

RIDGEBACK REGISTER

CENTRAL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 16 Volunteer/Mentor Training**
- 19 President's Day—No School**

Dear Parents,

We have had a very productive January as we deepened our students' understanding of the standards on which they will be tested on the upcoming Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) (grades 3-5). Our Title I Plan is permitting us to offer an after school tutoring program for targeted 5th graders. Bus transportation is provided to these students! We appreciate the many families who are supporting their 5th grader's attendance at these small group, differentiated learning sessions.

We are striving to prepare all of our students in grades 3-5 for the FSA by teaching the standards and exposing them to the types of questions they will meet on the test. However, we all encounter questions throughout our day and questions are not only something found on tests, but a strategy that good readers use as they interact with text. Good readers ask themselves questions as they read. You are demonstrating what it means to be curious by sharing your questions. Questioning joins the strategies of making connections, inferring, and visualizing. All of the strategies tap into our schema, or background knowledge.

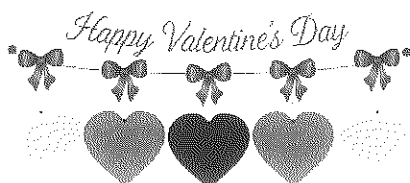
Please call if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Nancy Simon



**2018-2019
Citrus County School Calendar**
To view, please visit www.citrus.k12.fl.us



If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a school event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Kathy Withrington at 352-344-3833, at least 7 days before the event, or immediately upon receiving this notification, if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you utilize a service animal, please contact the school at least 15 days in advance to complete paperwork.

Dear Ridgeback Families,

We are halfway through the year and we have our sights set on spring! Thank you to everybody who attended our PTA meeting on January 30. We love your input and value your support!

March 16-23 is our Spring Book Fair. The theme is "Paws" for Reading. Volunteers...we will need you! Look for information and flyers towards the end of this month.

**Congratulations to the January Box Tops Winning Class:
Mrs. Foster (1st)**

Please remember to label your child's Box Tops bag/envelope with their name and teacher's name so they can earn credit.

Happy February!

Kassie, Jen, Nicole, Tiffany and Kimmy
PTA Board Members



PRE-SALE FOR 2017-2018!!!

Ridgeback Families!! Please do not miss out on the opportunity to purchase the 2017-2018 yearbook during our Yearbook Pre-Sale taking place February 20 through February 23. Please complete the order form and return it with your payment of \$15.00, to your child's teacher, no later than February 23. So that all orders may be tracked and receipted properly, please make sure that the order form is sent in with the money and that there is one order form for each student. You may submit one check for payment, but separate order forms are needed. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Cornelius at 344-3833. Thank you for your participation!


2017-2018 Florida Standards Assessment (FSA)			
Date	Grade	Subject	Time
3/6/18	4	FSA ELA Writing	120 minutes
	5	FSA ELA Writing	120 minutes
4/10/18	3	FSA ELA Reading Session 1	80 minutes
4/11/18	3	FSA ELA Reading Session 2	80 minutes
4/16/18	5	FSA Math Computer Based Test Session 1	80 minutes
4/17/18	5	FSA Math Computer Based Test Session 2	80 minutes
4/19/18	4	FSA Math Computer Based Test Session 1	80 minutes
4/20/18	4	FSA Math Computer Based Test Session 2	80 minutes
4/23/18-4/30/18	3	FSA Math Computer Based Test Sessions 1 & 2	80 minutes each session
4/30/18	5	NGSSS Science Paper Based Test Session 1	80 minutes
5/1/18	5	NGSSS Science Paper Based Test Session 2	80 minutes
5/1/18	4	FSA ELA Reading Computer Based Test Session 1	80 minutes
5/2/18	4	FSA ELA Reading Computer Based Test Session 2	80 minutes
5/3/18	5	FSA ELA Reading Computer Based Test Session 1	80 minutes
5/4/18	5	FSA ELA Reading Computer Based Test Session 2	80 minutes

COUNSELOR'S NOOK ...

Growth Mindset: The growth mindset focus, during the month of January, was on "Handling Setbacks." It is important for the students to understand that it's okay to fail or make mistakes. In fact, everyone does it from time to time. A growth mindset attitude (rather than a fixed mindset) is to look at failure as a learning opportunity or a way to turn a mistake into something positive. On the morning show, the students learned about failures that turned into opportunities. For example, did you know the Chocolate Chip cookie was discovered by mistake? The cook at the Toll House Inn was trying to make chocolate cookies, but ran out of cocoa. She decided to use bits of chocolate to make the cookies, thinking the bits would melt, thus turning the cookies chocolate. However, the bits did not melt. Instead of throwing the cookies away, the cook served the cookies to her guests and the rest is history. Today, seven billion chocolate chip cookies are consumed annually, and half the cookies baked in American homes are chocolate chip. This story, and others like it, can be found in a book titled Mistakes that Worked, by Charlotte Foltz Jones.

Kindergarten Personal Safety Curriculum: Lessons have started in the Kindergarten classrooms and will continue through the month of February. This curriculum teaches children skills aimed at keeping them safe from dangerous and abusive situations. One lesson focuses on what children are to do if they get separated or lost from an adult. Car safety, traffic safety, and what to do if they find dangerous items such as matches, knives, or guns is also discussed. The students will also learn the "Always Ask First Rule," as well as safety rules about personal space, safe touch, unwanted touch, and appropriate touch.

