November brings lots of opportunities for parents to visit and get involved at Ridge Ruxton.

First we are super excited for our upcoming Action Art Week! Ms. Lane-Forster is collaborating with our PE teachers so students can make art with movement. If you have ever wondered how to paint with a pool noodle or what happens when a pendulum swings with paint - you might want to stop by on Saturday 11/16 from 10:00-12:00 for our Action Art Adventure Art Show. Don't miss it!

American Education Week is our annual celebration of education. We will open our doors for visitors on Tuesday 11/19 from 9:30-11:00 and on Thursday 11/21 from 1:00-2:30. We would love to have you visit us if you can.

Finally, Friday 11/22 is our conference day. Schools are closed for all students so that teachers can hold conferences with parents. We hope you will take this opportunity to schedule a conference with your child's teacher and/or therapist. Monday 11/25 school is closed for just our Preschool and Pre-K students to continue conferences. Together we can build a strong team!

As flu season approaches please help us keep our whole school community as healthy as possible. Talk to your doctor to see if a flu shot is recommended. Frequent hand washing is essential and keep your child home from school for signs of the flu and for 24 hours after a fever has cleared.

Continue to send in any clothing, household goods, sporting equipment for our Savers FunDrive. Keep these items out of the landfill while you help Ridge Ruxton.

Save the Date - Saturday, December 7 is our annual Breakfast with Santa. We hope your family will join us for a wonderful morning with Santa! RSVP and more information will come home soon.

We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. We are grateful for our school, for our students, and for our staff! Thank you for being a part of our school and for allowing us to serve you.
Thankyou for supporting Ridge Ruxton.
Missy Beltran, principal

**MUSICIANS OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to Tony and Calista, our musicians of the month! We love to hear Calista sing and see her enthusiasm in Music class. Tony is our conductor in training! He checks off our class schedule and is wonderful at using his talker to help his classmates. We are so proud of Calista and Tony!

Kelly Yalfani, music teacher

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**ARTIST OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to David L. from Ms. Campbell’s class. David is Ridge Ruxton School’s Artist of the Month for demonstrating self-motivated mark making in art class during the month of October, 2019. Keep up the awesome work David!

Tricia Lane-Forster, Art teacher

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**READING IS FUN !**

Greetings Ridge Ruxton Family,

Our students have been having a great time in library! This fall we have been study various authors in order to help us grow as readers and writers. Some of our favorites have been Eric Carle, Mo Willems, and Patricia Polacco, you may have seen some of these authors’ books being checked out. Remember to send library books back to school, any day of the week will work and if something has happened to a book please send in a note (no fee required!)
Reading together is a great way to build relationships and explore new ideas! Snuggle up with a good book!

UPCOMING/ONGOING SERVICE PROJECT: HYGIENE BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

Ridge Ruxton School’s middle and high school students will be assembling hygiene bags during vocation class for homeless men, women, and teenagers for St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore. We are collecting: (Travel size) **toothbrushes, toothpaste, tampons/pads, deodorant, wipes and gallon size zip-lock bags**. Donations will be collected in a box outside the main office. This is a fantastic vocational and service learning activity for our students! Thank you!
- Tricia Lane-Forster, Service Learning Coordinator.

ACTION ART WEEK

**Action Art Adventure Week** will take place during art and gym classes in the gym during November 11th through November 15th.

**What is "Action Art"?** Action Art is process based art made in a variety of different ways emphasizing movement and choice.

**What will students be doing?** There will be 12 stations including: pendulum painting/drawing, drawing with remote control cars and robots, catapult painting, a weaving wall, a drawing track and lots of other fun, large scale art making activities with connections to art curriculum, adapted P.E. curriculum and STEAM.

**What should my child wear?** We will be using washable paint and markers. There will be aprons, Tyvek suits, baby wipes, and time to wash hands if needed, however it might be good to wear clothes that are okay to get a little messy in.

There will be a Pop-up Art Show on Saturday, November 16th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM for families and community members. Please join us to try out the art making stations and to see all of the work created during Action Art Adventure Week!

*Any questions, please e-mail Tricia Lane-Forster, Art teacher. plane@bcps.org
HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES AT RIDGE RUXTON

We had another festive day at Ridge Ruxton this year. Look out for awards if your student participated in the costume contest and for the treats from our parade! Everyone loves a treat instead of a trick! Other fun activities included bowling for ghosts, music from our staff band, monster match-up, and sensory fun.

The pumpkin decorating contest was incredible, with best in show being a tie between Mr Mark Lazusky’s class (pop corn) and the OT PT team (Gum-ball Machine)! The best Group Costume was won by Mrs Amanda Campbell’s class dressed as Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs!

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/7 - Booster Club meeting @ 5:00 in conference room
11/8 - End of first quarter. Schools close 3 hours early.
11/11-11/15 Action Art Week
11/16 - Action Art Adventure Art Show 10:00-12:00
11/18-11/22 American Education Week visit T 9:30-11 and Th 1-2:30
11/22 - Homecoming dance 7:00-9:00 pm
11/25 - Preschool and Pre-K conference Day. No school for Pre-S and Pre-K students.
11/28 -11/29 Thanksgiving Holiday. Schools are closed.