

RIDGEBACK REGISTER

CENTRAL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal: Christopher Bosse



NOVEMBER 1, 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

3	SAC Meeting @ 4:15 p.m.—Zoom
9	Fall Picture Retake Day
11	Veteran's Day Holiday—No School
22-26	Thanksgiving Break – No School

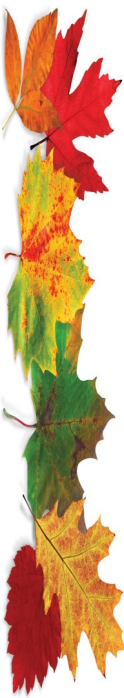
Dear Parents and Families,

It feels as if Fall may have finally arrived. Humidity is down and the morning air feels just a little more brisk. Our students will be bringing jackets and sweaters to school to help keep them warm. This time of year our Lost and Found grows with misplaced jackets and sweaters. Help us help to return lost outerwear by writing your child's name on the label inside. We understand how costly it can be to replace these items.

November is the month that we give thanks. We are thankful for the kind, hardworking students that enter our school each day. We are thankful for strong community partners that support our school. We are thankful for our dedicated teachers and support staff. We are thankful for the support of our parents and families.

Wishing you a safe, healthy and happy Thanksgiving.

Chris Bosse
Principal



**Congratulations to Kaitlyn Miller,
CRE Teacher of the Year!**

and

**Congratulations to Michael Fisher,
CRE School Related Employee of the Year!**

Happy Fall!

We have missed our usual activities, but we can't thank you enough for making this year's Boo Bags FUNdraiser a great success! We hope each bag offered a little festive fun! Boo Bag and Spirit Shirt sales have afforded us the opportunity to provide items to fill the PBIS Ridgebucks cart, and will help us plan to treat our teachers as the holidays approach.

Spirit Shirt Update:

We received and distributed the shirts purchased through our presale event. We hope you received your order and we appreciate your continued patience! There is still a nationwide shortage of shirts, and vendor is unable to guarantee turnaround time on a future order. Unfortunately we will be postponing our next open sale event until we are confident shirts will be available. We are currently offering what is left of last year's shirt inventory at a discounted price of \$5. There are only select sizes and very limited availability. When they are gone, they will no longer be available through the link below.

We know this is frustrating and we wish there was more we could do.

<https://cre.memberhub.com/store/items/529957>

The Book Fair is Back!

PTA will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair November 8-12, with the exception of Thursday, November 11. Students will have the opportunity to shop with their class on their grade's designated day. We will be sending home a flyer with more information and a printed breakdown of the week. There will also be a link available through Scholastic to load funds and allow for cashless shopping. We will also be accepting cash. No personal checks, please. We appreciate your support and look forward to bringing the Book Fair back to Central Ridge!

Please follow our Facebook page for direct links and updates.

We appreciate you!

Kassie, Nicole and Leslie
PTA Board Members



**Congratulations to CRE Nominees for Teacher of the Year:
Jeffrey Schultz, Leslie Wade, Kaitlyn Miller, Mark McCoy, Matthew Hammond, Sarah Seffern, Michelle Knott, Beth Stone!**

Congratulations to CRE Nominees for School Related Employee of the Year: Retha Applegate, Michael Fisher, Nina Smoot, Shahenda El Hayawan, Coraa Collins, Amanda Stein!

We are all blessed to have them on our team!

COUNSELOR’S NOOK ...



Beginning with preschool and kindergarten, chronic absences (2 or more per month) correlate with reading difficulties and poor attendance patterns in later years. One California study found that only 17 percent of students who were chronically absent in both kindergarten and first grade, were reading proficiently in third grade, compared to 64 percent of those with good attendance.

At Central Ridge Elementary, we recognize the importance of being here all day, every day. Being absent one day per month adds up to two weeks of instruction per year. We know there are extenuating circumstances this year because of COVID. However, if you have issues getting your child to school, whether transportation or behavior, please call me at extension 4009.

We are so glad you’re a Ridgeback!

Leona Williams, Guidance Counselor

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
Michelle Knott	Grade 5
April Palmer-Cortes	Grade 4
Rowena Balint	Media
Jill Wehler	ESE Teacher
Brittany Davis	Grade 4
Sarah Seffern	Grade 4
Natalie Columbus	Grade 5
Julie Forehard	ESE Teacher

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 ...

Did you know? You have access to our school Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) and our School Improvement Plan (SIP)! Our school website will soon contain both updated plans for you to review. Visit: <https://cre.citruschools.org/home>. To access the PFEP, hover over **Parents**, then **Title I**, then click on “**Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan for 2021-2022.**” To access the SIP, hover over **Parents**, then **CRE Information**, then click on “**School Improvement Plan.**” There are also copies of these plans available to view in our Front Office. For opportunities to provide input for next year’s PFEP and SIP, please check the Ridgeback Register for information on our Student Advisory Council meetings.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving break!

Title I Team



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/WSservice=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/applicant.

ESOL News

What are the program goals for ESOL?

- 1. To meet the communication needs of the English Language Learners (ELL) by teaching English as expeditiously as possible so that he/she can participate effectively in regular academic programs. ESOL students will achieve English proficiency and academic potential at a rate proportionate with his/her age, ability, grade level, and time invested.
- 2. To provide comprehensible academic instruction using the ESOL strategies of instruction for the acquisition of the state standards and concepts inherent in each subject.
- 3. To promote an appreciation of different cultures within the school community.

Additional information about ESOL can be found on the Citrus County website:

http://www.citrus.k12.fl.us/departments/citrus_e_s_o_l

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 Gabriella Negron 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.



Picture Retake Day is Tuesday, November 9

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

The entire picture package MUST be returned with your student on November 9th, 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 their picture.

If you child was absent on Picture Day in September, please make sure your child has picture money enclosed in the envelope previously provided by the photographers, or you have placed an order online at pictureday.swiphoto.com.

Proceeds will be used for materials and activities for students and staff appreciation.



The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), requires every state and district to publish report cards that show how the state, district and schools are doing regarding student achievement and success. As a parent, you can access these reports online by visiting the following link: <https://edudata.fldoe.org>