

RIDGEBACK REGISTER

CENTRAL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2 SAC Meeting at 4:15 p.m.—Zoom
- 7 Labor Day/Student Holiday
- 30 Parent Conference Day—No School

Parents and Families,

The 2020-2021 school year is off to a great start. Our Ridgebacks have settled into their classroom routines and are hard at work mastering their grade level standards. Our educators are completing initial testing with each child to aid them in developing targeted instruction.

We are so proud of the way our Ridgebacks have taken to the new school environment. They are wearing and managing their face covering well. We challenge them to wash their hands at least five times a day and use hand sanitizer before and after touching high traffic areas. In the cafeteria, they are being certain to keep extra distance between themselves and others while eating. They are really doing their part to keep everyone healthy.

We know this year will feel a lot different for our parents and families, too. We appreciate all that you have already done to adjust to new health and safety procedures. You prepared your children for the new requirements. You've used new routines for arrival and dismissal. You've been flexible as we adjusted or modified processes to meet ever changing guidelines. You have provided feedback to help us improve. Thank you.

This year I encourage you to partner with us to help your child succeed at school. Reach out to your child's teacher regularly to check on their progress. Schedule a video conference with your child's teacher to learn about their initial assessment results. Monitor your child's grades in Skyward Family Access. Join and support PTA. It takes all of us working hand in hand to make certain all Ridgebacks reach new heights.

Looking forward to serving our students and families this year.

Chris Bosse
Principal



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 Elementary School Advisory Council (SAC)

The 2020-2021 School Advisory Council (SAC) will meet virtually (Zoom), for the first time on Tuesday, September 2, at 4:15 p.m.

The SAC 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.

All parents and community members are welcome to participate by requesting a Zoom invite from the school. SAC meetings will be held virtually/Zoom, until further notice.

2020-2021 CRE SAC Dates

September 2, November 4,
February 3, April 7



PTA NEWS:

Welcome back Ridgebacks! We miss you terribly!

This year has started off very different, but we aren't going anywhere and our school will still need our efforts! At the end of last year we were able to purchase 5th grade gifts and prizes for the students who completed all Sunshine State Readers for their grade. We were also working to help fill the PBIS prize cart, which we hope to continue this year. We fed the staff during Staff Appreciation Week and we were able to sponsor a Welcome Back Lunch for the teachers this year from the Boulevard Bistro in Citrus Springs. We appreciate their continued support and encourage you to support them when you can.

One of our biggest fundraisers of the year is the Scholastic Bookfair, and as anticipated, that will need to be postponed indefinitely. But, we have a few safe and easy ways to support us in the meantime:

1. Buy a Spirit Shirt! You can order and pay online. We are planning to deliver paid shirt orders to the school each Friday. This is our plan, but please know that there may be exceptions, as we want to maintain all safety protocol. We are also working on a paper order form to be sent home, so stay tuned if online ordering doesn't work best for you. The website to purchase is:

<https://cre.new.memberhub.store/store>

You can also join our PTA through this website!

2. Download the Box Tops for Education App and support our school by scanning your receipts.

3. Link our school to your Amazon orders through AmazonSmile! You can do it right from your app, and a small portion of your purchases will go right back to our school.

Please follow us on Facebook for links and information on how we are working to continue to support our school during this unusual season.

Thank you for your continued support!

CRE PTA



2019-2020 YEARBOOK DELIVERY STATUS

Please see the attached letter from Lifetouch which provides important information regarding the delivery of our 2019-2020 CRE Yearbooks.

COUNSELOR'S NOOK ...

“How was school today?”

This question is often followed with “good.” This interaction tells you little about their day. A few suggestions are below to help foster conversations so that you have more insight into their school day.

1. Who did you sit by at lunch today?
2. Which Specials did you go to today?
3. If you ask them about their day and they say, “good,” ask them what was good about it.

If you pick up your child from school, a healthy conversation rule is no electronic devices for the first 5 minutes. This allows you and your children valuable time without the distraction of cell phones. If they are bus riders, the same rule applies. For the first 5 minutes home, no devices. There is nothing more important than scheduling uninterrupted “talk time” with your child.



Leona Williams, Guidance Counselor

CRE’s 2018-2019 School Financial Report is available. There is a Legislative requirement that the Financial Report be provided as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) School Public Accountability Reports (SPARs). This report can be accessed at the following websites:

Florida Report Cards link: <https://edudata.fldoe.org/>
 School Financial Report: <https://cre.citruschools.org>

We hope you find this information both helpful and informative. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

**2020-2021
 CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR
 To view, please visit
 WWW.CITRUSSCHOOLS.ORG**

ESOL ...

