

RIDGEBACK REGISTER

CENTRAL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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OCTOBER 1, 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER



5	Volunteer/Mentor Training @ DSC
11	Early Dismissal-12:30 p.m.
12	Early Dismissal-12:30 p.m.
12	Fall Festival-6:00-8:00 p.m.
22-26	Red Ribbon Week
23	Fall Picture Make-up Day
31	Early Dismissal-12:30 p.m.

Dear Parents,

One of the most important relationships in your child's life is the one between school and home. 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:

- ◆ discuss your child's progress
- ◆ share your child's strengths and needs
- ◆ work with the teacher to help your child do well in school

In the days ahead of a conference, check in with your child about how he/she is doing on in each subject. Review homework and any recent student work, quizzes, or progress reports. Ask if there are questions or issues your child wants you to discuss with the teacher. Plan to bring something to take notes with (paper and pen or a tablet or other device). You may wish to share a few things about your child with the teacher—interests, strengths, favorite subjects—to help the teacher know your child better.

It helps to write down questions or topics in advance that you'd like the conference to cover. You may want to ask about:

- ◆ your child's achievement compared to grade-level expectations
- ◆ what the teacher sees as your child's strengths and challenges and how these are being addressed
- ◆ other services your child receives to grow as a learner.
- ◆ making a plan to check in regularly on learning and social-emotional goals
- ◆ your child's work habits, independently and in large and small group instruction
- ◆ how your child socializes with other students in class and during lunch and recess
- ◆ strategies to help your child at home
- ◆ ways to communicate with your child's teacher

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 450 family members on Dads Take Your Child to School Day. We are excited for our next opportunities to meet again, on Conference Days and the Fall Festival. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Deirdre LaBelle
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 Enhancement Council (SAEC)

The 2018-2019 School Advisory Enhancement Council (SAEC) met for the first time this year on Tuesday, 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. LaBelle. The SAEC members were also presented with updates from the School Board and the PTA. New SAEC members and teachers were introduced. We are still looking for a Secretary, if any parent is interested.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 6, at 4:15 p.m.** All parents are welcome to attend!

Sincerely,

Krista Knowles
CRE SAEC Chairperson



Picture Retake Day is Tuesday, October 23



Picture retake day is **ONLY** for students who were absent on Picture Day, or if you were unhappy with your student's original pictures.

You **MUST** return the entire picture package with your student on October 23, if you wish for your child's picture to be retaken. If the package is not returned, then your child will not be permitted to retake his or her picture.

If you did not order pictures originally, please visit www.mylifetouch.com or call 352-732-3645. A representative will be happy to help you.

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

PTA NEWS:

What an amazing September we had! Our Fall Book Fair was a huge success! We sold over 1,000 books and were able to gift ALL the books on our teachers' wish lists. We will be using some of our earned Scholastic Dollars to purchase Title I reading tools and additional books for the library. Thank you to our families for volunteering, supporting and sharing your sweet Ridgebacks with us. We couldn't do it without you! We also partnered with the Crystal River Dunkin' Donuts to provide all of the donuts for our annual "Dads Take Your Child to School Day." We can't thank them enough for their generous donation! Please continue to support their local business and thank them for their generosity.

As October gets underway, be on the lookout for information on the school's Fall Festival on Friday, October 12. We will have a booth at the festival with a Pumpkin Auction to benefit the participating classes. The PTA donated artificial pumpkins to each class wishing to participate. The minimum bid this year will be \$10 per pumpkin. Be sure to ask your child's 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! School Spirit Shirts are still on sale for \$10. All sizes are available while supplies last.

Please keep sending in your Box Tops and join us in congratulating the September Box Tops winning class, Mrs. Knott/Mrs. Brodsky!

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

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 as "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, October 27, 2018. 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 20, for an application. Applications are also accepted online at: www.hospiceofcitrus.org. The deadline to complete online applications is October 20, 2018.

RED RIBBON WEEK

October 22-26

Monday - "My Future is the Key to My Dreams!"

Wear pajamas that apply to school dress code.

Tuesday - "From Head to Toe, I'm Drug Free!"

Wear crazy socks, hats and crazy hair.

Wednesday - "I'm a Jean-us! I'm Drug Free!"

Wear jeans to school.

Thursday - "My Future is too Bright for Drugs!"

Wear neon colors and sunglasses.

Friday - "We are Paws-a-tively Drug Free!"

Wear a CRE school shirt. (PTA has shirts to purchase.)

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.



Jennifer Kreuzsch, Guidance Counselor

Out-of-Field Notification

Student Services Social Worker, Micheline Gray, is currently working out-of-field in the following Course/Class: Social Work. Mrs. Gray has both experience and coursework in the area she is working in.

