



February 2019 Newsletter

Hello Ridgecrest Families,

Happy 2019! I hope you had a great break and wonderful memories were made. If you're feeling like me, it went by too fast -but there's more fun in our future!

If you haven't already, please like the "Ridgecrest PTA" on Facebook (Look for Rocky the Ram) and bookmark Ridgecrestpta.org to stay current on upcoming events, such including:

- **Monday, February 4, 2019:** MEETING with guest speaker Chuck Goodwin, Safety/Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the Shoreline School District. See *page 2 for more information.*
- **Friday, February 8, 2019:** The Ridgecrest Read-a-thon begins! In past years, I've picked a book to read out loud to my kids at bedtime. This year, I've picked books for them to read to me, too! Watch our PTA Facebook page and website share what books are favorites in your home.

In other exciting news, we're bringing back the school auction on **Saturday, April 13, 2019 !!!** The Auction Committee is hard at work to make this event fun and unique. This year's theme is **Food Truck Rodeo and Silent Auction** and the event will be held at Shorecrest High School.

Our goal is not only to raise \$25,000, but to throw a party for those of us 21 years and older to have a great time together. This won't be your average auction! Please let me know if you're interested in being part of the magic by sharing your time, talent, or donating items.

More event information will be coming soon, so mark your calendar and call a sitter for Saturday, April 13th!

Hope to see you soon,

Laura James
Ridgecrest PTA President
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Upcoming Events

February 4

- PTA Meeting 6:30-8PM

February 8

- Read-a-thon Kick-Off
- Family Game Night
6:30-8P

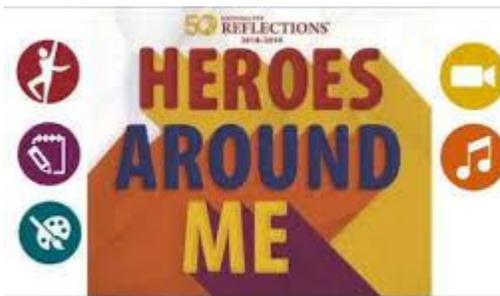
February 15

- Lost and Found to The WORKS
- Science Night
Submissions Due

General PTA Meeting with Guest Speaker

Monday, February 4th, 2019 6-8PM

This meeting's guest speaker will be Chuck Goodwin. Chuck is the Safety and Preparedness Coordinator for Shoreline School District. His presentation entitled: Making Ridgecrest a Safer, More Secure Learning Environment: A Report on our Progress, will provide an overview of school safety and security. He will be addressing topics including: Natural and Man-Made Emergencies and Disasters, Emergency Preparedness Procedures, Annual Emergency Preparedness Plans & Drills and LockOuts, LockDowns and Classroom Locks & Building Security. Student safety is a priority we all share and we hope to see you at the meeting!



National Reflections PTA Art Contest

On Thursday January 10th, 2019 the Shoreline School District and PTA celebrated its young artists participating in the 2018-2019 National Reflections PTA Art Contest. A well-attended open house reception was held for the artists and families at the Shoreline Center.

There was a total of 166 participants representing all schools in the district and submitting in one of these 6 categories: visual arts, photography, film production, music composition, literature and dance. District level winners were announced, with 31 finalists, and 25 honorable mentions. The finalist pieces will now move on to state level competition. Winners at the state level will be announced in early May.

Out of 16 entries, Ridgecrest has 5 finalists moving on to State level! Big congratulations to:

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| • Ridgecrest Primary | Ethan Wong | "My Hero Museum" |
| • Ridgecrest Intermediate | Calen Dunnett | "Brave" |
| • Ridgecrest Intermediate | Maja Molyneux | "Action Hero" |
| • Ridgecrest Intermediate | Euan Dunnett | "The Journey for Orcas" |
| • Ridgecrest Intermediate | Nina Vermillion | "To All the People" |

Reception attendees participated in a "People's Choice" vote. The winner of the People's Choice Award for 2018-19 is a tie between Taylor Draper, a 5th grader at LFP Elementary, for the visual arts piece "Girl Power" and Emma Howlett, Junior at Shorecrest HS, for the visual arts piece "When Grandpa Smiles".

The theme for the 2019-2020 Reflections program has been announced! Please let your young artists know, so they can start thinking about creating a piece for next year. The 2019-2020 theme will be "**Look Within**".

A big round of applause to Doris Ng for organizing Ridgecrest Elementary School's Reflections event this year. We really appreciate your hard work and congrats on a job well done!

Get ready for Family Science Night!

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 6-8PM

Family Science Night is an evening event sponsored by the PTA that provides an opportunity for students to share a science project or report they've worked on with other students and families.



Here's what you need to know:

- All Ridgecrest students are invited to participate by preparing a science experiment or research project to present at Family Science Night.
- Family participation is not only allowed, it's highly encouraged!
- To present a project or poster, simply complete a submission form and return it to the front office or your teacher by **Friday, February 15**.
- More information and links to age-appropriate experiment ideas will be posted on the RC PTA's website, <https://ridgecrestpta.org/>.
- The PTA has a limited number of free tri-fold displays available, please email us or ask at the front office!
- If you have any questions regarding Science Night, or would like to volunteer in some way, please contact us at ridgecrest.science@gmail.com

No project? No problem! Come to Family Science Night to see what your classmates have done, view the stars through a telescope (weather permitting) or in a planetarium, and explore the fun of science in many hands-on exhibits and activities.

Read-A-Thon Volunteers Needed!



Volunteers needed to count minutes for a classroom (or two) twice during the read-a-thon which runs February 8 - March 1,

Extra help is always appreciated!

Please Email: Casey Broda
CaseysConcoctions@gmail.com



Camp Caber Brown Bear Car Wash Tickets

Next year both the 5th & 6th graders will be attending camp, so our fundraising target has doubled to \$14,000.

Please consider supporting our effort to lower the cost of camp so that everyone can attend.

1 Ticket for \$8 / 5 for \$35

Buy online at:
<https://ridgecrestpta.org/cctickets>

Questions:
cabercarwashtickets@gmail.com

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- Feb 4 PTA Meeting**
6:30-8pm in the Ridgecrest Library
Guest speaker Chuck Goodwin- Safety/Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for Shoreline SD
- Feb 8 Family Game Night FREE!**
6:30- 8p in the Ridgecrest Gym
Bring your family and your favorite game or puzzle. Games, puzzles, color sheets provided. Concessions will be available for purchase to benefit Camp Caber.
- Feb 8 Read-A-Thon kickoff**
Turn pledge sheets in and get ready to read!
- Feb 15 Popcorn Friday**
- Feb 15 Lost & Found sent to The Works**
- Feb 18-22 Mid-Winter Break**
Don't forget to track all the minutes you read.