ESOL is an acronym for "English for Speakers of Other Languages." ESOL is a program of English language instruction designed to support non-English speakers acquiring the English language. Citrus County Public Schools utilize the mainstream/inclusion model. Questions regarding the ESOL program can be directed to one of the following:

CRE ESOL Facilitator, Amanda Parker,
 at 352-344-3833

District ESOL Elementary Contact, Megan Furniss,
 at 352-726-1931

Teachers Working Out-of-Field

Central Ridge Elementary School is proud that all 50 teachers and administrators who work with our students are certified by the State of Florida or other governing board. We appreciate the following teachers who have volunteered to teach a subject outside of their primary certification.

Teacher	Course/Class
Amanda Harris	ESOL & ESE
Rachel Martin	PreK
Cynthia Pratt	Gifted
Jeffrey Schultz	ESE
Lauren Thomas	Grade 3

These teachers have both experience and coursework in the area they are teaching. They are excellent teachers and we appreciate the extra effort they are putting forth on behalf of our students.

Title I News ...

Welcome Back Ridgebacks and Families!! We are excited to get back in the swing of things and begin providing services for our amazing Ridgebacks!

CRE is a Title I school. Title I is a federally funded program supporting ESSA “Every Student Success Act.” All of us at CRE work diligently to achieve success for ALL students. We are held accountable for funding and make every effort to keep our commitment for a better education for all. If you would like to meet, or have any questions, please call 352-344-3833. We welcome the interest or inquiry.

Wishing you a wonderful year!



CRE’s Title I Team

Parents Right-to-Know

The School District of Citrus County is committed to providing parents/guardians information regarding the qualifications of any teacher or paraprofessional that works with your child.

You have the right to request the following information which will be provided in a timely manner:

- Whether the teacher meets the state licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualifications of licensing criteria have been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals, and, if so, their qualifications.

The School District of Citrus County is dedicated to providing the students of our county with a quality education. If you have any questions/concerns, please feel free to contact Rene’ Johnson, Coordinator of Title I, at 352-726-1931 extension 2412.

**SUBSTITUTES
 NEEDED!**

Apply today!

Citrus County Schools is now hiring for all substitute positions (Teacher, Support -aide, Custodian, Food Service and Bus Drivers).

If you are interested, or have any questions, please call 352-726-1931, extension 2295, or go to:

<https://skyfin.citrus.k12.fl.us:444/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsFin/rappljoblst484.w>

Select the substitute position(s) you would like to apply for, click on apply for selected position(s) and fill out all the required information/application.

INTERIM PROGRESS REPORTS (Midterms)

Interim progress reports (midterms) for students in grades 1-5 will be available for parents to view on Skyward. If you have an email account set up through Skyward Family Access, then you will receive notification of the interim progress report electronically. If you prefer to receive a paper copy of this report, then you will need to notify your child’s teacher so he or she can provide one for you. Please note, if you need to reset your Skyward password, you will need to do so from a computer and not a mobile device.



August 18, 2020

Subject: Yearbook Delivery Update from Lifetouch

Dear Central Ridge Elementary School Families,

Lifetouch is working hard to produce your yearbook and we can't wait to get the finished product in your hands. We wanted to get in touch with you about the current status of your yearbooks and wanted to provide some updates.

The Impact of Covid-19 On Yearbook Production

Due to COVID-19, Lifetouch has had government and state-mandated shutdowns in our production facilities which has significantly reduced our capacity for printing yearbooks. Along with temporary shutdowns to COVID-19 cases. To date, we are experiencing on average, a three to four-month delay of order fulfillment.

When Will the Yearbooks Be Delivered?

Currently, we do not have a definitive timeline for delivery as the impact from Covid-19 continues to be very fluid. While your yearbooks are typically delivered before the end of the school year, we estimate that the 2019-2020 yearbook will ship sometime in August or September. Lifetouch will communicate with your school as soon as the yearbooks are ready to ship.

How Will My Student Receive Their Yearbook?

Lifetouch and Central Ridge School are working closely together on the 2019-2020 yearbook distribution plan. As soon as your school is notified that the yearbooks have shipped, each family will be notified about next steps including yearbook pick-up and distribution.

Lifetouch's Commitment to You

Our staff is working very hard to get yearbooks to your school and students as fast as possible. It is always our intention to provide you with the very best service and products and we thank you for your patience and understanding. We value the trust you place in Lifetouch to capture and preserve your important school memories. To acknowledge your patience, and thank you for your continued partnership, every family will receive a \$25.00 coupon to Shutterfly along with a free gift from Shutterfly. This offer is available to anyone who has either purchased a yearbook already or purchases a 2019-2020 yearbook between now and the time they arrive this Fall.

Thank you,

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