

Hello Ridgewood Family!

Being a principal, many people ask me, "Why do you want to be a principal?" While there are numerous reasons why I love what I do, the number one thing I love most is seeing the children in the halls and classrooms, smiling, laughing and being engaged while learning. Priceless! This was a wonderful first week of school.

I am trying something new by sending out this eNews on Sunday instead of Friday. I would like to get your feedback on which day you would prefer to receive Ridgewood's eNews. Please [click here](#) to complete a one question survey so I can better meet your needs. This link will be closed by this Thursday, August 30, so I can prepare for the next message.

THANK YOU Volunteers

Thank you to all parent volunteers who took time out of their day to help us with buses and lunches this week. Your support is truly appreciated by all of us.

No Parents in the Halls

Starting Monday, August 27, **no parents will be permitted in the halls past the office door.** This is for everyone's safety. Please abide by these rules and support our reasons behind them. You must schedule all meetings with staff ahead of time and sign in the office. We do not allow parents to go to classrooms unannounced. Thank you for respecting this request.

Changing Child Pick Up After School

Please call the office BEFORE 2:45 pm if there is a change in how you want your child to come home. This makes it easier for us to document the change and notify the teacher before he/she releases his/her students. Last minute phone calls makes it very challenging as teachers and students are preparing to go home. We do understand that there are emergency situations.

Child Pick Up During School

If you have a scheduled pick up for your child, please send in a note. You will need to come to the office to sign your child out. Students will not be pulled from class until you arrive in the office. Every minute of learning is precious to us.

Curriculum Nights

- Kindergarten - September 13, 6:00 - 6:45 PM
- Grades 4 & 5 - September 13, 7:00 - 7:45 PM
- Grade 1 & 2 - September 20, 6:00 - 6:45
- Grade 3 - September 20, 7:00 - 7:45 PM (*This is a change from the newsletter!*)

Upcoming Events

- August 30 School Picture Day
- August 30 iPad distribution for K, 2nd, 4th & 5th Grade

- August 31 iPad distribution for 1st & 3rd Grade
- September 1 Labor Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- September 11 PTO meeting
- September 13 Curriculum Night for grades K, 4, & 5
- September 20 Curriculum Night for grades 1, 2, & 3
- September 25 Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night - *Eat up!*
- October 5 Walk-A-Thon
- October 11 Pulp Juice Spirit Night

PTO NEWS

PTO Meeting - September 11, 7 P.M., Media Center.

****FREE**** childcare is provided. The Mobilicious food truck will be out front. Join us to meet other parents and teachers and to vote on our proposed budget. Learn more about the upcoming Walk-A-Thon.

Get Connected!

Look for us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ridgewoodelementarypto/>

DISTRICT NEWS

First Week Pics and News

We are proud to say we opened our doors on Wednesday to a record number of students, 16,551 in all. We are thankful for all the families who logged into [HomeAccess](#) to make sure student/guardian contact information is correct and for those who went to [MyPaymentsPlus](#) to pay extra-curricular fees, and purchase the [Technology Protection Plan](#). If you have not done so there is still time.

We want to thank those that shared their #HCSD1 pictures on Facebook and Twitter. Hilliard is truly an amazing family to be a part of. You can see many of the photos on our [webpage](#).

Parent University

This week we will be launching our [Parent University](#). We know it can be difficult for parents to learn about all the different academic and extracurricular opportunities available, so we have put all these dates and explanations onto our web page. The goal of our Parent University is to provide an easy way for families to find all of the parent and student programs the District offers.

Coffee with the Superintendent

Several times a year Superintendent John Marschhausen schedules time to have coffee with our community. His [next round is coming up](#), and we hope you make plans to attend one.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kevin Buchman
Principal