Hello Ridgeback Families!

Fall is in the air and our students are well on their way to “falling” in love with learning!

It is also time to schedule a parent-teacher conference (if you have not already done so). We know children do better in school when families are involved. Attending parent-teacher conferences is one way to be involved and help your child succeed. Conferences focus on learning, although behavior and social concerns might be discussed. The teacher will review your child’s progress, including strengths and targeted areas for growth.

A parent-teacher conference is a great opportunity to:

1. Discuss your child’s progress.
2. Share your child’s strengths and areas to develop.
3. Work with the teacher to help your child do well in school.

Other ways to be involved at CRE include:

- Curriculum Night—October 8
- 5th Grade Science Fair Information—October 8
- SAEC—November 6
- Winterfest—December 6
- PTA
- We are always looking for Volunteers and Mentors!

We continue to be thankful for the incredible amount of parental, family and community support we enjoy at Central Ridge. We had an impressive turnout of over 500 family members on “Dads Take Your Child to School Day.” We are very much looking forward to our “Muffins with Mom” event in February!

Last, but certainly not least, a big THANK YOU to Mike Scott Plumbing who donated water for our “Dads Day” and many other events on campus. Also, THANK YOU to our fabulous PTA who donated donuts for our “Dads Day” as well as scooter wheels to our PE department. I don’t know what we would do without our AMAZING community supporters!

I look forward to seeing you each day!

Smiles,
Gina Dickey
Principal

Central Ridge School Advisory Enhancement Council (SAEC)

The 2019-2020 School Advisory Enhancement Council (SAEC) met for the first time this year on Wednesday, September 4. 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. Dickey. Some new school projects, the School Improvement Plan, and the Parent and Family Engagement Plan were also discussed. The SAEC members were also presented with updates from the School Board. New SAEC members and teachers were introduced. We are still looking for positions to be filled, if any parents are interested in joining.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, at 4:30 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend!

Sincerely,
Krista Knowles
CRE SAEC Chairperson

**Proceeds will benefit the students of CRE. A portion of the proceeds will be used for staff appreciation, professional development and enrichment activities.**
COUNSELOR'S NOOK...

Tardies are a big deal! Tardy students are more likely to see all-day absences as, often leading to chronic absenteeism. This not only reflects poorly on the students and the school, but can affect their peers as well.

Research has found that not only do students who are chronically tardy perform worse on their test scores, but so do their more prompt peers. The less time students spend in the classroom means the less they can contribute; often leading to the class being disrupted, placing group and class projects on hold, and making less significant peer connections.

Leona Williams, Guidance Counselor

RED RIBBON WEEK

October 28 - November 1

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

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

Wednesday - Turn Your Back On Drugs
      Wear shirt backwards

Thursday - Say “Boo” To Drugs
      Wear a Halloween shirt

Friday - Our School Chooses To Be Paws-itively 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.

Central Ridge Elementary Yearbook Pre-Sale

Ridgeback Families!!! Please do not miss out on the opportunity to purchase the 2019-2020 yearbook during our Yearbook Pre-Sale taking place later this month. Further information will be forthcoming!

Yearbook proceeds will be used for technology, STEM and Maker Space resources. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Vybral at vybralj@citrus.k12.fl.us.

TITLE | NEWS...

Did You Know?!

Central Ridge Elementary is a Title I School. Title I, Par A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Act, as amended (ISEA) 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 352-726-1531, extension 2412.

Title I or CRE is 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 if your child is receiving Title I services, please take a moment to ask him/her about their experience within our groups!

Top Dog Word of the Week is also in full swing! Each week, students learn a new Top Dog Word, and are encouraged to create sentences to be read on the morning show! This year, we will also have a drawing for 1 free book a week (courtesy of our amazing PTA)! To enter, students just need to submit a sentence using this week’s Top Dog Word! Winners will be announced on the morning show each Tuesday.

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.

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 Julie Jones at (352) 344-0933 ext. 4097.
Central Ridge Elementary

CURRICULUM NIGHT
OCTOBER 9

STARTS AT 5:30 PM / INFORMATION / FOOD & DRINKS

INTRODUCTORY SESSION MEETS IN THE CAFETERIA

POINTS OF DISCUSSION:
* INTRODUCTION OF NEW CURRICULUM
* FLORIDA STANDARDS EXPECTATION
* GRADING PRACTICES
* GROWTH FOR ALL MODEL
* QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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OCTOBER

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5:30 - 6:30