



THE PTA POST

Ridgewood Elementary PTA

<http://www.ridgewoodpta.org/>

Calendar

January 30:

No School
Teacher Workshop

February 2:

PTA Meeting
7 pm

February 8:

Late Arrival
11 am

February 13 - 17:

Conference Week
12:13 Dismissal



Executive Board 2011/2012

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President's Letter

Dear Ridgewood Families & Staff:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. Where did 2011 go? I can't believe it's over already.

Since we have had a busy four months at Ridgewood, I know where some it went. We've been having fun at Ridgewood starting with the Walk-A-Thon, then the Back-To-School Event, Harvest Festival, Reflections, Movie Night, Book Fair and so much more.

Now we get to move on to the next six months of FUN at Ridgewood! Beginning with our new Art Docent Program (thank you to the 20+ parent volunteers), more Popcorn Fridays, Multi-Cultural Night, Goals Conferences in February, some Choir Performances, Kindergarten Registration, Student Assemblies, Class Pictures, Spring Break, Volunteer Appreciation Assembly, BizTown for the 5th and 6th grade classes, Science Fair, Graduation, Field Day and more.

If you haven't joined PTA, there is still time. Please contact Jennifer Idzi our Membership Committee Chair at jidzi@idzifamily.com.

To the committee chairs and dedicated volunteers, THANK YOU for all your time and help. Everyone appreciates all that you do, so please keep doing it. Without you, we the PTA would not be able to do all that we do and provide all that we provide to our children and teachers.

Please be sure to attend our next PTA meeting on Thursday, February 2nd at 7 pm in the library at Ridgewood. We welcome your suggestions and would like to see you at our PTA meetings to share your thoughts and PTA concerns with us.

Thanking you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of us on the PTA Executive Board.

Respectfully,
Kelly Grunewald
PTA President



Not Getting the Weekly Emails?

We encourage you to join the PTA if you haven't done so already so that you can receive up-to-date information via the weekly PTA email. If you are not a PTA member and would still like to receive the email, please contact Leslie Spengler at lesliers@gmail.com.

PTA Art Program

Art Docent News

Thank you to all the volunteers who have been planning and preparing for the upcoming art lessons in January. Each grade level will be doing a different project for the PTA spring fundraiser through the Square 1 program. Some of the inspirations for the projects are Van Gogh, PopArt by Andy Warhol, flower paintings by Georgia O'Keefe, abstract art by Kandinsky, and the Seattle cityscape. Look for more details about the Square 1 Fundraiser to be sent home with your child in March.

In February, we will begin art lessons through the Interurban Center for the Arts at Green River Community College. The lessons will focus on one particular artist, and the students will get to explore that artist's style through a work of his or her own. We will also continue to teach the "Eight Elements of Art" that have been taught at Ridgewood for several years.

We have a wonderful group of parent and community volunteers who are planning and teaching, but we can always use an extra pair of hands for preparing materials, working in the classroom during the art lesson, etc. If you are interested in volunteering with the art program, please e-mail Anna Andreski at annaandreski@gmail.com.

Thanks,
Anna Andreski
Art Appreciation Chair



Membership

Why should YOU join Ridgewood Elementary's PTA?

- Learn what is happening at Ridgewood Elementary
- Help plan events and activities that benefit Ridgewood students
- Help generate funds to support playground equipment, music supplies and classroom needs
- You have a voice in suggesting ideas for the school
- Work together with Teachers and Staff members
- Increase our voice in state legislation
- Meet some great new friends
- And so much more!!!!

For less than a week's worth of coffee at Starbucks – you can become a member of Ridgewood Elementary's PTA. JOIN TODAY!

