

Panther Tales

Thursday, Oct. 5

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PANTHER TALES

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER from RIDGEVIEW CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal's Message

Greetings, Ridgeview United Families,

Recently, Ridgeview Charter Middle School was named Title 1 School of Distinction from results of the 2022-2023 school year. Title 1 Distinguished schools are the top 5% schools in the state that have the highest performance for all students. This honor is a testament of how hard teachers work and the great leadership of Dr. Oliver Blackwell. We will continue the success that was laid prior to my arrival at the school.

There are many exciting activities planned for the fall, and if you are able to, there are numerous opportunities to assist within the school. Please keep in mind that next week is our fall break. Students are out of school from Oct. 9-11.

Have a great long, peaceful weekend!

-Principal Garrett



Assistant Principals' Message

Vision screening: All students will have a vision screening on Oct. 12 and 13. If students qualify for glasses, they will receive a pair of free glasses based on a new county initiative.

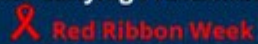
Uniforms: This year, black khaki pants are acceptable. Anything other than khaki pants, shorts, or skirts is prohibited, including black jeans and black sports shorts.

Grades: The first quarter ends on Friday, Oct. 6. Parents can view progress reports in Infinite Campus starting on Friday, Oct. 13.

Counselors' Corner

► October

► National Bullying Prevention Month &



#FCSBEKIND

This week we are wearing blue and making friends with someone new!

Optional Classroom Guidance Lessons- Bullying	Leadership, MTSS, 504, IEP, Grade-level meetings
Slur lessons	Individual, group counseling
Student Government Campaign	Program Data Analysis

Useful Links from the Student Support Team

Georgia Department of Family & Children Services Child Abuse Hotline - Reports are taken 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 1-855-GACHILD / 1-855-422-4453

[Georgia Crisis and Access Line](#) - For immediate **access** to routine or **crisis** services, please call the **Georgia Crisis and Access Line** (GCAL) at 1-800-715-4225. GCAL is the 24/7 hotline for accessing mental health services in Georgia.

[National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#) - We can all help prevent suicide. Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals. 1-800-273-8255

[Health Crisis Resources](#) - Parent resources on COVID-19 from the National Association of School Psychologists.

[National Online Safety](#) - Here you will find the most up to date guides for social media apps and platforms. There is very useful information for parents about apps such as Fortnite, Instagram, Snapchat, Tik Tok, YouTube and others.

[StopBullying.gov](#) - provides information from various government agencies on bullying, cyberbullying, prevention, and response.

[Be the Voice](#) - a student-driven initiative that results in a kinder, more inclusive school environment.



Calendar of Events

- Oct. 3: Volleyball vs. St. Martin's Home
- Oct. 4: Softball vs. Peachtree Middle - Home
- Oct. 5: Pantherpalooza
- Oct. 9: Columbus Day (School is Closed)
- Oct. 10: Teacher Work Day- Students Out
- Oct. 11: Teacher Professional Development: Students Out
- Oct. 16: Spirit Night at Chastain Chipotle
- Oct. 17: Governance at 7:30 a.m.
- Oct. 18: Foundation Meeting at 7:30 a.m.
- Oct. 18: PTA Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- Oct. 19: Hispanic Heritage Festival starting at 5:30 p.m.



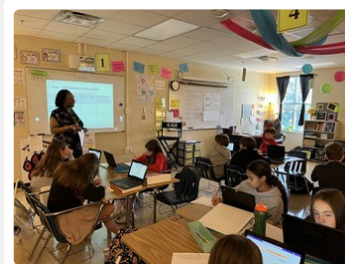
Ice is Nice!

Students (and Mr. Garrett!) enjoyed the Kona Ice party for Fun Friday last week.



Friday Fun

Even the teachers have fun on Fun Friday!



Teaching Moments

Our classrooms are still rocking along!



Froot Loop Frenzy

Students in Mr. Grigsby's class are working out the most important ratios of the day--colors of Froot Loops!



Launching Learning

Mr. Bell's engineering students explored how trebuchets were used during the Middle Ages to launch projectiles over or through castle walls. Students worked as teams of engineers to design and built their own trebuchets.



