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November 28, 2011

# Ridge Roadrunner



## Newsletter



*We're Sailing  
 the S.E.A.S. of  
 Success!*



*Successfully  
 Educating  
 All  
 Students*

Ridge currently has 163

PTA Members and counting....



Every one of our 1<sup>st</sup> GRADE  
 TEACHERS has joined the PTA!

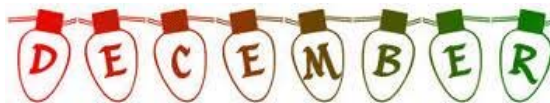
Thank you 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teachers!!



We encourage all faculty and staff  
 members to join as well!

What the PTA has done this month:

- Held a Fall Family Movie Night
- Donated "Pumpkins for Pigs" at Rocky Knolls Farm
- Organized a Fall Fundraiser and delivered products ordered
- Provided treats on two different days to Faculty and Staff
- Held a Booth at Ridge Baptist Church
- Organized Spirit Wear information that will be going out soon



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| "Art to Remember" orders go home                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Dec.                                 |
| Awards Assembly                                 | Fri, Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                    |
| Family Dinner Night @ Moe's SouthWest Grill     | Wed, Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>                                    |
| Holiday Breakfast and Bazaar                    | Sat, Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>                                   |
| Winter Book Fair                                | Sat, Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup> -<br>Thurs, Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| PTA Meeting & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Performance | Thurs, Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>                                 |
| Winter Break - No School for two weeks          | Mon, Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup> -<br>Fri, Dec. 30 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Back to School from Winter Break                | Mon, Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                    |

# RIDGE REFLECTIONS OF 2011



Wow! It's hard to believe, but this is just about it for 2011! Do you know how much we've accomplished already in these few months here at Ridge? We are certainly starting the year off right and we are "Sailing the S.E.A.S. of Success!"



We've had so many great things going on at Ridge, and boy does time fly when you're having fun! Our teachers have been delivering quality instruction focusing on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills, and the kids have had loads of fun while they've been learning! Safety has been top priority at our school with training, drills, and safety assemblies. It is our goal to have students feel safe here at school at all times!

The PTA has done so many great things to help our school to flourish and thrive, including fun restaurant nights, a great fundraiser, teacher treat days, and more! Our students have entertained us with song and dance during our engaging PTA meetings, as well as at Ridge Baptist Church (our Community Partner) during Ridge Days. There's talent all around our building!

We've had lots of learning opportunities outside of regular school hours, like our first school wide Literacy Night here at the school and a Math Night at Food Lion, another one of our Community Partners! Still another Community Partner, Chick-Fil-A, has joined in on the effort of stressing the importance of education with a variety of activities they are doing with us, including having members come in and read to students and providing free lunches for our Teachers of the Week!!! We are so fortunate!!!



We've even started a new program this year to encourage fitness and knowledge of geography. Ask your children about the Virtual World Race!!! We need the children to exercise so they can log their minutes at [virtualworldrace.com](http://virtualworldrace.com) and locate where we are on the world map!!!

Whew! There is so much going on at Ridge and it's all GREAT!



Look out 2012, because at Ridge Elementary School, we are "Sailing the S.E.A.S. of Success!"

Mrs. Otey

# Holiday Shop

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed the extra time with your family.

We are VERY excited about the Holiday Bazaar and Pancake Breakfast this year.

Please look for the information in this newsletter and make sure you mark **December 10<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar.



This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with neighbors and holiday shop from local vendors and craftsman.



Thanks to everyone who helped with our first Family Movie Night. We had about 115 people present and everyone truly seemed to enjoy themselves. We look forward to the next one in a few months.

Thanks again to all the volunteers who help in our school. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

Your President,  
Robin Young



## Library News

Need a gift that keeps giving? Books are the answer. Giving books helps students become better readers and foster a love of reading. As we know, children are more likely to develop a love of reading if they choose their own books.

## Book Sale



Our winter book fair will be here just in time to help with holiday shopping.

The fair will open Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> during the PTA Holiday Bazaar and end Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup>. Shopping hours are 7:30 – 8:00 AM and 2:00 – 3:00 PM. We will have a special family night Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 6:30 before the PTA meeting.

This year we will have to charge tax on all sales. All students will preview the fair and fill out a wish list.

Teachers will also have a wish list of books they would like to add to their classroom libraries. Just think! No guessing! No wrong sizes or wrong colors! No sad faces! Hope to see you at the book fair!

Visit my library blog at <http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/nnessid/about/>

Mrs. Essid, Librarian



We are hoping to start 2012 with the men of our school visible in any capacity they have time for. Please be watching for a flyer in your child's red folder with information regarding an informational pizza dinner that will be held **this month**. Even if you have only an hour you can donate during the year, we can use you.

