From the Principal's Desk

We hope all our Ridge Ruxton families had a wonderful time of thanksgiving. We are so grateful for the time we get to spend together. Thank you to all families who came to visit us during American Education Week. If you did not get an opportunity to come and would like to visit, please contact your child’s teacher to arrange. December is here! We have 3 packed weeks of fun and learning!

This Saturday we kick off with our annual Breakfast with Santa from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Please join us for a delicious hot breakfast and time to browse our Scholastic Book Fair in the library. Santa will have time for photos and a gift for every child. Our own Ridge Ruxton Booster Club is sponsoring the event along with a donation from the Lions Club.

As winter weather approaches keep an eye out for inclement weather which may delay school opening or close schools. Local TV and radio will have updates, you may also download the BCPS Now app to your phone or tablet. This is an excellent resource to check the county schools calendar for any changes.

Our winter break begins on Saturday December 21st and schools reopen for students on Thursday January 2nd.

Missy Beltran, principal

Greetings from the Ridge Ruxton School Social Work Department!

It has been a busy fall here at Ridge Ruxton. Your social worker, Jay Dover, has been conducting classroom social/emotional groups using the Zones of Regulation curriculum. Students have practiced identifying their feelings and what they can do to feel better when upset.

Mr. Dover has been helping students learn about care taking the natural world through the Trout in the Classroom Project. Students are involved in water quality testing, feeding, and recording data for the
14” rainbow trout that is currently living in the aquarium in the Ridge Ruxton School lobby. Ridge Ruxton students are doing a great job with their social/emotional learning as well as expanding their knowledge base into the natural world. Go Rockets!! Jay Dover.

**Musicians of the Month**

Congratulations to Sammy for his great work in Music class! Sammy has done a nice job this year staying on task and is showing interest in his favorite music activity, lights during calm down time. Keep up the good work Sammy!

**Artist of the month**

Congratulations to Eduardo from Ms. Lawler’s class! Eduardo is Ridge Ruxton School’s Artist of the Month for November, 2019 for his enthusiastic participation during Action Art Adventure Week!

**Action Art Week**

What a success!
A special thank you to all Ridge Ruxton School teachers, staff, and students for your support of Action Art Adventure Week! During the week of November 11th through the 15th, Adapted P.E. and Art classes were combined in the gym where students made their way through 12 art making/movement stations. Our students made a tremendous amount of beautiful artwork over the course of 5 days and it was all on display at a Pop-up Art Show on Saturday, November 16th. Families, friends, and community members who attended the art show got to try out the art making stations and view the artwork made during Action Art Adventure Week! We had many special guests visit and wonderful volunteers including Parkville High School’s National Art Honor Society, 7th grade students from Loyola, and Mrs. Loretta Waite!
A lot of the artwork made by our students during Action Art Adventure Week was used to decorate the gym for our Homecoming dance Friday, November 22nd.
I am so proud of our students! Thank you, Tricia Lane-Forster, Art teacher.
Student Communication

Our focus at Ridge Ruxton is on communication. Each student has a Communication Passport that their team has developed to help everyone know how they best communicate. Reach out to your child’s team to provide input or suggestions on how your child best communicates at home. Some students vocalize, or reach with their hand or another body part using a visually guided reach. They may use a communication device, picture exchange system, or search and select using tactile skills, eye gaze, or choose an item from an auditory list by responding with a yes or no. Possibly they use a combination of methods. We always take into consideration the student’s functional vision and fine motor skills as we support their communication. Once the way the student responds best has been determined, it is essential that everyone who works with the student knows HOW they will respond. The Communication Passports are helping us be consistent and supportive of communication all day!

If you need visuals or help with a system to support communication in your home, please let us know how we can help!

Homecoming Pep Rally

On Monday, November 18 we celebrated our Homecoming Pep Rally. Ridge Ruxton and West Towson students enjoyed a performance by the Perry Hall High School drumline and cheerleaders. We played some football and cheered for our graduating class. A good time was had by all!
Upcoming Events
December 7th - Breakfast with Santa and Book Fair
December 3rd - 9th - Scholastic Book Fair in library.
December 10 - Winter Concert 10:00 am
December 11 - Santa visits Ridge Ruxton
December 20 - Birthday Social for secondary students
December 20 - Winter break begins at end of school day
January 2 - Schools reopen

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