

Panther Tales

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Principal's Message

We really appreciate the support of the entire Ridgeview United Community as well as the chance and honor of teaching amazing Ridgeview children. While schools are off from November 20th to 24th, we hope you enjoy this time of gratitude. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, November 27th. Please direct anyone you know who is in need of resources to [this link](#).

-Principal Garrett

Assistant Principals' Message

Progress Reports are ready in Infinite Campus!

The final student progress reports are available to parents as of November 15th in Infinite Campus. As always, we encourage a routine habit of monitoring your child's grades weekly. Should you have questions, please reach out immediately to your child's teacher(s).

Counselors' Corner

The RCMS Counseling Department wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Remember to show *purrr-titude* this season.

Benefits of Gratitude

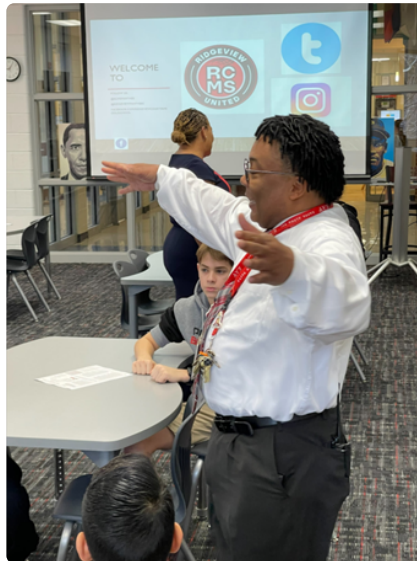
Enhanced Well-Being • Deeper Relationships • Improved Optimism • Increased Happiness • Stronger Self-Control • Better Physical and Mental Health • An Overall "Better Life" • Stronger Athleticism • Stronger Morality

Ways to Cultivate Gratitude

Write a "Thank You" note • Thank someone mentally • Keep a gratitude journal • Count your blessings • Pray • [Meditate](#)



Our Community Open House Was a Success!



Action on the Court



Calendar at a Glance

- Nov. 28: IReady Reading Mid Term
- Nov. 28: Basketball -Away
- Nov. 29: Basketball- Away
- Nov. 30: iReady Math Mid Term
- Nov. 30: Basketball- Away
- Dec. 1: FCS Tumbling Tournament at Ridgeview
- Dec. 4: Basketball Games- Home
- Dec. 5: Basketball Games -Home
- Dec. 6: Orchestra Concert at 6:30 PM
- Dec. 7: Band Concert at 6:30 PM
- Dec. 11: Chorus Concert at 6:30 PM
- Dec. 11: Social Studies Mid Term -8th Grade only
- Dec. 12: Science Mid Term -8th grade only
- Dec. 12: Governance at 7:30 AM
- Dec. 12: Basketball Games -Away

Dec. 13: Basketball Games -Home
Dec, 13: Foundation at 7:30 AM
Dec. 14: Basketball Games -Away
Dec. 15: Last Day of 1st Semester

Announcements and Events

Student Survey CCRPI

The Georgia Department of Education (GA DOE) requires all public schools to participate in their Georgia Student Health Survey. To see the GA DOE informational website [click here](#). The survey has two parts: one for parents and one for students in grades 3 -12. Each school must have a 75% participation rate on the student portion of the survey. Schools failing to meet the 75% student participation rate will score 0.00 points on the school's CCRPI survey calculation under the survey portion of the School Climate Star Rating.

This GA DOE developed survey asks questions that are covered by the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA). For more information about PPRA, [click here](#). PPRA requires that schools provide parents/guardians with advanced notice of student participation, the option to preview the student survey, and the ability for parents/guardians to opt their students out of any surveys that include PPRA protected areas. If you would like to opt your student out of participation in this survey, please email **Principal Thomas Garrett** requesting that your student not participate in Georgia Health Survey *prior to Friday, December 1st*.