You don't have to be a dad - you may be a male friend, neighbor or relative. Just remember you need to have a volunteer form on file before you can participate. We will have these at our pizza dinner if you haven't already filed one.



# Holiday Breakfast and Bazaar Needs Help!

If you would like to Volunteer, please check beside a time and fill out your information below. You may turn this into your child's teacher through their Red Folder, or drop it in the PTA Box in the office.

Thank you for your time in advance!



- Pancake Breakfast - Men to Cook!

8:30am - 9:30am \_\_\_\_\_ 10:30am - 11:30am \_\_\_\_\_

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- Craft Rooms: A High Schooler (this can earn you service hours) or an adult who can help with crafts during the Breakfast/Bazaar.

9:00am - 10:00am \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00am - 11:00am \_\_\_\_\_ 11:00am - 12:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

- Holiday Shop: Assist the children to make their purchases in our Holiday Shop.

9:00am - 10:00am \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00am - 11:00am \_\_\_\_\_ 11:00am - 12:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

- Santa Photo Booth: A High Schooler or an adult who can help take pictures and print them off.

9:30am - 10:30am \_\_\_\_\_ 10:30am - 11:30am \_\_\_\_\_

- Popcorn Booth: Pop / Bag and sell popcorn.

9:00am - 10:00am \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00am - 11:00am \_\_\_\_\_ 11:00am - 12:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



# Art to Remember

Art to Remember orders are scheduled to arrive at Ridge the first week of December. Your child's order will be conveniently packaged & delivered to his/her classroom. Your child will be able to bring the package home, unless you hear from me. The students with large orders too big for a backpack will get a note sent home about a time that the order can be picked up at school by you.

Thank you, again, for supporting Ridge in this fundraiser!  
Enjoy your child's wonderful artwork!

Heather Williford



## LET THE RACE BEGIN!

What is a virtual race around the world? Parents, our students and staff have the ability this school year to log any exercise we do onto a website

([www.virtualworldrace.com](http://www.virtualworldrace.com)) that allows us to track our exercise in miles around the world.

It is going to be very exciting to watch and learn the many travels that will take place along our journey around the world. Please encourage your Roadrunners to make exercise a part of their daily routine so that they can enter sports, recreational activities, walking, etc. on the virtual website at school.



**A big congratulations to Vanessa Gonzalez for being selected the first Chick-Fil-A student athlete of the month for October. Vanessa has her picture up in the Chick-Fil-A Parham Road store along with a great food coupon for her and her family to enjoy.**

### **\*\*\*Way To Go Vanessa Gonzalez!\*\*\***

The next award winner will be announced on the morning of December 2nd in the main office. Thank you Chick-Fil-A for your support as we look for students in 3rd through 5th grade who work hard in the classroom, excel in P.E., and have a great attitude!

Truly P.E.,

Coach Atwell



Ridge Elementary thanks our  
**COMMUNITY PARTNERS!**



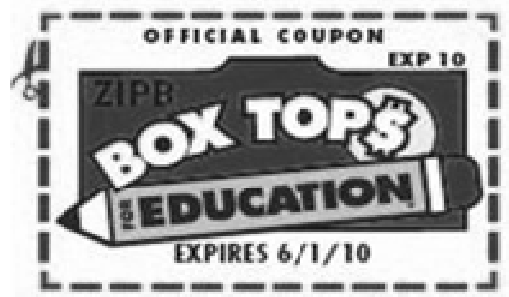
*Ridge Baptist Church*

# Ridge Elementary School PTA Box Tops for Education Collection Sheet

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_



Use this sheet to collect and submit your Box Tops. While using this sheet is not required, having Box Tops submitted in counted groups of 25 greatly simplifies the redemption process.

## Instructions:

1. Clip complete Box Top off product package along the dotted lines.
2. DO NOT cut off the expiration date. Box Tops cannot be redeemed without it.
3. DO NOT submit expired Box Tops.
4. Glue or tape Box Tops, one per square.
5. Only use this sheet for 10¢ Box Top coupons.
6. Submit special or bonus Box Top coupons separately.
7. Fill in Teacher, Grade, and Student information for contest purposes.

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## Ways and Means

By Karen Cohen

The Fall Fundraiser was a success due to the hard work of all of the students, parents, relatives and friends who participated. Catalog orders were delivered and/or picked up the week before Thanksgiving. There were a few items that were backordered.

These items will be available the week of November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks so much for making this fundraiser a success!

