



Ridge Elementary School
 8910 Three Chopt Road
 Henrico, VA 23229

Office: (804) 673-3745

Ridge Elementary Website:
<http://www.henrico.k12.va.us/es/ridge/>

October 31, 2011

Ridge Roadrunner



Newsletter



Happy Halloween

Safety Tips from Henrico County Public Schools:

Trick or Treating can be one of the great adventures of youth! Kids dress in fun costumes and go door to door, begging "Trick or Treat!" in the neighborhood or at the local mall. It should be a fun time, without trouble or pain, so following some easy tips can keep your child safe this Halloween.

- Children should always go out trick or treating accompanied by a responsible adult. If children do go without an adult, make sure they stay together as a group and don't wander off alone.
- Make sure you have planned out a route in advance and that it is in a familiar neighborhood.
- Have your children wear or carry something lit such as a flashlight or glow bracelet or necklace.
- Have your children only trick or treat at houses that has lights on.
- Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you.

What the PTA has done this month:

Held a "Walk to School Day" on Oct. 5th - \$0

Purchased Planners for 3rd - 5th Graders - \$754

Assigned Room Parents to the classrooms - \$0

Helped with the Ridge Elementary Literacy Night - \$0

Set up a booth at the Ridge Baptist Church Festival on Oct. 8th - \$0

Purchased Scholastic News Magazines for 1st Grade - \$350


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

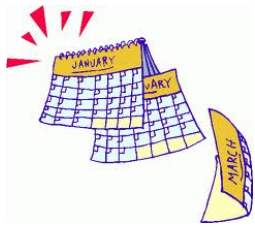


*Successfully
 Educating
 All
 Students*

Enjoy your Halloween activities and think of safety first!



 November	
Last day to turn in "Art to Remember" Order Forms	Wed, Nov. 2 nd
Pumpkins for Pigs	Thurs, Nov. 3 rd
Pumpkins for Pigs	Fri, Nov. 4 th
Parent Conferences from 3:30pm - 6:30pm	Mon, Nov. 7 th
Student Holiday	Tues, Nov. 8 th
Parent Conferences from 8:00am - 11:00am	Tues, Nov. 8 th
Chick-Fil-A Night from 5:30pm - 7:00pm	Wed, Nov. 9 th
Fall Family Movie Night from 5:30pm - 8:00pm	Fri, Nov. 11 th
Report Cards come home	Mon, Nov. 21 st
Half Day for Students	Wed, Nov. 23 rd
Student Holiday - Happy Thanksgiving!	Thurs, Nov. 24 th
Student Holiday	Friday, Nov. 25 th



Wow!!! Time Flies When You're Having Fun!

We've just about made it through the first nine-weeks!

Dear Parents,

On **Monday, 11/21**, your child will receive their first **report card** from Ridge ES for the 2011-2012 school year. This is a time of celebration and a time of reflection: celebrate student success and reflect on those areas in need of remediation and closer attention.

Keep in mind that report cards are but one form of communication. They reflect grades, but could never replace the importance of a face-to-face conference with the teacher. Therefore, please keep the lines of communication open with your child's teacher by attending conferences and school events, and by staying in touch through written correspondence.



Parent conferences will be held on **Monday, 11/7** from 3:30PM-6:30PM and on **Tuesday, 11/8** from 8AM-11AM. Hopefully, you signed up for a time convenient for your schedule, and plan to be here to meet with your child's teacher.

I also would like to take the time to remind you of how important **safety** is at our school. Please discuss the importance of safety with your child. We are asking that children enter or exit cars on the curb-side at the parent pick-up area. In addition, please talk to your child about making safe choices while at recess. We certainly want the children to play and have fun, but students must be careful so as to not get hurt or hurt someone else. As a reminder, please avoid driving into or parking in the bus loop. As this is a fire lane, the county has asked that we always keep it clear of cars in the event of an emergency when fire trucks are needed.

With October being Bullying Awareness Month, we remind the children that being safe includes being kind to other children and avoiding bullying behaviors. Not only do we expect children to avoid these behaviors, but also we want the children to stop bullying behaviors if they see them happening! It takes everyone working together to end bullying behaviors once and for all!

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your support! It's going to be a great year!

We'll see you around the SS Ridge!

