The Ridgeview Reporter

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Monthly Value: *Loyalty*

Quick Facts

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
8:20-3:55

Student Drop Off:
8:20-8:40AM

Breakfast/Recess:
8:20-8:40AM

Bell Rings:
8:40AM

Dear Ridgeview Family,

We welcome you to spring! May is an exciting time for us at school! Teachers are supporting the last surge of learning and the solidification of skills and we celebrate the tremendous strides that our students have made, over the course of the year! In May, we do final assessments on every student, on a range of skills. We get a very good picture of our students' readiness for the next grade level. And we celebrate! Please do find the opportunity to recognize your child for the effort they have put into learning this year and the growth they are demonstrating!

Looking ahead – we have one more opportunity for kindergarten screening this month – on May 23. Any student who will be eligible for kindergarten this fall needs to be screened, UNLESS they have attended a Sparta Preschool. Please call 887-8218 to register for screening.

We have a half day of school on Friday May 19 and no school on Memorial Day. Our last 2 days (June 8 and 9) are half days as well.

And we will be packing up – as the building will become an active construction site beginning June 12. While Ridgeview is "closed", the offices will temporarily move to the middle school media center. We are excited for the changes that your support will be bringing about and look forward to enhanced security, air conditioning and improved office and library configurations. We have much to look forward to at Ridgeview!

Educationally, Marialyce Zeerip

MAY & JUNE CALENDAR

May 1:	PTC Meeting 6:00pm @ Ridgeview Media Center
May 1-5:	*Teacher Appreciation Week ~ Tell a Teacher "Thank You"*
May 6:	**Nurse's Day**
May 7:	**1:00pm ~ Whitecaps Game**
May 8:	Board of Ed Meeting 6:30pm@ Administration Building
May 12:	**Library Books due, library closing for the year.**
May 14:	**Mother's Day ~ Hug a special lady in your life!**
May 19:	*Teacher In-Service day –1/2 Day for Students Dismissal at 11:50am*
May 23:	**Kindergarten Screening Day- call Ridgeview for an appointment**
May 29:	Memorial Day – No School for Students and Staff
June 8:	**1/2 Day of School** for Students **-** *Dismissal at 11:50am*
June 9:	**1/2 Day of School** for Students - *Last day of school. Dismissal at 11:50am*

***Please read classroom newsletters for events specific to your child's class – Thank you!**

HERE'S THE NEWS

- **Kindergarten Screening Day - Ridgeview Elementary**
  If you know of any family in our area with a kindergarten aged student (must be 5 by Sept 1, 2017), *who DOES **NOT** attend Sparta GSRP preschools*, please encourage them to sign up for kindergarten screening. **Screening will be held on Tuesday, May 23.** Appointments are available throughout the day. Screening appointments will be followed by a tour of the building and an opportunity to see kindergarten in action.
  P*lease call 887-8218 to schedule!*

- **MEDIA CENTER CLOSING:**
  All library books are due in the library on Friday, May 12. Please scour the house for Ridgeview library books! **The library will close on Thursday, May 18 for the school year**.

- **P.E. Mileage Club**
  Monday, May 22, P.E. will be starting the Mileage Club outside, please be sure your child wears or brings their tennis shoes.

- **PTC Meetings @ RV Media Center**
  Monday, May 1, 2017 ~ 6:00 -7:00pm

From: Nurse Amy Roelse - District Nurse
887-7506 ext.1025
http://spartaschools.org/other/nurseinformation/

Summer Safety Tips from Nurse Amy

• **Always wear sunscreen** while you are outside! Your skin is your first line of defense against infections so you want to keep it as healthy as possible. You can get sunburn in the shade or in cloudy weather too. It is important to protect your skin for many health reasons.
• **Always wear helmets** and protective gear while riding bikes, skateboards, rollerblades, etc.
• **Always obey the rules of the road** while riding your bike. It's very important for you to watch for the cars as well as the cars watching for you.
• **Never swim alone.** You should always have a partner while swimming just in case something happens. Even a good swimmer can have an emergency!

