



RIDGEBACK REGISTER

CENTRAL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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OCTOBER 1, 2020 DATES TO REMEMBER



22	Virtual Fall N2 Literacy Parent Engagement Activity <i>(Details to Come)</i>
26-30	Red Ribbon Week
28	Report Cards-Quarter 1-Sent Home

Dear Parents and Families,

Fall is certainly in the air. It is nice to enjoy cooler temperatures after the heat of the summer.

This year has presented challenges as we implemented our return to school plan. I am most impressed with the efforts taken by staff, students, and families to make certain everyone remains healthy.

Our staff has redesigned classroom/school spaces, procedures and instructional practices that consider physical distancing. They have worked to implement digital learning systems that allow students and families to access instruction while at school or from home. All while working diligently to help all Ridgebacks grow.

Our students have embraced safety practices that include wearing face coverings, more frequent hand washing, sanitizing, and maintaining physical distancing. They are coming to school each day prepared to learn and are working hard to strengthen their reading, writing and problem-solving skills.

Our families have prepared children to apply safety practices. They have demonstrated tremendous flexibility and compassion as access to our school was greatly adjusted. Families have established new ways to partner with their child's teacher. They have traded face to face interactions for phone, computer, and video interactions.

Thank you to everyone that is working so hard to make Central Ridge the best it can be for our Ridgebacks!



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 School Advisory Council (SAC)

The 2020-2021 School Advisory Council (SAC) met for the first time this year on Wednesday, September 2 via Zoom. 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.

Members of the Council were presented with the School Improvement Plan, the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, and the Student Compact. All were reviewed and approved. The committee also approved the discretionary budget and the purchase of RAZ Kids Reading Program. Mr. Thomas Kennedy presented the School Board update, and new committee positions were voted on and filled.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, at 4:15 p.m. and will meet virtually via Zoom. All parents are welcome to participate!

Sincerely,

Kassie DiMase
CRE SAC Chairperson



PTA NEWS:

Boo Bags—Support your CRE PTA in our first contactless FUNdraiser! Pre-stuffed goodie bags will be delivered to your children's classroom on Friday, October 30. Items will include a variety of nut-free and small festive items.

Please purchase a Boo Bag for your student(s) and friends through October 16 via our website:

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

School Spirit Shirts are still on sale for \$10. All sizes are available while supplies last. You can also purchase a shirt online at:

<http://cre.memberhub.store>.

Box Tops has gone digital! Please download the Box Tops app to scan your receipts as another contactless way to support our school! You can also email your grocery receipts to receive credit. Visit <https://www.boxtops4education.com/emailgroceryreceipts> for more information.

Don't forget to like our Facebook Page—Central Ridge Elementary PTA, for updates and ways to support our school.

Kassie, Nicole & Leslie
PTA Board Members



COUNSELOR'S NOOK ...

Character Trait—Responsibility

Last month we focused on responsibility, doing what is expected of you. Students earned a dog tag and maybe even some Ridge Bucks for being responsible. You can encourage responsibility at home by students managing their “stuff.” If this is a new skill, start with just one task. Their lunchbox needs to go on the counter when they return from school, or folder is on the table for you to sign. It’s never too early or late to start!

Tardies and Early Dismissals

Please have your student here on time as it disrupts the learning process for your child and their peers. If possible, please schedule doctor’s appointments before or after school. Every minute matters.



Leona Williams, Guidance Counselor

RED RIBBON WEEK

October 26 - 30

Monday - “Red-dy To Be Drug Free”
Wear Red

Tuesday - “Stay In The Game, Stay Drug Free”
Wear sports shirts

Wednesday - “Hats Off To Being Drug Free”
Wear your favorite hat

Thursday - “It’s Cool To Be Drug Free”
Wear Sunglasses

Friday - “Our School Chooses To Be Paws-itivity Drug Free”
Wear CRE school shirt or school colors

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.

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 Amanda Parker at (352) 344-3833 ext. 4007.

TITLE I NEWS ...

Did You Know?!

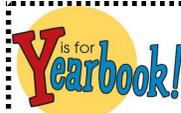
Central Ridge Elementary is a Title I School. Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Act, as amended (ESEA) provides financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. Renaissance and all elementary and middle schools in Citrus County are Title I schools. If you would like any further information concerning Title I, please contact Rene’ Johnson (Title I Coordinator) at 352-726-1931, extension 2412.

Title I groups are in full swing as we enter October! Our students are familiar with their groups, and we are working diligently with teachers and peers to make learning gains within their small groups. We are using a variety of research-based programs to meet these students’ individual needs. Additionally, we are taking every precaution to ensure your child is safe during their group time, including: social distancing, sanitation before and after each group, walking students to and from groups to ensure safe distances are kept, and highly encouraging mask wearing for all students during group time. These routines have become second nature to our Ridgebacks, and are a seamless part of our learning experience! If your child is receiving Title I services, please take a moment to ask him/her about their experience within our groups!

Have a wonderful month!

CRE Title I Team

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, and will soon be available 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.



Central Ridge Elementary
2019-2020 Yearbook Sales

Ridgeback Families!!! Please do not miss out on the opportunity to purchase the 2019-2020 yearbooks! These are last year’s books which we did not have the chance to put on sale at the end of last year. They are hardcover and include the artwork of one of our amazing previous ridgeback student and are just \$15 (CASH ONLY)!

Yearbook proceeds will be used for technology, STEM and Maker Space resources. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Vybiral at vybiralj@citrus.k12.fl.us. Further information for the presale of the 2020-2021 yearbooks will be coming soon!

**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/rapljoblst484.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.