Sincerely,

Katina Otey
Principal



A NOTE FROM THE
editor

Have you misplaced a previous Newsletter?
Need another copy of a volunteer form that
was in the Newsletter? Does your child need
an extra "Box Top" sheet?

Well, we now have our
Ridge PTA Newsletters
available ONLINE!



Special thanks to Mrs. Essid for uploading
our Newsletters each and every month onto
the Ridge Elementary Website!

Please go to
<http://www.henrico.k12.va.us/es/ridge/>
and click on the PTA link to pull up our
"Activities Schedule" and Newsletters!

Thank you again Mrs. Essid!

From your PTA President:

The crisp air has
brought many fall
activities to Ridge.



The PTA had a craft booth at Ridge
Baptist Church's Fall Festival which
brought many families from our school.
Our Walk to School Day was exciting for
all involved, and we had a great turn-
out. Thank you to all the volunteers who
have helped with these activities.

Special thanks to Karen Cohen and
Heather Williford for their fundraising
efforts.

Make sure to look through this
newsletter for important dates of
upcoming events.

Thanks for all of your support.
Robin Young



Attention Parents of MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS and HIGH SCHOOL students!

Is your child looking for extra Service Hours?
Ridge Elementary can help them out, while they help us out!



Please send in your child's information to
Robin Young at youn65@aol.com.



We are always in need of extra hands around the school!

Pumpkins for Pigs



Today is Halloween... and tonight we will see many decorated pumpkins lighting up the porches! But don't go throwing away yours! We are recycling them!

We will be collecting pumpkins THIS WEEK on Thursday, Nov. 3rd and Friday, Nov. 4th. Send in your (and your neighbors!) decorated pumpkins that are left over from Halloween in a well contained plastic bag. The pumpkins will be donated to Rocky Knolls Farm... a farm for rescued pigs! The pigs, cows and goats of Rocky Knolls farm enjoy the nutritious shell of a pumpkin much more than the landfill. If you would like more information, or would like to volunteer to help collect "Pumpkins for Pigs", please contact Lindsay Stone at 270-2691 or Lindsay@codepath.net.

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR CLASSROOM PARENTS FOR 2011 - 2012

WELCOME ROOM PARENTS!

Pre-K:

Jones- Joanne Gouldthorpe

*Please remember to support your room parents!

Kindergarten:

Barr- Noelle Lofton
Dale- Payita Edwards
Proctor- Pam Oxfindan
Pruden- Joli Shana
Wyatt- April Jordan

3rd Grade:

Barnett- Jennifer Haynes and Joanne Goldthorpe
Byrd- Amber Taylor, Melody Krupnik and Betsy Lacy
Richardson- Stacy Cook
Smith- Karen Cozens

1st Grade:

Bradley- Tuyet Lu
Condrey- Diane Lynch
Reistek- Pamela Barlett
Taylor- Halchervene Bobbitt

4th Grade:

Broderick- Sam Lu
Heflebower- Amy Boyle
Raonaq- Amy Frankenstein
Williford- Kym Turpin and Rowan Milby

2nd Grade:

Brinkman- Cori Pike and Diana McDonough
Martinez- Rees Thornton
Reilley- Cassandra Calara-Johnson

5th Grade:

Biller- Diana McDonough and Amy Frankenstein
Schwitters- Becky Akers
Seal- Robin Young

Come enjoy a Friday Night with pizza from Cici's, popcorn and movie on Friday, November 11th from 5:30pm – 8:00pm.

The movie will be announced soon.
We look forward to seeing many Ridge families!



Are you remembering to save all of your Box Tops?

At the end of the month, the student from each grade with the most box tops will get a special prize!

The class with the most box tops by winter break will get a pizza party. So hurry and start turning those box tops in!

Just place them in a Ziploc bag, or glue/tape them to the sheet included in this Newsletter with your name, grade and teachers name and turn them in to your teachers.

If you have any Tyson's chicken or Campbell soup labels we will be collecting those also. Please place them in a separate bag.

Parents of Ridge students, any old cell phone are being collected, as well as your printer ink cartridges.

Turn it all into Ridge and help us raise money for our school!

Thank you!!