Can your child state their full name, address and telephone number? You would be surprised how many children, even in the upper grades, do not know their address and a phone number of at least one parent or guardian. During a kindergarten lesson about what children should do if they become lost, we stress the importance of students being able to state their first and last name, their address and a telephone number of someone with whom they live. While this is part of a kindergarten lesson, children of all ages should know this information. Ask your child if they know this important information. If not, please have him or her practice reciting their full name, address and phone number until they have it memorized.



Jackie Tyler, Guidance Counselor



TITLE I NEWS ...

Title I is the largest federal aid program for K-12 schools. Funds are allocated to individual schools based on the number of students that qualify for free/reduced lunch and student numbers. In Citrus County, all elementary and middle schools receive a Title I allocation. Title I funds target high poverty schools because research, over the past 30 years, shows that schools with high concentration of economically disadvantaged students generally demonstrate lower levels of achievement than do schools with fewer economically disadvantaged students. The purpose of Title I is to ensure that all children have a fair and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education. Students do not have to qualify for free/reduced lunch to receive Title I services.

Title One Team

Please see the Central Ridge Elementary Title I and District Title I School Improvement Plans available on our school website at cre.citruschools.org.

Conscious Discipline

Resources to handle the conflict and upset that comes your way...



Conscious Discipline provides steps that help families experience the power of safety, connection and problem-solving at home.

Classes are FREE at CRE, on Fridays, 9:00-10:00 a.m., starting January 19, and will run for 10 weeks.

*For more information, contact Jessica Edstrom, EdstromJ@citrus.k12.fl.us


Central Ridge School Advisory Enhancement Council (SAEC)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, at 4:15

ESOL News ...

Florida will continue to utilize the Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners 2.0 (ACCESS for ELLs 2.0) assessments as a tool to measure English Language Learners (ELLs) proficiency in English. This assessment is designed to progress monitor in the areas of speaking, listening, reading, and writing; ensuring the skills needed in school to achieve at high levels academically. The ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 assessments have replaced the Comprehensive English Language Learning Assessment (CELLA) program, which was administered through spring 2015. The English language proficiency of students in the ESOL program will be assessed annually as required by Title III, No Child Left Behind.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or Jennifer Homan at 352-344-3833.

 Partnering with the Citrus County School District, the Y operates an onsite before and after school child care program in all 11 elementary schools. The YMCA School Age Program provides child care for children in grades K-5. Operating hours are 6:30-8:50 a.m. and 3:30-6:00 p.m.

Fees:

- All Inclusive Plan—\$45 per week; 42 weeks (Includes all In-Service Days and all Holiday Breaks)
- Standard Plan—\$47 per week; 38 weeks (Includes all In-Service Days and Early Release Days)
- AM or PM Only—\$27 per week; 38 weeks (Includes Before Care or Afternoon Care Only, Teacher Work Days and Early Release Days)
- Annual Membership Fee—\$25 per individual/\$40 per family

*Financial assistance available for those who qualify. Financial assistance may also be available to qualifying families through the Early Learning Coalition's School Readiness Program.

For more information on the YMCA Before and After Care program, please call the Y's Administrative Office at 352-500-9622 or visit www.ymcasuncoast.org/locations/citrus-county-branch. You can also email AHall@suncoastymca.org.

DOH - Citrus REMINDS YOU TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS THIS FLU SEASON



Contact: Anne Murphy
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Citrus, Fla.— In Florida and throughout the U.S., flu activity is on the rise. In Citrus, we are currently seeing an increase in flu activity. Mr. Ernesto G. Rubio, Citrus County Health Officer, states "if you have not done so, get your flu vaccine now! See your medical provider immediately, if you experience flu like symptoms."

DOH - Citrus is urging residents to get your flu vaccine now if you have not already. There are still weeks of flu activity to come. It is not too late to get your flu vaccine. The flu vaccine is safe, and recommended for everyone six months and older, including pregnant women.

Flu vaccines can vary in effectiveness from season to season, but they continue to be the best way to prevent influenza infection and serious influenza complications. To locate a flu shot near you, contact your health care provider or use DOH's flu shot locator: www.flhealth.gov/findaflushot

DOH - Citrus offers flu shots on a sliding fee scale based on income at the following location and times: 3700 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL 34461 8AM - 5PM Monday-Friday. Please call (352) 527-0247 for an appointment.

If you become ill with flu-like symptoms, contact your health care provider as soon as possible. Your health care provider can prescribe antiviral treatment if appropriate. Treatment is most effective when started within 48 hours, so calling as soon as you become ill is important, especially if you or your loved one is at a higher risk for complications: children younger than 5, adults over the age of 65, pregnant women, and those with underlying medical conditions.

Stay home from work and keep children home from school or daycare when sick to help prevent spreading the flu to others. It is also essential to practice good hygiene by properly and frequently washing your hands. Make it a habit to clean and disinfect commonly used surfaces in your home, school or office. You can take additional steps to ward off the flu by coughing or sneezing into a tissue or your elbow and avoiding touching your face.

Visit FluFreeFlorida.com for more information on how you can be a part of #FluFreeFlorida. Visit www.floridahealth.gov/floridaflu for more information on influenza and influenza-like illness in Florida.

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