

Hello Ridgewood Family!

This week our fifth graders started composting! Our cafeteria is switching to compostable food trays and no more straws! We will be working with our fourth graders starting next week. Some of our fifth graders have volunteered to help our fourth graders with this process during lunch. Team Ridgewood!

WALK-A-THON IS THIS FRIDAY!

We are so excited about our annual Walk-A-Thon! We need your support! Every penny counts. Please donate and spread your child's link to ask for family and friends to contribute.

Students will be walking during their Special's time. Kindergarten teachers will share their times with parents this week. [Click here](#) to register donations online!

Take Home Folders

Each year we purchase new take home folders for our kiddos. If your child loses their Take Home folder, you can purchase another one for \$1.00. Your or your child can bring the money in the office to purchase a new one.

Upcoming Events:

- September 25 Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night (3:00-10:00 PM)
- **October 5 Walk-A-Thon**
- October 11 Picture Retakes (Students should bring first picture packet with them)
- October 11 Pulp Juice Spirit Night - ALL DAY!
- October 15-18 Parent Teacher Conference Week
- October 19 Teacher PD Day - **NO SCHOOL**

PTO INFORMATION

Walk-a-Thon Volunteers Needed! - October 5, 2018

Walk-a-Thon is next week! If you are interested in joining in on the fun, there are lots of opportunities. You can walk with a class, work the sno-cone machine, check in volunteers, help with first aid, or just show up to cheer the kids on. Here is the link to sign up for a volunteer slot:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B49AAA62AA1FD0-walkathon2>

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We have lots of exciting rewards lined up for the students as they meet our fundraising goals. If you have not yet signed your child up for the online donation website, go to this link: <https://secure.eventsonline.us/reg/getmovincrew/parents>

The average parent who does these 3 things raises \$150-250! Thank you for your support!

Pulp Spirit Day - October 11, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

We are excited to partner with Pulp once again for a Spirit Day. They generously donate 30% of their Ridgewood-affiliated proceeds to the school. Be sure to mention Ridgewood when ordering or show the attached flyer on your phone. Pulp offers more than just smoothies and juice. You can also order salads, wraps and energy bowls. Delivery is available through DoorDash. Be sure to add "Ridgewood" in the "Add Delivery Instructions."

Shopping Rewards Programs - An Easy Way to Fundraise!

On **Amazon**, shop at smile.amazon.com and register with Ridgewood School's PTO. You can use this link to quickly register: smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1495740. The Kroger Community Rewards program is another ideal way to support Ridgewood!

Enroll your **Kroger Plus Cards** online at the Kroger secure website, www.krogercommunityrewards.com and choose RIDGEWOOD ELEMENTARY. Make sure you keep it updated on Kroger's website every year.

Taste Test Tuesdays

Ridgewood Elementary's Taste Test Tuesday is a great opportunity for students to sample different kinds of fruits and vegetables. There is still room for more volunteers! Taste Test Tuesday takes place the second Tuesday of each month from 11:00 to 1:30. Please sign up if you can help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49aaa62aa1fd0-taste>

DISTRICT INFORMATION

What is Naviance – Parent University Session

Middle School and High School are critical times for self-discovery, developing confidence, and understanding why education is relevant to students' future. Naviance is a college and career readiness solution that helps students discover their strengths and interests, and see how they can reach their goals.

Join us on October 9 at 6:30pm at Weaver Middle School to learn how we are intentionally utilizing Naviance in grades 6-12 to engage students in the learning process.

Elementary Literacy – Parent University Session

In Hilliard City Schools, we work to create a learning environment that prepares our students to engage in the literate world around them. In our elementary schools, we strive to grow the academics, mindset, and interests of every reader. This informational session will provide the opportunity for parents to hear about the literacy opportunities students experience in our classrooms. Please join us on October 17 at 6:30pm at Heritage Middle School.

State of the Schools Save the Date

We would like to invite you to Dr. Marschhausen's sixth State of the Schools address on Thursday, October 25, 2018. This year we will hold the event at Heritage Golf Club at 6:00pm. We will have more details soon, but we hope you make plans now to attend.

4th Annual Community Cardboard Challenge

Hilliard City Schools will host its 4th Annual Community Cardboard Challenge on Saturday, October 6th from 9:00-12:00 at Heritage Middle School. Families enjoy coming together and participating in this event to create a cardboard masterpiece.

If this is your first Cardboard Challenge, you can [watch a short video](#) on the inspiration for this event.

Our Community Card Board Challenge is not necessarily promoting the creation of arcades...but the creation of ANYTHING during this event from 9:00-12:00 on October 6th.