Team Goals

The RCMS Boys' soccer team made the playoffs! Look for more information on how you can show up and cheer on the team in their upcoming games!

Hispanic Heritage Fridays

Each Friday, RCMS will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a different themed day.

Oct. 6: **Flag Day**. Wear the colors that represent the flag of a Hispanic country. Allowed: School-appropriate jeans with a shirt that represent flag colors.

Oct. 13: **Hispanic Figure/Character Day**. Wear a shirt that represents a Hispanic figure or character (athlete, poet, musician, painter, scholar, etc.)

Not Allowed: Jeans

In addition, every Friday morning will be **Donation Y Dulce Day**, where students can purchase a treat bag in the cafeteria. Proceeds will go to Solidarity Sandy Springs.

Look below for a printable flyer to keep up with all of the celebrations!



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Building Parent Capacity

Need assistance with helping your child with math at home? [This article](#) has five proven ways you can assist your child with math.

Bus Driver Appreciation Week!

Bus Driver Appreciation Week is Oct. 16-20! Our bus drivers play an important role in getting our kids to school safely. With the nationwide bus driver shortage, it is more important than ever to let our drivers know how much we appreciate them. We are asking for donations to make this week really special! Our RCMS bus drivers always go the extra mile! Please Venmo donations to @Taryn-Lum-1 or PayPal to lumt@bellsouth.net.



Spread the Word - Prospective Parent Tours Are Coming Up

In addition to prospective parent tours, we will host our **Community Open House** on Nov. 14. This event is for anyone in the community - neighbors, realtors, parents or anyone else who would like to know more about all the great things happening at Ridgeview Charter Middle School. There will be music and donuts! Details are below.



RCMS
RIDGEVIEW CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Come tour Ridgeview and learn why our Middle School is AWESOME.

Prospective Parent Tour Dates:
Tours begin at 12:30. Students are welcome to join their parents.

- October 17, 2023
- December 12, 2023
- January 9, 2024
- February 13, 2024
- March 5, 2024
- April 16, 2024

Community Open House Date:

- November 14, 2023, 9:00 - 11:00 am

SIGN UP NOW
Ridgeviewtours@gmail.com



Need a Remote Day?

Approved Participate Remote Learning Days are a new addition to the Fulton County attendance policy as of last year. Each student is able to take 5 approved remote learning days each semester. These can be used when you have a special family event, religious holidays, required travel, etc. These days must be requested at least 5 days in advance and require the principal's approval. These days may not be used on testing days. Simply e-mail front desk professional assistant Ms. Price at pricem@fultonschools.org.

Lightning 5K/ 10K

Saturday, Oct. 21 is a 5K or 10K walk or run that benefits Sandy Springs Education Force. The Sandy Springs school with the largest team of participants wins a trophy and if they have at least 40 members they win \$350 for their school. We won the trophy once before and we can do it again! [Sign up here](#) and select Ridgeview as your team. There is even a coupon code to save \$15 on the entry through Oct. 7!



**WIN \$350 FOR YOUR SCHOOL
SIGN UP BY OCT 7 AND
SAVE \$15 WITH
COUPON CODE SSEF23**

**THE SANDY SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOL WITH THE
LARGEST SCHOOL TEAM WILL WIN THE SPIRIT CUP**



**IF THE LARGEST TEAM HAS AT LEAST
40 MEMBERS, THEIR PTA/PTO WINS \$350**

**T-SHIRT - SWAG BAG - FINISHER MEDALS
AWARDS FOR TOP 3 IN MANY CATEGORIES**

**AFTER-PARTY WITH A DJ
FUN COMMUNITY EVENT!**

**REGISTER TODAY: [RUNSIGNUP.COM/SSEF](https://runsignup.com/SSEF)
"CLICK TO JOIN TEAM"**



Order Your Limited-Edition Fall Hoodie

Fall is here, and so is the Limited-Edition Unisex Soft Fleece Pullover Hoodie! The hoodie is available in classic black and versatile gray. This hoodie is a limited edition, priced at \$35. Pre-orders will be accepted until Oct. 13. Pre-order now, and you can pick it up at The Panther Store during the last week of October. Keep an eye on your email; we'll send you a fulfillment notification when your item is ready for pick-up. Order here: <https://www.ptarcms.org>



