time to set up some new year's resolutions, not only for you, but for your family as well! Below are some examples of some family resolutions.

1. **Surround your child with books:** The more they see books around the house, the more likely your child will pick one up and READ!
2. **Make a set time for the entire family to read:** Have a specific time when everyone in the house sits and reads. Be sure to switch it up: you can read together, by yourself, with a partner, or read to a stuffed animal! Also, remember you can read all different types of things... magazines, articles, recipe books, or books online!
3. **Write a family journal together:** Choose one day a week to write in a journal together! Take turns writing. You can make up stories, write about memories, wishes, goals, and your dreams, or you can simply write about the week you had.
4. **Explore new websites with your child:** Here are some free websites that your child can visit during these chillier months. There are many literacy-based games that will strengthen reading skills.

[www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org)

Educational games and videos from Curious George, Wild Kratts and other PBS KIDS shows!

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

Have your favorite stories read to you by movie stars.

[www.ABCya.com](http://www.ABCya.com)

Educational games and activities for school-aged children.

- Your Title I  
Team

# DATES TO REMEMBER

- Fri., 1/15-** No School for students  
End of second quarter
- Mon., 1/18-** No School - MLK Jr. Day
- Tues., 1/19-** First day of Hybrid
- Wed., 1/27-** Report Cards available on  
HAC
- Mon., 2/15-** No School, President's Day

## PCSD Parma City School District

Hello PCSD Parent(s) and/ Guardian(s),

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently authorized the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) through the 2020-2021 school year. We are emailing you to let you know that there may be additional P-EBT money available for your family sometime after the first of the year. In order to be eligible you must qualify for free or reduced meals. Please complete a free and reduced meal application here:  
<https://www.myschoolapps.com/>.

To qualify for P-EBT during the 2020-2021 school year, children must be approved for free or reduced-price meals either in the 2019-2020 or the 2020-2021 school years. If you have already completed your free & reduced lunch application there is nothing that you need to do at this time.

# FAMILY SUPPORTS

Welcome back!

Can you find your dolphin? Our Ridge-Brook Embrace All bulletin board looks great! The individual ethnic dolphins created by students and staff brought our vision together. I truly hope everyone can see this in person soon, but until then, try to locate your dolphin in the picture below! At Ridge-Brook, each individual is a special part of our diverse pod. We embrace everyone's background to create a school environment that establishes a family friendly atmosphere. Wouldn't it be fun to continue to learn more about each other's heritage? We'll be hosting some grade level groups to enhance our understanding of our peer's cultures. After all, once we begin to learn more about each other, we will feel more comfortable and have a better appreciation for each person's uniqueness. Creating your own cultural dolphin was just a small step in EMBRACING ALL!

Let's Embrace 2021 and make it a year in Ridge-Brook history that we will never forget!

See everyone soon,  
Mrs. Jesse  
Home Liaison



We are now fully implementing our Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) program in a virtual manner. As such, we have developed a new Distance Learning Behavior Matrix that outlines our expectations for students. Students can now earn digital "Dolphin Dollars." Similar to when we implemented PBIS in-person, the more Dolphin Dollars students earn, the better chance they have of winning prizes at the end of the week. Weekly classroom winners will be selected, along with weekly and monthly school-wide winners for even bigger prizes. We are very excited to be fully implementing our PBIS program again!



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**



## BEFORE LEAVING FOR SCHOOL

### DAILY SELF-SYMPTOM CHECK

Stay home and call your medical provider if you are experiencing any of these symptoms. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills (100.0 or higher is considered a fever)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Look for emergency warning signs for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information about COVID-19 symptoms.

*Principals will contact families with any school-specific information they feel is necessary to communicate before students actually return to school.*

### What if a student or staff member tests positive for Covid?

We will employ the three "C's"



#### CALL

We will **call** the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

#### CLEAN

We will **clean** (again) immediately all areas in which the infected spent time.



#### COMMUNICATE



We will **contact** the entire school community with as much specific information as possible.



# RIDGE-BROOK PTA



Thank you to all the families who came out for our Winter Wonderland Car Parade. The staff were thrilled to see all of their students before winter break. We also hope you enjoyed getting festive for spirit week and congratulations to all the winners who participated. We will share any pictures on our FB page:  
[www.tinyurl.com/RBelemPTA](http://www.tinyurl.com/RBelemPTA)

## PTA MEETING

January 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

We are looking for parents who are interested in helping the PTA next year, if you are interested, please contact us by email.

We have various positions and can work with your schedule!

## MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all parents & staff who have joined so far! We have 48 members. Can we make it to 60 by the end of the January? Join us for \$5\*

[www.tinyurl.com/JoinRBPTA](http://www.tinyurl.com/JoinRBPTA) \*small fee for joining online or send payment to the school.

## FUNDRAISING UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who supported our dining for dollars events. On November 21<sup>st</sup> we earned **\$53.72** from Panda Express. On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, we earned **\$56.86** from Chipotle Parmatown **plus a \$20 donation!**

We have another Panda Express dining for dollars event January 18th. Online orders only, valid all day at any location & Delivery available. Details can be found on FB: [www.tinyurl.com/RBPandaEjan](http://www.tinyurl.com/RBPandaEjan)

Thank you to all who have made purchases on the RB PTA Memberhub Givebacks store. We have earned \$65 from all purchases since school started! Lots of deals still available: [www.tinyurl.com/RBGivebacks](http://www.tinyurl.com/RBGivebacks)

Remember all funds raised go to support our 4 S's: Students, Staff, School & Scholarships

Remember we can be reached on our FB page, where we post school & district updates as well as local resources, contests/events/programs from the PTA. We can be reached at [ridgebrookpta@gmail.com](mailto:ridgebrookpta@gmail.com)