

# RIDGEBACK REGISTER

## CENTRAL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### OCTOBER 2, 2017 DATES TO REMEMBER



3-6	PTA Fall Book Fair
6	Volunteer Training @ DSC
13	Fall Festival-6:00-8:00 p.m.
18	Early Dismissal-12:30 p.m.
23-27	Red Ribbon Week
27	Fall Picture Day

Dear Parents,

I have always said that we have the most supportive families at CRE and that was evidenced by the hundreds of family members who attended *Dads Bring Your Child to School* day. We are grateful to our parents as we processed over 400 adults into our system before 9:10 in the morning. We had reservations for 904 donut eating participants!! We honored more than 70 veterans with special dog tags. There were many moms who saw a way to assist us and did so selflessly. We hope you enjoyed your time here with your loved ones! It was a beautiful event!

Our next family event is our Fall Fest, which will take place on Friday, October 13, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please join us for this traditional fun-filled evening!

Please note that Thursday, October 12, Friday, October 13, and Wednesday, October 25, are now full school days for our students. This change is the result of the hurricane days.

Respectfully,

*Nancy Simon*



### Picture Day is Friday, October 27

Smile!



Order forms will be sent home with students providing details. Please make sure your child has picture money enclosed in the envelope provided by the photographers.

*\*\*Proceeds will be used for staff appreciation, maintenance of office furniture, and materials and activities for students.\*\**

## ADOPT-A-CLASS

If you are interested in adopting a class at CRE, please call Karen Chiavetta at 352-344-3833.



*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.*

### Central Ridge School Advisory Enhancement Council (SAEC)

The 2017-2018 School Advisory Enhancement Council (SAEC) met for the first time this year on Tuesday, September 5. The SAEC is a team of parents, teachers, administrators, support staff, business people and interested community members with the goal of improving student performance by monitoring student achievement and planning for continuous improvement. Members of the Council were presented with the data from the Spring FSA assessments for last year's 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. The scores and historical data for the assessments were explained by Mrs. Simon. The SAEC members were also presented with updates from the School Board and the PTA. New SAEC members and teachers were introduced.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, at 4:15 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend!

Sincerely,

Kassie DiMase & Jen Simmons  
CRE SAEC Co-Chairpersons



National Red Ribbon Week

October 23-27

**Monday - "We Are Proud to be Drug Free!"**

*Kick off Red Ribbon Week—Wear something red.*

**Tuesday - "We are Paws-a-tively Drug Free!"**

*Wear a CRE school shirt. (PTA has these for sale.)*

**Wednesday - "Give Drugs the Boot!"**

*Wear boots to school.*

**Thursday - "There are a 'Minion' Reasons to be Drug Free!"**

*Dress up as a Minion or wear something with Minions on it. (Shirts, socks, etc.)*

**Friday - "Your Future is Key, So Stay Drug Free!"**

*Dress for Success Day—Wear your most professional attire. (This is also CRE's School Picture Day.)*

### PTA NEWS:

As you hopefully know, our Fall Book Fair has been moved to October 2-6 due to Hurricane Irma. October 2 will be a teacher preview day, and students will have the opportunity to shop October 3-6. We appreciate your patience and volunteer hours! We couldn't do it without you!

As October gets underway, be on the lookout for information on the school's Fall Festival on Friday, October 13. We will have a booth at the festival with a Pumpkin Auction to benefit the participating classes. Ask your teacher how you can help with the class pumpkin!

Also, watch your Take-Home folders for more information about our November "Mom's Night Out" event!

Please keep sending in your Box Tops and join us in congratulating the September Box Tops winning class, Miss Moore!

Happy Fall!

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



## COUNSELOR'S NOOK ...

### Tardies and Early Dismissals

Please be aware of the following information regarding tardies and early dismissals:

**Excused Tardy-** If your child comes to school after 9:20 from a doctor's appointment, dentist appointment, etc., and you provide a note from that doctor's office, the tardy will be excused. All other tardies will be coded unexcused unless otherwise approved by Administration/Guidance.

**Excused Early Dismissal-** Excused early dismissals include leaving sick from the clinic; going to doctor appointments, dentist appointments, etc. A note must be provided the following day, indicating that your child has been seen by a doctor or dentist. If we do not receive a note, the early dismissal will remain coded an "unexcused". All other early dismissals will be coded unexcused unless otherwise approved by Administration/Guidance.

**Camp Good Hope**—Hospice of Citrus County will again be hosting its Camp Good Hope on Saturday, November 4. This daylong camp provides age appropriate activities for children who have experienced the loss of a loved one. If you feel your child would benefit from this camp, please contact the guidance department, no later than October 27, for an application. Applications are also accepted online at: [www.hospiceofcitrus.org](http://www.hospiceofcitrus.org). The deadline to complete online applications is November 2.

### Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23 -27

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\*Please remember, while we encourage all students to participate each day, the school dress code will still be in effect. It is very important that the students wear school appropriate clothing and footwear each day.



*Jackie Tyler*  
Jackie Tyler, Guidance Counselor

## TITLE I NEWS ...

Title I is in full swing as we enter the month of October. CRE students are now familiar with their programs and are working diligently to make great gains in reading within their small reading groups. The following programs utilized per grade level and grades, are listed below:

- ◆ Kindergarten: SRA Phonemic Awareness
- ◆ First Grades: 95% Group
- ◆ Second Grade Students: 95% Group, Inc. or SRA Corrective Reading
- ◆ Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade Students: SuccessMaker or Focused Reading Instruction

If your child is receiving Title I services, please take a moment to ask him/her about these outstanding programs. They should be able to enlighten you on what they are learning each day.

Have a wonderful month!

Mrs. Mulder and Mrs. Kreuzsch



*In accordance with the Title I regulations, a copy of the School-Wide Title I Parent Involvement Plan and the School Improvement Plan, are available for review in the school office as well as on our school website. If you wish to request information concerning the professional qualifications of any of your child's instructors, you may do so in writing to the principal.*



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](http://www.ymcasuncoast.org/locations/citrus-county-branch). You can also email [AHall@suncoastymca.org](mailto:AHall@suncoastymca.org).

## COUPON BOOK FUNDRAISER BEGINS OCTOBER 23

Last year, Central Ridge Elementary was very successful with this fundraiser. Coupon Book information will be sent home with students on October 23. Please support our school and purchase/sell books. Money raised from the Coupon Books will go towards school beautification, staff appreciation and costs incurred in processing this fundraiser. Further information will be forthcoming.

## English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program:

- ◆ English language learners (ELLs) are placed with endorsed or certified ESOL teachers who are qualified to teach English for speakers of other languages.
- ◆ ELLs have equal access to curriculum and services.
- ◆ Students in the ESOL program receive help in basic subject areas in their native language when 15 or more students speak the same language at the school site (Rule 6A-1.0943, FAC)
- ◆ Progress will be reported to parents through the regular report card procedure. Parents may request a conference with the child's teacher as needed.
- ◆ Teachers promote an appreciation of different cultures.
- ◆ Information is available in a language understandable to the parent, if feasible.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Homan at (352) 344-3833 ext. 4007.



### Yearbook Pre-Sale Central Ridge Elementary Yearbook Pre-Sale

Ridgeback Families!!! Please do not miss out on the opportunity to purchase the 2017-2018 yearbook during our Yearbook Pre-Sale taking place October 11 through October 22.

Please complete the order form and return it with your payment of \$15.00 to your child's teacher no later than October 22. Look for an order form soon in your child's folder. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Cornelius at [corneliusb@citrus.k12.fl.us](mailto:corneliusb@citrus.k12.fl.us).