The PTA Membership Form is available online at: <http://www.ridgewoodpta.org/documents/membership.pdf>

Reflections Program - "Diversity Means"

Participants and Recognitions

Primary Photography

Finalist - Mkristo Bruce
Honorable Mention - Nicholas Leung
Talented Participant - Lucas Leung

Intermediate Photography

Finalist - Charles Roth
Honorable Mention - Lydia Garrett-Grunewald, Sage Richardson, Alexis Mallory
Talented Participant - Taylor Tryall, Elsa Finkbeiner

Intermediate Literature

Finalist - Kylie Kuga

Primary Visual Arts

Finalist - Naomi Roth, Kylie Calkins, Leilani Keodara, Chloe Lim, Jacob Barney, Celena Becerra, Mkristo Bruce, Jill Williams
Honorable Mention - Sophia D'Amato, Evelyn Pham, Kaelyn O'Brien, Angelina Fernandez, Jacob Floyd, Kitana Ludwig, Mackenzie Gillett
Talented Participant - Mary Kondratyuk, Jayson Thompson, Holden Cutts, Sean Izeah Gobunquin, Jassie Chau, Tony Punnacherry, Ella Chin, Mkristo Bruce, Matthew Adams, Fa'a Elkington, Cole Beeson, Emilio Tolomei, Siddharth Vemparala, Jill Williams, Angelina D'Amato

Intermediate Visual Arts

Finalist - Evan Winans, Tessa Valison, Katelyn Wick
Honorable Mention- Sarah Amelie Hoxter, Ingrid Erickson, Alexis Mallory, Julia Farmer, Essey Paulos
Talented Participant - Laurel Winans, Paulina Viskova, Mackenzie Bailey

Middle Visual Arts

Finalist - Kristin Mannschreck
Honorable Mention - Meagan Matias, Ashleigh Lawson



Your PTA Dollars at Work

The Book Fair was a success again this year even with the changes in the conference dates – Thanks for your support!

Your dollars were used to help teachers with class room supplies - \$1,805.73 has been given to support the teachers so far.

Logo Clothing was purchased for preorders and site sales. Show your school pride and purchase Ridgewood Raven clothing and other items.

We also purchased new supplies for the emergency container - \$411.94

Matching funds has brought in \$1,364.04 - THANK YOU to those who have provided your portion and submitted the company match requests!

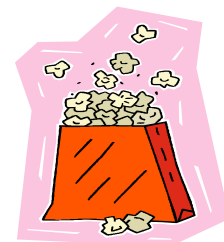
BAKE SALE - What a success! Lots of sweets were sold for a total of \$596.35. Imagine all those calories...

Popcorn Friday

We are pleased to announce that we will be increasing the number of Popcorn Fridays during the winter.

We will be popping EVERY Friday in January and February EXCEPT February 17th.

So remember to bring/send your quarters to school on Friday for popcorn. Each bag is 25 cents with a limit of two per student.



PTA Committee Chairperson Openings

We still have the following committee chairs available:

Albertsons/Escrip/Ink Cartridges/Terracycle/Tyson - Organizes, collects, submits (if necessary) and coordinates these fundraising programs for the PTA. Make sure that all information regarding these programs is in PTA Newsletters (email and hard copy) as well as on PTA Website and School Newsletter. Work with any teacher(s) who might want to take charge of any of these fundraisers for class fundraising. Inform parents of these programs via information flyers going home in Raven Folders. Ongoing**

Auction/Procurement for 2012/2013 School Year - Auction Chair is responsible for procuring and logging items, organizing catalog, advertising the event, securing date and location for event. This is a great committee to have co-chairs and sub committees like decorations, bid book, event planner, etc. Delegating is a must! This event is held every other spring. Next auction is spring 2013. Procurement Chair is responsible for ongoing efforts to support our PTA through donations of money and products from individuals & company sponsors. Items needed for committee prizes as well as for our 2013 spring auction. Ongoing**

Matching Fund Drive - Prepare a matching fund campaign to promote donations and matching funds from donor companies

Nominating Committee - This committee should be formed within the first 2 months of school so that they can be searching and recruiting nominees for President/Vice President/Secretary/Treasure for elections in the spring of each school year.

Welcome Back to School Event for 2012/2013 School Year - Organize a big event (within the first week or two of school) which can be coordinated with school Open House. This event could include food, games, and community information booths for our students and families. Planning is during the summer.

If you are interested in chairing one of these committees, please contact Kelly Grunewald directly by email at president@RidgewoodPTA.org.