Media Center News

Mr. Bosarge would appreciate help in the Media Center. Stop by between 10 a.m.-3 p.m. to help shelve books or other assistance Mr. Bosarge may need. [Please sign up here to help!](#)

Girls Junior Raiders Fall Lacrosse Clinic

Try a new sport or hone your stick skills if you are already a lacrosse player. Sign up for 2 clinics led by the Riverwood Varsity coaching staff and members of the Riverwood Varsity girls team. The focus will be on instruction in a fun, fast-paced, environment. The clinics will be held from 4pm-6:15pm at Riverwood on Sunday 10/22 and 10/29. Let's get ready for the Spring Season! See the flyer below for more info on how to sign up.



Junior Raiders Girls Lacrosse



Fall Clinics Grades 6th - 8th

All girls are welcome, no prior playing experience required!

Try a new sport - or hone your stick skills if already playing. Led by the Riverwood Varsity coaching staff and members of the Riverwood Varsity girls team, the focus will be on instruction in a fun, fast-paced, environment.

This fall will consist of 2 Sunday clinics, 4:00PM-6:15PM.

Dates:

- October 22
- October 29

Location:

- Hoskyn Stadium @ Riverwood. 5900 Raider Drive, Atlanta, GA 30328

Equipment required:

- Lacrosse stick, goggles, mouth guard
- *Cleats helpful, but not required

Registration (covers both clinics):

Email to: dumlerhouse@gmail.com

Fee: \$50 to @juniorraidersgirlslax (Venmo)

Employee Spotlight: Ms. Kellie Allen

6th Grade ELA



I just moved to the Atlanta area this summer and am originally from Signal Mountain, TN. I graduated with my bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in Early Childhood Education and then returned to school online for my Master of Education through Concordia University – Portland. In 2020 I returned to school for a special non-degree through East Tennessee State University in English to add my 6-12 ELA endorsement to my license! I have spent the last 6 years teaching lower elementary in Chattanooga, TN. I am now in my 7th year of teaching, my first year of middle school, and my first year at Ridgeview! In my free time, I enjoy reading, going to concerts, obsessing over K-Pop, journaling, exploring Atlanta and binge-watching TV shows.

Want to be Social?

Besides Panther Tales, Ridgeview Charter Middle School has several ways you can stay up-to-date on news and happenings. Follow us on our main [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for a peek into the daily life of RCMS, plus read success stories about some of our RCMS alumni! The Ridgeview PTA also has [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for PTA-sponsored happenings, spirit wear updates and volunteer opportunities.

Consider Joining PTA and Foundation

- **Parent Teacher Association:** Consider joining PTA with a range of donation levels to suit all families. These donations fund teacher grants, classroom supplies, staff gifts and recognitions, and student treats and incentives throughout the year. Please join at www.ptarcms.org.
- **RCMS Foundation:** Our amazing Foundation provides funding to our music and athletics programs. If your student participates in these hallmark programs, we need your support. Community partners are needed, too. Donate at www.rcmsfoundation.org.

RCMS Foundation

The RCMS Foundation supports BOTH the Music and Sports programs at the school. We would like to thank our community sponsors for believing in the mission the Foundation is supporting and helping

to fund all of these programs for the students. Our Foundation sponsors include Shep Lawrence of Allstate Insurance Co. and Jennifer Barnes of Barnes Young Realty Team.

Joining the Foundation helps ensure that the school can continue to support these wonderful programs, and becoming a Corporate Partner is a great way to promote your business and support the students. **Find out more about our Corporate Partnership Program [here](#)** and look below to see and support our generous sponsors.

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Panther Tales takes submissions for RCMS news or events that would benefit our student body. To submit your information, [please fill out this form](#) and the Panther Tales team will get back to you with any questions. Please submit information by Tuesday evening for inclusion that same week.



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