ART NEWS!!- Mrs. Mitchell – 887-8218 ext. 3318

Thank you to everyone who has participated in **Empty Bowls**! We have raised over $1,700 for **Kids Food Basket**! I still have approximately 70 student bowls in the Art Studio, feel free to stop by any time, make a cash or check (to Kids Food Basket) donation and you can take your child's bowl home. We have an ongoing relationship with KFB, so I will be making one last donation at the end of the school year.

Developmental Kindergarten/Kindergarten, Transitional First Grade: Have started their Aztec Symbol drawings and collage. They are creating drawings of the sun and birds, as well as their hand! They will be creating a wood and beaded collage mask, inspired by Aztec designs! These young artists are going to be learning about what it is to be a recycling super hero, promoting the three r's; Reduce, Reuse and Recycle! They will creating are inspired by Mexican and Mexican American artist for Family Fare. Stop by Family Fare late May and early June, remember to ask for "Paper" instead of plastic and you will receive someone's masterpiece along with your groceries!

First Grade: These young artists are wrapping up their paper and rag weaving, while creating mini sculptures to later be made into jewelry. Our 1st graders are creating Adinkra Cloth Prints as well. To wrap up the school year, they will create beautiful art, inspired by African American artists on Family Fare paper bags, teaching the community about art and how to be an artist. Stop by Family Fare late May and early June, remember to ask for "Paper" instead of plastic and you will receive someone's masterpiece along with your groceries!

Second Grade: These young artists are wrapping up their Native American tee-pee's and Lego head totem pole drawings. They are also creating a Color Theory Book, with a Color Wheel on the cover and pages filled with the primary, secondary, complimentary, brown, warm, cool, tints, tones and gray. They will also be creating masterpieces on Family Fare paper bags, teaching the community about Native American art and how to be an artist. Stop by Family Fare late May and early June, remember to ask for "Paper" instead of plastic and you will receive someone's masterpiece along with your groceries!

Art Studio Volunteers: Lisa Schaner and Christy Wolford thank you so much, the Empty Bowls project would not have been possible without you! The bagging up of student art, sorting out and putting away donations , switching up bulletin boards and so so much more! It all got done because of you two! Thank you Rachel Courtade for coming in and assisting students on Tuesdays! Also, thank you to all of the volunteers who came in, for a one off gift of time, to help with the making and the glazing of the bowls! If any of you parents/grandparents want to volunteer this Spring, feel free to jump in! Let's continue on and stay the course!