Campbell's Soup Labels

Happy New Year. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Our UPC's have been slow in coming in. Please remember to save them and turn them in.

We have redeemed some points for some items for the school. Not all items have been received yet. Next newsletter I will post the items that we have "purchased."

The winners for the month of November are: **BARRETT**: Colby O.; **CALBOM**: Megan B.; **DAVIES**: Madison I.; **FINLEY**: Alex G., Allanna B.; **FREY**: Allison N., Madison M., Katherine P.; **HABETLER**: Joel B., Alec S.; **HARRINGTON**: Anya A.; **HOLMQUIST**: Hailey S., Drew B.; **MORRIS**: Bill K., Brandon B.; **JENSEN**: Claire A.; **JOST**: Julia J., Kristen M.; **SANCHEZ**: Fern B.; **SIMMONS-BLOSS**: Angie B.; **STROOMER**: Ava G.; **TULLIS**: Allison H., Zachary C.; **WISEMAN**: Danielle I.

The winners for the month of December are: **ANDERSON**: Kylie K., Justus C.; **BARRETT**: Colby O.; **CALBOM**: Megan B.; **DAVIES**: Madison I.; **DONATI/SIPALA**: Emalee D.; **FINLEY**: Alex G., Allanna B.; **FREY**: Allison N., Katherine P.; **HABETLER**: Alec S.; **HARRINGTON**: Anya A.; **HOLMQUIST**: Drew B.; **MORRIS**: Brandon B.; **JOST**: Kristen M.; **RASMUSSEN/SCHROEDEL**: Katey C., Will R.; **SANCHEZ**: Fern B.; **SIMMONS-BLOSS**: Christian K., Angie B.; **STROOMER**: Mia K.; **WISEMAN**: Danielle I.; **WOLLIN**: Chance G; **YVARRA**: Jill W.
These individuals turned in at least 25 UPCs and/or lids and will receive a small prize. Also, remember, every time you submit 25 labels, your name gets entered into the end-of-the-year drawing. You don't have to keep track. We do it for you.

The class standings so far are: **FREY**: 831; **FINLEY**: 400; **SIMMONS-BLOSS**: 398. You can look for the complete class standings that are posted throughout the school.

Golden Acorn Award

It is time to nominate our Golden Acorn and Outstanding Educator for 2011-2012.

The Golden Acorn is a PTA award that recognizes a volunteer or volunteers who have gone above the call of duty in helping out with activities, programs, or in the classroom. They also are active in the greater community giving service – as a coach, in a volunteer organization, their religious community, etc.

The Outstanding Educator is exactly that – someone who excels in interacting with children both at the school and community level. This nominee can be ANYONE in our school community – teacher, para educator, support staff, etc.

Please complete the nomination form below. The deadline for nominations is **Friday, February 3rd**.

Thank you for supporting Ridgewood staff and the Ridgewood PTA.



RIDGEWOOD PTA AWARD NOMINATION FORM

GOLDEN ACORN NOMINEE: _____

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR NOMINEES: Please circle your choice for **ONE** nominee only

Mary Abbott	Ashley Graeber	Lum-Lung Pepper	Nani Sipila
Traci Anderson	Kaarin Gust	Melissa Powers	Patti Smith
Teri Baker	Patti Habetler	Sandi Price	Andy Song
Carol Brewster	Minna Hamada	Kim Radabaugh	Susan Stroomer
Inga Britt-Jost	Tessa Harrington	Lindsey Rasmussen	Sheri Tipton-Hasson
Carol Calbom	Wayne Jensen	Simone Sanchez	Marilyn Tullis
Rochelle Davies	Sharon Johnson	Elizabeth Santos	Christi Walkley
Laurie Donati	Roberta Jorgensen	Bridget Schroedel	Aimee Wiseman
Kelly Ehlert	Laura Kexel	Scott Sellevold	Jeff Wollin
Sarah Faulk	Jodi Madden	Angela Stenseth	Kelli Yvarra
Kim Finley	Shantelle Morris	Kari Shults	
Penny Frey	Renee Nash	Victoria Simmons-Bloss	

Reason for nomination:

Your name and contact information:
