



Ridecrest Review

September 2008

Back to School/Curriculum Night

We are excited for you to attend Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 18th, from 6:00 until 8:00 in the evening. Our



kindergarten classes will not be at this event as they already had their curriculum night. This is a time for families to learn about the curriculum for the year, classroom expectations, home and school communication processes, homework, volunteer opportunities, and more. Due to time constraints, teachers are unable to meet individually with families during this event. If you need more time to

meet with a teacher, please leave your contact information. We also encourage you to learn more about the Ridgecrest PTA. Below is a schedule for the evening. We look forward to seeing you.

Event	Time
Primary grades in individual classrooms	6:00-6:45
PTA Fair in the cafeteria	6:45-7:15
Intermediate grades in individual classrooms	7:15-8:00

Attention Volunteers

Ridgecrest loves volunteers! If you plan to volunteer in our school or on a field trip, you must complete a Washington State Patrol Volunteer background check form. We also need a copy of your drivers license. The form must be submitted every year. Please stop by our office and complete one if you haven't already. We appreciate your help.

New Playground Equipment

Ridgecrest Elementary School would like to thank everyone who helped make our new playground possible. To ensure the safety of our students, we ask that students refrain from playing on the equipment before school and immediately after school.

Picture Day

Ridgecrest Elementary School is happy to announce that student picture day is Friday, September 26, 2008. Be sure to send your student with his or her money and picture packet on this day. All students will have their picture taken whether or not a package is being purchased.



Dropping off and Picking-up Your Student

Our parking lot can be a dangerous place. Please keep our turnabout free of parked cars. When cars are parked, it is difficult for drivers to use the turnabout properly. Please park in a designated area to pick up your child before and after school. We also appreciate your effort with modeling safe behavior by using the crosswalk.

Extended Day Program

Before and after care extended day programs are available at Ridgecrest Elementary School. The extended day program offers students the exceptional opportunity to extend their learning day in a professionally supervised environment that is safe, positive, nurturing and growth-oriented. Because we dismiss students at 2:55, we encourage you to access this program if you are having your student wait for an older sibling from Kellogg Middle School to accompany them home. Paying for one hour or less for 5 days a week is available. Please call (206) 361-4256 for more information.





News from the Principal

Welcome to Ridgecrest Elementary School, home of the Rams. I am both anxious and excited as I look ahead to the 2008-09 school year. As a staff, we will do our best to make this a successful year for you at Ridgecrest. But, we can't do it alone, so hopefully, you will join us in the effort to help every child reach his or her potential.

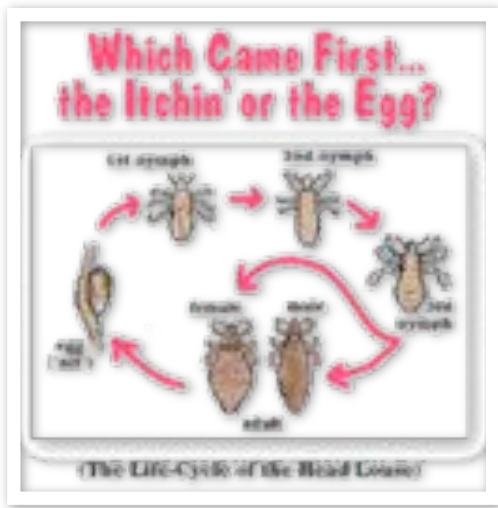
By way of introduction, I am Cinco Delgado. I am thrilled to be a part of the Ridgecrest community. The students, teachers, and families of this school are amazing. I appreciate your involvement with our school. I hope you can continue to be as involved throughout the school year.

I care deeply about the overall growth and development of your child, and I will join the entire staff as we do our very best to provide a safe, healthy learning environment for them. While putting forth our best effort not to make mistakes, we likely will at some time. I haven't had a perfect year yet. So, we ask your patience and support as you join us in doing "the world's most important work;" educating your children.

I encourage you to stop by and start a friendship. It's always nice to be able to associate a face with a name and a parent with a child. In addition, please feel free to call me at (206) 361-4274 or email me at cinco.delgado@shorelineschools.org anytime you have a question, a concern, or even if you'd like to tell us what a terrific job we're doing.

Raising and educating children is hard work and we are both more effective if we form a collaborative team.

I look forward to a great year.!



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remember to screen your children’s hair now and weekly for head lice. Encourage your children to come to you if they feel itchy and tell them that checking for lice is nothing to be shy about. Remind your children to use their own equipment such as baseball caps, helmets and headphones instead of sharing these items. It is important to communicate to the school if your student has head lice.

Head lice infestation is diagnosed by looking closely through the hair and scalp for nits, nymphs, or adult lice. Nits are the easiest to see. They are found “glued” to the hair shaft. Unlike dandruff or hairspray, they will not slide along a strand of hair. If you find nits more than 1/4 inch from the scalp, the infection is probably an old one.



Nymphs and adults can be hard to find; there are usually few of them, and they can move quickly from searching fingers. If lice are seen, finding nits close to the scalp confirms that a person is infested.

For more information, contact your local health department or a health-care provider, or the school nurse.

The Tiger Den Needs Your Help

As we continue to make the Tiger Den workable for teachers, we are in need of tubs, bookends and small book shelves. If you have some you can donate, please contact Kay Law.