Noelle Lofton, Painless Fundraising

September 2011 Box Top Winners:

Pre-K, Mrs. Jones: Curtis Gouldthorpe

Kindergarten, Ms. Pruden: Tyson Boyles

1st Grade, Ms. Condrey: Selene Ruiz-Tapia

2nd Grade, Mrs. Brinkman: Kaylin Harley

3rd Grade, Ms. Byrd: Patrick Lacey

4th Grade, Mrs. Raonaq: Jordan Bryant

5th Grade, Ms. Biller: Bryson Sabel



From the School Counselor:



I have been going in the classrooms to talk about cooperation and study skills. I am also working with small groups of students on topics such as friendship, study habits, and decision making.

Applications for the IB program are available right now. Information was sent home with all 5th grade students.

October is Bully Prevention month. Students have been hearing an announcement every morning about how to make Ridge a Bully Free School.

Please feel free to call me anytime if you have something you would like to discuss concerning your child.

Mrs. Mullinnix
School Counselor for Mrs. Rettig

Library News

Thank you to all the parents who encouraged their child to read this summer! We filled our Library Bulletin board with a whole school of fish with names of all our summer readers who turned in a reading list. You may have noticed lots of teacher names too! Now we are trying to fill our board with Accelerated Readers. Once your child has earned 10 AR points he/she will have his/her name displayed on a fish on our board. For every 10 points they earn, they may choose a treasure from my AR treasure box and have their named announced during morning announcements! So, when your child finishes a book encourage him/her to take the AR test. It will test their comprehension and let them earn prizes! My hope is that your child will find a treasure in a book, as well as, in the treasure box. Thank you for all you do to raise a reader.

Mrs. Essid

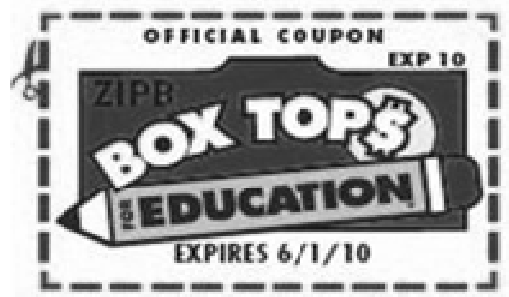


Ridge Elementary School PTA Box Tops for Education Collection Sheet

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.



Ways and Means
By Karen Cohen

The fall catalog sales fundraiser ended October 12th.
Delivery will be scheduled in the middle of November.

Notices will be sent home with the exact time and date approximately a week before delivery. Invitations to the "Adopt a Pound Hound" ice cream party will be sent out within the next month to those students who sold 8 items or more.



Thanks to all of the students who participated in the Fall Fundraiser.

It is never too late to contribute to the **Ridge Roadrunner Fund**, our direct donation fund. If you look on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of the auditorium, you can see all of the sailboats, lifesavers, sunfish, and anchors with the names of students whose parents/relatives donated to this drive.

Sailboat: \$50	Lifesaver: \$25	Sunfish: \$15	Anchor: \$10 or less
----------------	-----------------	---------------	----------------------



Profits from the Ridge Roadrunner Fund and other fundraisers are used for purchasing extra school and classroom needs and for special events such as field day, the fifth grade party, and cultural programs.

Thanks to all of the parents, family, and friends who have contributed to the Ridge PTA, whether through donations, participation in fundraisers, or volunteering. Your help makes for smooth sailing at Ridge!

Hospitality Highlights: By Amy Boyle

HAPPY HALLOWEEN! ...Or like we told the teachers on Oct 18, **HEALTHY** Halloween! This month we treated the teachers to a healthy selection of foods. We filled the teachers' lounge with fruits and veggies, low calorie snacks and healthy finger foods. Many thanks to all the members of the Hospitality Committee who donated food for this month's teacher treat day.



In November, we have two teacher treat days planned...filled with warm, sweet and savory goodies of the season.

If you'd like to give a little time to do something special for Ridge teachers and staff, please contact Amy Boyle at aimandbub@msn.com or 673-2242. Helping out PTA Hospitality is easy to do from home and it makes teachers smile! 😊

Art to Remember

Thank you to everyone who placed orders with **ART TO REMEMBER.**

You are supporting Ridge & preserving your child's art in a fun & special way. You'll be so glad you did!

Orders should arrive at the beginning of December, conveniently packaged for the children to carry home. Orders will be delivered directly to the students.