Parent Survey CCRPI

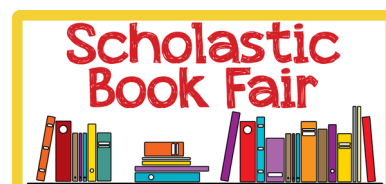
Your opinion matters! Tell us about your experiences with the district and your school by filling out the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) **Georgia Parent Survey** required by the Georgia Department of Education. This survey provides a foundation for your school's Climate Star rating score and is part of the CCRPI. These climate scores are an important indicator of culture and climate within each school in the district. Each school will receive a 1-5 star rating, with five stars representing an excellent school climate, and one star representing a school climate most in need of improvement. The surveys are anonymous and confidential and will remain open through **Friday, December 15**. To access the CCRPI survey, click [here](#).

iReady Winter Benchmarks and Science/SS Interims

Students will take iReady winter benchmark tests to assess their growth in reading and math on Nov. 28th (reading) and Nov. 30th (math). Please encourage your students to do their best! We look forward to seeing each student grow when comparing their fall scores. We use iReady winter results for next school year's course scheduling. If students score below the 35th percentile in reading, we will also do additional intervention testing and screening this spring. We will administer the social studies fall interim on Monday, December 11th and the science fall interim on Tuesday, December 12th. It is extremely important to do well on these tests!

Only One More Day of Book Fair!

Friday is the last day to buy books at the Scholastic Book Fair! [Sign up for a Scholastic Book Fair eWallet](#) for your student--avoid that naner money stuff!



Ridgeview Charter Middle School Spelling Bee

RCMS classroom level spelling bees were held on Wednesday, Nov. 15. All ELA classes will participate in their classroom. The student with the highest number of correctly spelled words will represent their class in the schoolwide spelling bee on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 5 p.m. The District Spelling Bee will be conducted at North Springs Charter School on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. Below are the spelling words for each grade level, as well as the Words of the Champions study resource. For more information, please contact your student's ELA teacher. Please see the flyers below for class spelling lists.

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7th Grade Spelling Study List.pdf

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8th Grade Spelling Study List.pdf

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Overall Bee Study List.pdf

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- At Checkout, enter the Promo Code above.
- Enjoy and know that your support is benefiting our students!



212 Awards: Employees of the Month!

To celebrate the IB traits our staff exemplify and to highlight those who have gone the 1 extra degree, we give monthly 212 Degree Awards. It is built on the premise that at 211 degrees, water doesn't boil. With just one extra degree, it boils. We're thankful for 5 staff members each month who will be highlighted for giving that 1 extra degree to our school.



- Samuel Lyles (not pictured) was given the Risk-Taking & Thinking Award: The recipient is not afraid to use creativity to inspire and to help others succeed.
- Anita Jackson (8th grade math) was given the Inquiry & Knowledge Award: The recipient has innovatively instructed with MYP, WICOR, and Personalized Learning instruction that empowers student ownership of learning.
- Coach Ashley Dixon (P.E. and Health) was given the Caring & Communicator Award: The recipient maintains a positive, caring attitude in difficult situations and steps outside his/her job description to help others.
- Colleen Wheat (Principal's Secretary) was given the Principled & Balanced Award: The recipient demonstrates principled leadership during difficult times, showing balance and sensitivity to those following his/her lead.
- Teresa Wilber was given the Open-Minded & Reflective Award: The recipient is open-minded and reflective to support students in powerful ways beyond the expected as an educator.

PLC of the Month

8th Grade ELA Team

Ms. Dempsey, Ms. Hylton, Ms. Archer, Ms. Bricegrasso (not pictured), and Mr. Williams (not pictured)



The Clinic Closet Needs Your Help!

RCMS families- Please help keep the clinic closet stocked with items that our students need from time to time. Thank you for your help! Here is our [Amazon wish list link](#).

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!](#)

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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- **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.

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.

Got News?

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.

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