# FUND RAISER

Winter holidays are coming up quickly. The **Holiday Gift Shop** will be returning again this year. It will be set up on the auditorium stage like last year. Children will have the opportunity to shop for gifts for family and friends. There are a lot of gift items priced between \$1.00 and \$5.00. Through this program children can learn to handle money and experience the joy of being able to select a gift for a loved one.

Keep a lookout for Holiday Gift Shop posters and flyers!



Store hours will be Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:20AM until 7:45AM and 2:15PM until 3:00PM, and Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30AM until 12:30PM.

If you would like to volunteer to help assist children with their purchases and wrap items for the Holiday Gift Shop, please call Karen Cohen at (804)935-1595 or email her at [ckarencohen7@aol.com](mailto:ckarencohen7@aol.com).

The Ridge Roadrunner fund, our direct donation fund, is still underway. All contributions are 100% tax deductible. If you need a tax deduction for the end of the year, consider donating to the Roadrunner Fund.

Thanks for all your support and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season!!

# thank YOU!

*On behalf of the faculty and staff at Ridge, we would like to thank you for all the delicious treats the PTA has provided this year.*

*We are so fortunate to have a supportive group of parents and we appreciate all you do for us!*

*Heather Williford and Celeste Young*



Ridge Elementary  
PTA Financial  
Statements and Reports



are available for you to view online at:  
<http://moneyminder.biz/>

User ID: [RidgePTA@moneyminder.com](mailto:RidgePTA@moneyminder.com)  
Password: ridgepta

If you have any questions, or need assistance viewing reports, please contact your PTA Treasurer,  
Sam Luu, at [samluu78@aol.com](mailto:samluu78@aol.com).



**Painless Fundraising**  
**Noelle Lofton**

Ahoy Roadrunners,

You all have done so well gathering up your Box Tops and Campbell Soup labels. As a reminder to everyone, we also need your Tyson's Chicken labels as well. A great big thanks to the person who threw in the Coca-Cola reward codes... for now we have partnered with them and will be accepting all your Coca-Cola Products Reward Codes, so we can trade them for so cool stuff for you guys.

As the holidays are approaching, I'm pretty sure some of you will be getting some new gadgets and gizmos and we would love for you to donate any old cell phones that are no longer in use. We can also recycle your printer cartridges too.

Here is the perfect time to register your Kroger Shopper cards and rack up tons of points while shopping for your Holiday fixings. Just take the barcode included here and have the cashier scan it along with your Kroger Card. You will only need to do it one time and feel free to pass it along to your neighbors and friends, even the person behind you in the check-out line.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

## November's Box Top Winners

Pre-K - Jones - C. Gouldthorpe

Kindergarten - Dale - J. Nclacton

1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Taylor - C. Sclater

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Reilly - L. Johnson

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Barnett - H. Gouldthorpe

4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Broderick - J. Lafoon

5<sup>th</sup> Grade - No Entries, You got to be in it to win it guys!

PLEASE CUT THIS SHEET INTO FOUR ALONG THE DOTTED LINES AND DISTRIBUTE TO RELATIVES,  
FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND CO-WORKERS.

Take this to Kroger and have the cashier scan  
the bar code, along with your Kroger Plus  
Card to help our school.



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Save the Date for Ridge Elementary's Restaurant Nights!

Another WONDERFUL turn out last month at Chick-Fil-A!  
We had the best time socializing and playing the Prize Wheel!



Mark your calendars:

Our next Restaurant Night is at **Moe's Southwest Grill**  
(7011 Three Chopt Road, Richmond VA 23226)  
on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm - 9:00 p.m.

**NOTE:**

We will not be at the Broad Street location this year. We are switching to the Moe's Southwest Grill at the VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER at the corner of Three Chopt Road and Patterson Avenue.

**Ridge Restaurant Nights 2011 – 2012**

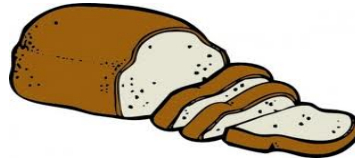
By Susan Lafoon (804) 270-4770

| <u>DATE</u>                | <u>PLACE</u>                   | <u>TIME</u>      | <u>AMOUNT EARNED</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| September 20 <sup>th</sup> | CiCi's Pizza                   | 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. | \$115.00             |
| October 18 <sup>th</sup>   | Chuck E. Cheese                | 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. | \$357.04             |
| November 9 <sup>th</sup>   | Chick Fil-A (Parham Rd)        | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. | \$133.50             |
| December 7 <sup>th</sup>   | Moe's SW Grill (The Village)   | 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. |                      |
| January 10 <sup>th</sup>   | Chuck E. Cheese                | 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. |                      |
| February 21 <sup>st</sup>  | Arby's (Quioccasin Road)       | 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. |                      |
| March 20 <sup>th</sup>     | Quizno's (Parham Road)         | 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. |                      |
| April 17 <sup>th</sup>     | Chuck E. Cheese                | 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. |                      |
| May 15 <sup>th</sup>       | Qdoba (9460 W. Broad St)       | 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. |                      |
| June 13 <sup>th</sup>      | McCallister's Deli (Gayton Rd) | 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. |                      |



Hospitality Highlights

By: Amy Boyle



Happy Holidays one and all!