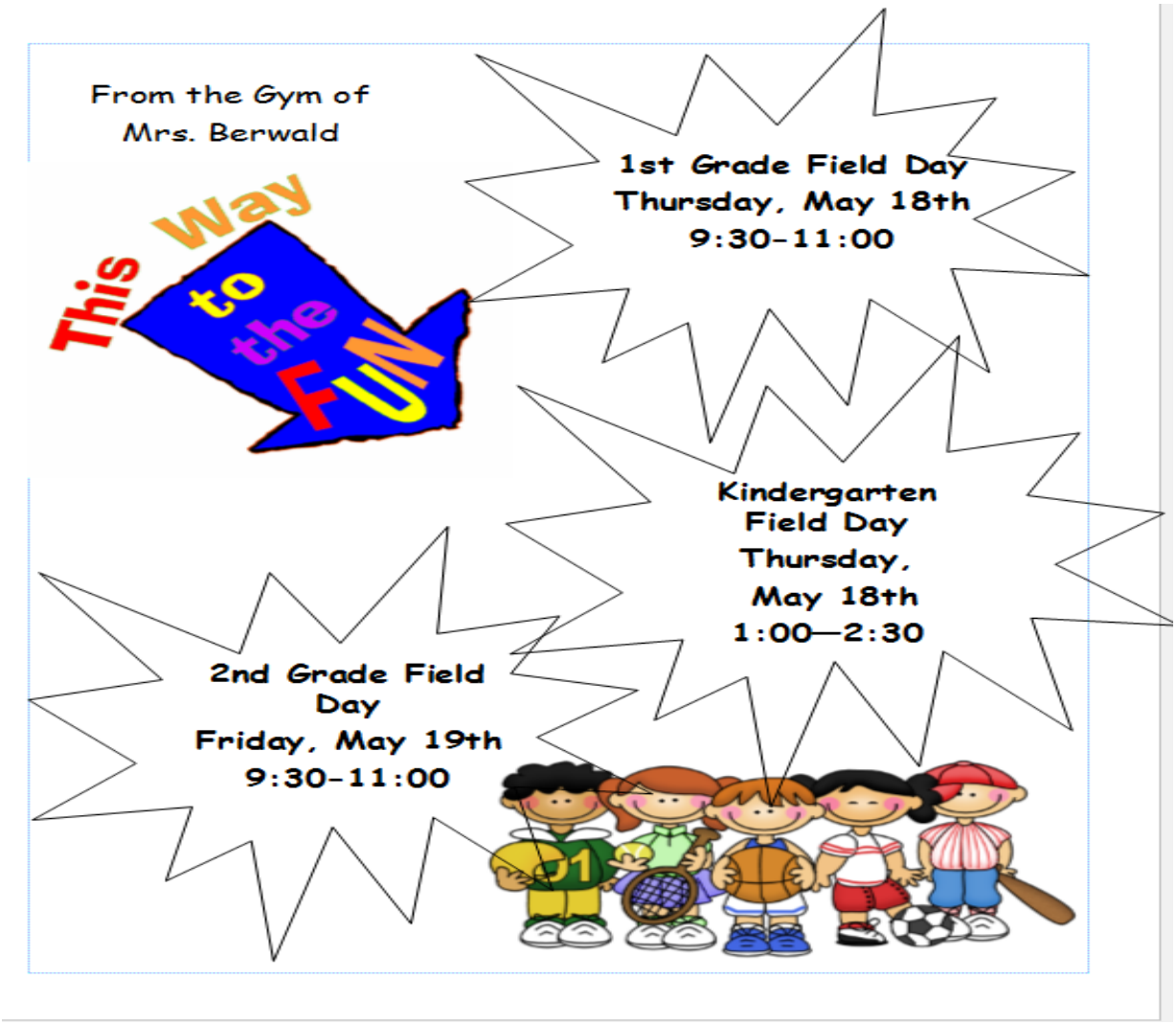
Donations: Thank for all of your generous donations this school year! I will continue to take them and so appreciate your kindness! We need...
Egg Cartons (Styrofoam), Meat trays, tape (masking, scotch, etc.), beads, **old costume jewelry, milk jug rings,** toilet paper and paper towel tubes (cleaned off of paper), paper, cardboard, **full kleenex boxes, hand sanitizer, stickers, fabric**, **yarn**, old adult t-shirts (**paint shirts**), wood scraps, gift bags, plastic bags (Target, Meijer, etc.), 1/4 inch think branches (12 inches long), gems, feathers, wiggle eyes, popsicle sticks (new, not used). ***When in doubt donate it (label it Art Studio)!***

Thank you for a wonderful school year! I am looking forward to enjoying every moment of learning, creativity and fun as we wrap up this academic year and finish strong!

MUSIC NEWS- Mrs. Ruffer- 887-8218 ext. 3101

2nd Grade musicians have been busy composing, arranging, and playing music. I am amazed at the musical growth these students have made! In their small groups, the students were to assign melodies and rhythms, determine which instruments they were going to use, and then practice. They have just finished performing their pieces of music for one another.

1st Grade musicians have begun learning how to compose music. We have been working in groups to read and play rhythmic and melodic patterns. We are just now starting to compose (write) music in small groups, and then perform the music with the whole class.

Kindergarten musicians have just finished their concert! I am so proud of the work that these young students have put in to make the April 18th concert a success. We had many practice sessions on the stage, and I think they paid off. We are now moving into creating and playing specific rhythms on our trash can instruments!

PE NEWS!!- Mrs. Berwald - 887-8218 ext. 3404