There will be a late order accepted by **November 2nd**, but these products are not guaranteed to arrive before the holidays. So, if you wished you had placed an order, you still can! Turn in the artwork, order form & payment - in the provided envelope to school (Attn: Heather Williford) by **November 2nd!**

Thanks again for supporting this great fundraiser!

Heather Williford



BUILDING STUDENT ATHLETES EARLY!!!!

I am pleased to announce that with the help of Chic-Fil-A and our PE program at Ridge, we will be selecting a **Chic-Fil-A Student Athlete of the Month** that will run from November to May.

The student athlete selected each month will have his or her name announced on the morning announcements and will receive a gift from Chic-Fil-A presented at school by the marketing director of the Parham Road Chic-Fil-A.



This will be a great program that will emphasize sportsmanship, academic success, athletic success, and a positive attitude. We will also select a **Chic-Fil-A Student Athlete of the Year** out of the monthly winners for a big prize at the end of the school year in June!!!

Good luck to all our Roadrunners and a big thank you to Chic-Fil-A.

As Always, Truly P.E...COACH ATWELL



Ridge Elementary PTA Financial Statements and Reports



are available for you to view online at:

<http://moneyminder.biz/>

User ID: 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.

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!



Karen Cozens
kcozens@verizon.net
(804) 282-9709

Lindsay Stone
lindsay@codepath.net
(804) 270-2691

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 5th 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 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:



- November 23rd, 2011
- December 14th, 2011
- January 25th, 2012
- February 22nd, 2012
- March 28th, 2012
- April 25th, 2012
- June 6th, 2012

Thank you for your support!!



Cori Pike, Ridge Newsletter
c.pike@esitechinc.com
(804) 441-4268



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.

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.





Save the Date for Ridge Elementary's Restaurant Nights!

We had an AWESOME turn out at Chuck-e-Cheese on October 18th!
Thank you to all who came and supported our school. We had so much fun!!

Thank you Ridge Families!

Mark your calendars:

Our next Restaurant Night is at Chick-fil-A
(1529 N Parham Rd Richmond, VA 23229)
on November 9th from 5:30pm - 7:00 p.m.



Come on by and hang out with the Chick-fil-A cow, and take a spin on the prize wheel! Fifty Cents is all it costs to win coupons and fun stuff!

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 th	CiCi's Pizza	5:00 – 8:00 p.m.	\$115.00 (GREAT JOB!!)
October 18 th	Chuck E. Cheese	3:00 – 9:00 p.m.	(awaiting figures)
November 9th	Chick Fil-A (Parham Rd)	5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	
December 7 th	Moe's SW Grill (The Village)	5:00 – 9:00 p.m.	
January 10 th	Chuck E. Cheese	3:00 – 9:00 p.m.	
February 21 st	Arby's (Quioccasin Road)	5:00 – 8:00 p.m.	
March 20 th	Quizno's (Parham Road)	5:00 – 8:00 p.m.	
April 17 th	Chuck E. Cheese	3:00 – 9:00 p.m.	
May 15 th	Qdoba (9460 W. Broad St)	5:00 – 8:00 p.m.	
June 13 th	McCallister's Deli (Gayton Rd)	4:00 – 9:00 p.m.	



Are you interested in "Giving Back"
this Holiday Season?

We were in awe of the generosity that our Ridge families showed in helping to make a memorable Holiday for several kids at Ridge last year.

If you are interested in sponsoring a needy family this Holiday Season, please contact Terry Mullinnex, our Counselor Sub at 673-3745.



Don't forget to send in your Volunteer Form to help out Ridge Elementary! If you are interested in volunteering for little positions around the school, please fill out the "Ridge Needs You" form in this Newsletter, and return it to school in your child's red folder!



Thank you for lending a helping hand!

Ridge appreciates YOU!



Ridge Needs YOU!



Would you like to help at school? We could sure use you!
Look over the various ways Ridge could use your talents and return this form:

What would you like to do:

___ Copy papers for office and/or teachers

___ Laminate

___ Help Monitor the cafeteria

___ Help the office staff

___ Other (we may contact upon need)

Days of the week you are most available:

___ Monday ___ Tuesday ___ Wednesday ___ Thursday ___ Friday

Times you are most available: _____

Would you like to help:

___ once a week

___ every other week

___ once a month

Contact Information:

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____ Child's teacher _____

Child's Name _____

Don't forget to have a volunteer form completed and on file. Thank you.