In November, we had two treats for our fabulous teachers and staff at Ridge. On Parent-teacher conference night, we offered them Starbucks Coffee and hot tea to keep them going. Many thanks to Starbucks at The Village Shopping Center for donating some coffee and supplies. Then, on November 15<sup>th</sup>, we brought in breads and muffins as snacks for our teachers that morning. We are so thankful for them and all they do for our children every single day!

This month, we are hosting First Choice Chiropractic for our second annual Spa Day for teachers. Dr. Geskie and Dr. Dee will be at Ridge on December 9<sup>th</sup> to offer 10 minute massages to the teachers to help ease the stress of the season.



Many thanks for First Choice Chiropractic for donating their time and services to Ridge!

Check out their website at [www.livefirstchoice.com](http://www.livefirstchoice.com).

Thank you so much to all of the committee members and PTA Board members who donate goodies and help with Treat Days. Your helpful spirit makes a big impact! If you want to help PTA Hospitality, please contact Amy Boyle at [aimandbub@msn.com](mailto:aimandbub@msn.com) or (804) 673-2242.



*Holiday Breakfast – December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 12:00pm*



*Order your tickets now for the Holiday Breakfast! Only \$3 for three pancakes, fruit, and juice/coffee/water. The cost will be \$4 at the door.*

**DEADLINE:** *Wednesday – December 7<sup>th</sup> for the low price!*

*The tickets will be sent home with your child and you must bring them with you to the breakfast.*



*Student's Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Student's Teacher:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Grade:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Number of Tickets: #* \_\_\_\_\_

*Amount Attached: \$* \_\_\_\_\_



*(Please send in the EXACT change as change will not be sent home. Make checks payable to Ridge PTA.)*



## Second Annual Holiday Breakfast and Bazaar

Ridge will be having their Second Annual Holiday Breakfast and Bazaar on  
Saturday, December 10th.

Mark your calendars now for this fun event. There will be singing and demonstrations, Holiday Shop, breakfast as well as the craft and vendor bazaar.

If you wish to rent a table for the bazaar, please fill out the form and send in with your child.

Please forward all questions to your PTA President, Robin Young, at [YOUN65@aol.com](mailto:YOUN65@aol.com).

Please return to your school through your child's Red Folder, or you may leave your form with your deposit in the office for them to place in the PTA Box.

### HOLIDAY BAZAAR TABLE RESERVATION:

Saturday, December 10, 2011

9:00am - 1:00pm

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Type of vending (i.e. Avon, purses, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose check or cash for \$20, or \$15 if you are a PTA member.



HOLIDAY  
Bazaar

## Historian Notes

Send us your photos of field trips, classroom time, parties, and exceptional school experiences!



Those pictures will then become part of the PTA slideshow on PTA night, included on the Photo display in the Ridge Office, and then finally to the yearbook staff. Ridge students are not shy... they want to see themselves on the big screen, little screen, and all over the yearbook! Send your photos this year through e-mail, drop a CD in the PTA box, or even send in printed photos. Just don't forget to send them!



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## Ridge Recycling Program



Please consider making a financial donation to our school this year to help our recycling program. For contributions made by businesses, Ridge will highlight your business name in the School Newsletter, plus will add your business name to our sign on Three Chopt Road!

The recycling program is still looking for parent volunteers to supervise the 5<sup>th</sup> graders collecting and recycling. Your help is needed from 1:40pm – 2:05pm.



Please contact Lindsay Stone at 270-2691, or via email at [Lindsay@codepath.net](mailto:Lindsay@codepath.net) to volunteer or make a donation.



## From the Editor

I am looking for someone to assist me in making 600 copies of the Ridge Roadrunner PTA Newsletter. If you are available for a few hours on any of the following dates between the hours of 7:15am and 4:00pm, please contact me. The Ridge Elementary Office will need to have your completed Volunteer/Mentor Application Form on file (you should have received one in your child's red folder at the beginning of the year, or you may pick up a copy from the office).

The dates I am looking for help are on the following WEDNESDAYS:

- December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012
- March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012



Thank you for your support!!



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