

Hello Ridgewood Family,

We started our school community meetings this past week. I broke it down to grades K-2 in the AM and grades 3-5 & K PM in the afternoon. We are focusing on all 6 R-Factor Skills and You're the Driver of your Bus for the month of September.

School Community Meeting - "Press Pause"

This month we are working on "Pressing Pause." We discussed *Staying Above the Line* and *No BCD*. Ask your child what BCD stands for! (Blaming, Complaining, Defending). I explained that defending is like making up excuses. Two videos were used for our students to identify examples of pressing pause and staying above the line. Below are the videos if you want to view. [The Present](#) and [Sesame Street](#)

Fire Drill and First Emergency Practice Drill

We conducted two drills on Friday. We did our first Emergency Drill. It was a level one which means the teachers lock their doors and instruction continues. During this time the teachers talked to their students about blockading, fighting, and running with examples of when and why they might do this. The fire drill was conducted afterwards, and it was another success!

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

Upcoming Events

- 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 Picture Retake Date and Candidals!
- October 11 Pulp Juice Spirit Night
- October 15-18 Parent Teacher Conference Week
- October 19 Teacher PD Day - **NO SCHOOL**

PTO NEWS

Walk-a-Thon Online Pledge Website Is Live!

We are looking forward to the Walk-a-Thon on October 5! Once again, students can obtain pledges via the online pledge website. To register your child on the website, [click here](#).

Parents will also be able to register their children at Curriculum Night. If you are interested in helping out, here is the [sign-up genius link](#).

Join Us for the First PTO Meeting!

Tuesday, 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.

Mobilicious will be offering Carolina pulled pork sandwich (\$8), Buffalo chicken sandwich (\$8), gyro with either grilled chicken or lamb (\$7), BBQ chicken quesadilla (\$7), loaded nachos (\$7), Buffalo chicken taco (\$3), and walking taco (\$3). Chips - Pop - Water - Gatorade - \$1.00, salads available upon request (\$7), and vegetarian options available.

Wellness Committee Meeting

The Wellness Committee will have its first meeting on Thursday, September 27, at 6 p.m. in the Media Center.

Get Connected!

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

DISTRICT NEWS

Innovation Campus Open House

The Innovation Campus will be hosting an open house on September 18th from 6-7pm. All parents and students in the district are welcome to join us to see both the Innovative Learning Center and the new Hub. You will also get to meet the staff, and learn about the programming that is available to all students in grades 7-12.

Homework Help

The Columbus Metropolitan Library's Homework Help Centers are now open, offering the students in your family free after school help. Find the hours at the [Hilliard Branch here](#).

Wildcat Way Community Day

Families with students of all ages are invited to a fun evening of games and food to celebrate the [Wildcat Community](#). It is a free event on Friday, September 7 from 5-7pm at Davidson High School.