Read-At-Home Plan: As a parent, you are your child's most important teacher, and you play a critical role in your child's success. To help reinforce the learning taking place within our elementary schools, Citrus County Schools has put together a "Read-At-Home" plan. The purpose of this plan is to provide guidance, strategies, and resources that can be implemented at home to help make an impact on your child's success in school and to assist in strengthening your child's reading skills. Many of these activities can become part of your daily routine, and include multisensory strategies that integrate visual, auditory, tactile (touch), and kinesthetic (movement) resources to assist students with understanding new information and learning ways to remember the information. The Read-At-Home plan can be accessed on the school website at: [https://citruscre.ss19.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_740623/File/internal/CCSB%20Read%20at%](https://citruscre.ss19.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_740623/File/internal/CCSB%20Read%20at%20Home.pdf)

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 at 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. Currently, we have students participating in groups focused on building Phonemic Awareness skills, Phonics Skills, and Comprehension. 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! They should be able to enlighten you on what we're learning each day.



Have a wonderful month!

Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Ear

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.



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—\$48 per week; 42 weeks (Includes all In-Service Days and all Holiday Breaks)
- Standard Plan—\$50 per week; 38 weeks (Includes all In-Service Days and Early Release Days)
- AM or PM Only—\$30 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 kluidner@suncoastymca.org.



Central Ridge Elementary Yearbook Pre-Sale

Ridgeback Families!!! Please do not miss out on the opportunity to purchase the 2018-2019 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 Vybiral at vybiralj@citrus.k12.fl.us.

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.

Citrus County Education Foundation
Presents

Lake
Hernando



Dragon Boat Festival

November 10, 2018

8AM – 5PM

Citrus County
Education Foundation



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2017 Medal Winners
Central Ridge Elementary
Floral City Elementary
Hernando Elementary

*School Challenge!
Build A Team*

Ages 14 & up ...

Students, Teachers, School Board Employees or Mixed

21 Person Boat Cost: \$600

Winning Teams Receive Medals

11 Person Boat Cost: \$375

Gold, Silver & Bronze

All Teams Race 3 Times

Special Trophy to Top

Equipment & Training Included

Student/Teacher Teams

For More Information
Call 352•201•6500



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Dragon Boat Fundraiser

This year's Dragon Boat Festival is a great way to raise money for our school. Last year, we were first place medalists. If you wish to sponsor our Dragon Boat, our goal this year is to raise \$3,000 for the Education Foundation, which in turn will come back to our school to fund Professional Development and instructional needs. Sponsors will be recognized on our electronic sign in front of the school and displayed on the day of the event. Please tear off the portion below and send in your donation, attention Jennifer Julian Please make checks payable to:

Citrus County Education Foundation. In the memo line, write *Central Ridge Elementary*

Any questions about cheering on the team or about the event, please contact team Captain Deanna Pyzik or questions about sponsorship, please contact our Bookkeeper Jennifer Julian. Questions about the Education Foundation can be directed to Shaunda or Susan at CCEF (352)76-1931 X2240

Tax Deductible Donations will be accepted through November 6th.

Name of Business or Individual:

Contact Person:

Phone Number and Email Address:



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ADOPT-A-CLASS

What is Adopt-A-Class?

Central Ridge Elementary School is pleased to introduce the Adopt-A-Class program for the 2018-2019 school year. By adopting a class or Special Area of our school and making a tax-deductible donation, a local business or individual will have the opportunity to make an investment in the future of our world. All of the monies received will go directly to a class or area of your choice.

What does the Adopter Receive?

- Thank you letter from the class.
- Thank you letter from our Principal.
- Copy of the school parent newsletter (700+ children) informing our parents of the businesses or individuals that have adopted a class.
- An invitation to Annual Volunteer Activities.
..... and so much more throughout the year!!!

Why Adopt-A-Class?

From a limited budget, a teacher must purchase everything from glue to computer software. When a class is adopted this budget is greatly expanded. Our goal is to have every class and program adopted by a sponsor. You can help us reach this goal by adopting a class. The children and their teacher will certainly appreciate your community support.

Who Can Adopt-A-Class?

Any business, organization, or individual can adopt a class or program at Central Ridge. Why not grandparents, aunts, uncles, or other family members? Why not doctor, dentist, beautician, accountant, grocer, banker, car dealer, or restaurant owner?

Information and membership forms are available in our front office. If you would like to Adopt-A-Class, please contact the school.

Thank you for your support of the children at Central Ridge Elementary School.

**If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Julian at 352-344-3833.
Central Ridge Elementary School, 185 W. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs, FL 34434-7400**



CENTRAL RIDGE ELEMENTARY
ADOPT-A-CLASS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
2018-2019

Date: _____

Name of Business or Individual: _____
(As you would like it to be published)

Nature of Business: _____

Business Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Birthday (Month & Day): _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Fax Number: _____ Email: _____

Do you have a preference for a specific class or grade level? Yes No

If yes, please circle the grade level, Specials class, or program you would like to adopt.

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| Pre-K | Grade 5 | Reading Resource |
| Kindergarten | Art | Guidance |
| Grade 1 | Music | ESE |
| Grade 2 | Physical Education | Speech and Language |
| Grade 3 | Media (Library) | Other: _____ |
| Grade 4 | Technology | _____ |

Specifically, which class would you like to adopt? _____

Do you have a child in one of these classes? Yes No

If yes, full name of child: _____

Please make your check payable to Central Ridge Elementary in the amount of \$100.00 (or an amount of your choosing). Adopt-A-Class application and check may be dropped off at the front desk to the attention of Jennifer Julian, Bookkeeper.

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