
April 1st, 2021

Ridge-Brook Review

Steve Perry- Principal

Dear Ridge-Brook families,

Happy April everyone! I'm so glad students are able to get outside and enjoy some fresh air. As a reminder, please be sure to check the weather and send coats with your students for recess if needed.

Also, we are back in school full-time! It is so great to see all of our students back in person! Thank you for all of your support, flexibility, and understanding during this difficult time for students and our entire staff. This is a step in the right direction to getting "back to normal".

At this point, we have started our spring fundraiser; our Read-A-Thon! This is the first time we have done this, so we hope it's not only successful as a fundraiser, but most importantly, successful in having our students read a lot! We always encourage reading, but what a great way to promote reading while also raising funds that are used for our students. Thank you for all of your support in sponsoring your children to keep reading. I've shared links to many guests who have donated their time to read a favorite book of theirs for our students on social media. We had so many guest readers. Thank you to the following readers:

Tim DeGeeter, Parma Mayor
Dr. Charles Smialek, Superintendent
Sherrod Brown, U.S Senator
Connie Schultz, Pulitzer Prize Winning Author
Michael Herrick, Owner of Liberty Ford
Jeff Crossman, Ohio State Representative
Vivian Walker, Counselor at Shiloh Middle School
Officer Katie Finley, Parma Police Dept.
Trooper Johnnaya Norton, Ohio State Highway Patrol
Trooper Mykol Gardiner, Ohio State Highway Patrol
Trooper Alejandro Giraldo, Ohio State Highway Patrol
Trooper Michael Smolka, Ohio State Highway Patrol
Trooper David Francway, Ohio State Highway Patrol
Officer Alber David, Parma City Schools Officer

As we enter the fourth quarter of the school year, I want to encourage students to keep working hard in completing assignments and studying for tests. Let's all finish strong. I know you can do it!

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Important Announcements:

**PVLA packet
Pickup will be held
on Monday,
April 12th from
12pm-5:30pm**

**No School-
Thursday, April
1st, 2021
End of 3rd
marking period**

**Spring Break
Friday, April 2nd
until Wednesday,
April 7th.
Class resumes on
Thursday, April 8th**

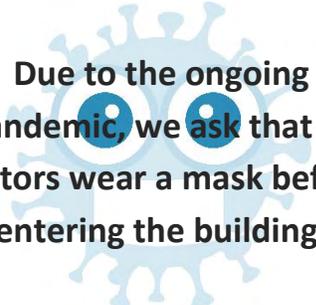


The Cuyahoga County Public Library is offering
FREE HOMEWORK HELP!

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.

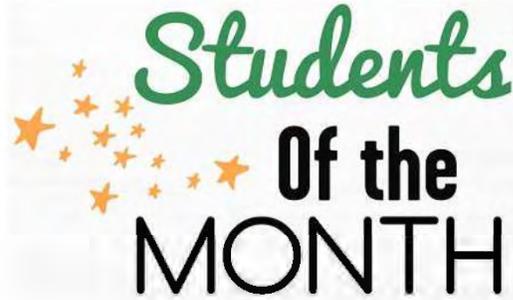
COVID RESTRICTIONS



Due to the ongoing pandemic, we ask that all visitors wear a mask before entering the building.

If you would like to stay up to date with things going on here at school, be sure to follow me on Twitter. You can follow me by searching @ridgeprincipal. You can also follow me on Instagram at Ridgebrookprincipal. I post many things during the week to promote our students and staff at Ridge-Brook. Don't miss out!

Have a great April!
Mr. Perry



March's core value was **HONESTY**. Each student selected as student of the month has exhibited the characteristics of honesty this month. We are so proud of you all!

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| Delvonte P. | Theodore M. |
| Brianna G. | Destin S. |
| John B. | Amaya M. |
| Caleb C. | Avary T. |
| Tajane M. | Makoto S. |
| Amelia S. | Lily C. |



Our yearbooks are now on sale! Please check out the website at www.RipchoStudio.com with our **password: ridgebrook21**.

Yearbooks are \$16.95!



Hi families!

Beginning on April 12th, Ridge-Brook will kick off our All School Book Club! This event is a fun one that involves our entire school community! We can't wait for it to start! We have fun Fri-yay events, trivia, and prizes each week! Please be on the lookout for the handout about this event. Your child will be bringing it home soon! This will include a calendar with our reading schedule on the back. Please read the chapters each week with your child so they can participate in the trivia to earn prizes!

The book this year is another classic one. The main character is a mouse, can you guess what book it may be?

-Your Title I Team

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, 4/1-	No school for students- End of 3 rd quarter
4/1-4/7-	Spring Break
Thursday, 4/8-	Class Resumes
Friday, 4/9-	End of the Read-A-Thon
Friday, 4/16-	Online Yearbook ordering deadline
Monday, 4/19-	Report Cards available HAC
Tuesday, 4/20-	4 th Grade ELA testing part 1
Wednesday, 4/21-	4 th Grade ELA testing part 2
Thursday, 4/22-	3 rd Grade ELA testing part 1
Friday, 4/23-	3 rd Grade ELA testing part 2
Monday, 5/4-	In-Service Day- No School for students
Wednesday, 5/5-	3 rd Grade MATH testing part 1
Thursday, 5/6-	3 rd Grade MATH testing part 2
	4 th Grade MATH testing part 1
Friday, 5/7-	4 th Grade MATH testing part 2



Spring



We are still holding our Read-A-Thon! Please check out our reading volunteer videos on our website and on Mr. Perry's social media! Let's show how much our students love to read with **#readtokids**. Reading is vital in the development of our children's minds.



Hello Families!

My name is Kristi Forsyth, and I am the long-term sub for Mrs. Jesse, Home Liaison at Ridge-Brook. Family is the most important thing in the world to me. I am a proud mother of Ryan, Jordan, and Patrick. They are all grown-up now, but I cherish those elementary school memories.

For the past 20 years, I have worked in community and social services. Most recently, I worked at the Parma Area Family Collaborative, as a Case Manager and Program Manager. I know how important resources and supports can be to a family's success, so if I can be of assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact me. My email address is forsythk@parmacityschools.org. My office number is 440-843-1574, and my cell phone is 440-440-723-9356.

Have a great spring!

Mrs. Forsyth



The Top Five PBIS Myths

PBIS is a powerful and proven tool to improve school climates. Ridge-Brook is seeing this with improved student conduct and decreases in discipline referrals since we started our implementation last school year. Here are myths about PBIS and how our response at Ridge-Brook to these myths:

- **MYTH #1: PBIS rewards students for what they are supposed to be doing.**
TRUTH: Ridge-Brook PBIS establishes behaviors students carry throughout life.
- **MYTH #2: The "Positive" for PBIS just means handing out treats and other goodies whenever kids behave.**
TRUTH: The "Positive" for PBIS is establishing positive relationships with our students.
- **MYTH #3: PBIS means that schools abandon discipline. Teachers are not allowed to handle misbehavior**
TRUTH: Ridge-Brook PBIS allows for a comprehensive system that prevents minor behavior incident from becoming major ones.
- **MYTH #4: PBIS does not work.**
TRUTH: Our school continues to see improvements in our school climate and in our students' conduct.
- **MYTH #5: Rewards are just bribery.**
TRUTH: PBIS is Positive reinforcement for appropriate behaviors.



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
- FatigueMuscle 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.

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.

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