# **Panther Tales**

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#### Principal's Message

Hello, Ridgeview United families! Please spread the word about our Community Open House on Tuesday, Nov. 14. It's a chance for all of our neighbors and community partners to visit and find out more about our great school. We have lots more information to share this week, so please read on!

-Principal Garrett

#### **Assistant Principals' Message**

**Safety** is the most important thing at Ridgeview Charter Middle School. Please understand we cannot dismiss your child as a walker to walk to the park or a neighborhood so parents can avoid the carpool line.

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

**Grading Timeline:** On Nov. 15, grades will be viewable in the portal.

#### **Counselors' Corner**

#### **Study Skills**

With each new school year comes new and unique challenges. Developing your study skills is critical to helping you succeed in middle school and throughout your academic career! With some dedication and hard work, you will be on your way to success!

#### What kind of learner are you?

Figuring out how you learn best will help you to understand the best methods for studying. If you're unsure about what kind of learner you are, check out some of the options listed below:

• Kinetic: Do you learn best while you are on the move? If so, you may be a kinetic learner!

- **Visual/Spatial**: When learning, do you prefer having an image of the material that you are studying, to best remember the information? If so, you may be a visual/spatial learner!
- **Auditory**: Do you prefer to listen to information and incorporate music or sound into your study routine? If so, you may be an auditory learner!
- **Linguistic/verbal**: Would you rather write out your thoughts, read, and/or have a conversation with someone about the information you are learning? If so, you may be a linguistic learner!
- Interpersonal: Do you enjoy working in a group setting while learning? If so, you may be an interpersonal learner!
- **Intrapersonal**: Do you take time to reflect on the information that is being taught, to fully understand the material? If so, you may be an intrapersonal learner!
- **Existential**: Are you able to easily make connections and envision the big picture of what is being taught? If so, you may be an existential learner!

**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

<u>Georgia Crisis and Access Line</u> - 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.

<u>National Suicide Prevention Lifeline</u> - 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

<u>Health Crisis Resources</u> - Parent resources on COVID-19 from the National Association of School Psychologists.

<u>National Online Safety</u> - 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.

<u>StopBullying.gov</u> - 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.

#### **Building Parent Capacity**

Are your students struggling with math? No worries, please read this article on how to assist your child at home. <u>Here are some useful tips</u> on how you can support your child in math.

#### **Calendar**

Nov. 7: Student Remote Day (students do not report to school)

Nov. 9: Jazz Concert at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 12: Hands on Ridgeview 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Nov. 13-17: Book Fair

Nov. 14: Community Open House at 9:15 a.m.-10:30 AM

Nov. 16: Tech Night Face to Face at 5:30 PM

Nov. 20-24: Thanksgiving Break



#### **Fall Volleyball**













#### **End of Hispanic Heritage Month**







## **Employee Spotlight: Laurie Cummings- ESOL**

I was born and raised on the west coast but have made my home in Atlanta for the past 27 years. Teaching is my third career and the most rewarding thus far. I have been teaching ESOL in Fulton County for 12 years, the majority at Lake Forest Elementary. I feel very lucky to teach again in this community. I am truly honored to be a part of my students' lives.

When I am not at school, I love traveling with my two sons, playing tennis, reading, and walking on the beach.



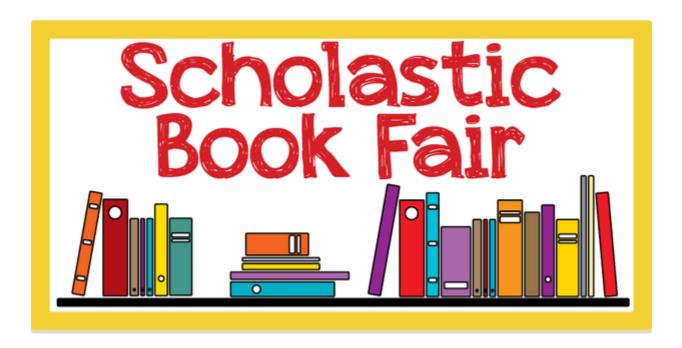
#### **Announcements and Events**

#### **Come to Our Community Open House!**

Our annual community open house is coming up on Nov. 14. This event is for prospective parents, neighbors, realtors, and anyone else who wants to learn about our top-tier, international baccalaureate school. Join us as we showcase the many amazing benefits of our neighborhood public middle school. RSVP with this link or via the QR code below.



**Save the Date: Book Fair Coming Soon!** 



#### **Food Drive**

Ridgeview is organizing a food to benefit the Community Assistance Center (CAC). CAC provides food for about 500 families on a monthly basis at their 2 mini-markets in Sandy Springs and Dunwoody. Please help us support this wonderful organization! The drive is from November 6-17 and food collection bins will be located in front of the media center and cafeteria. Please see the attachment below for items needed.



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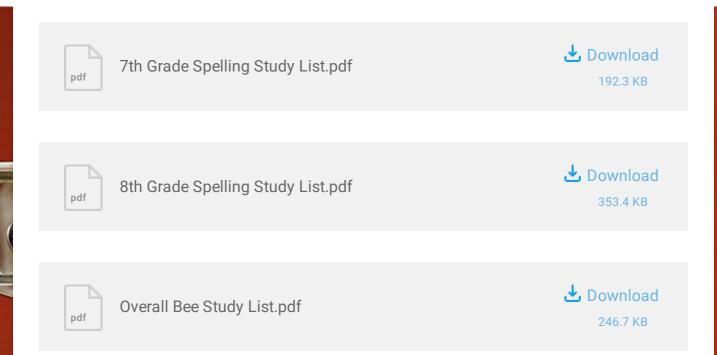






### **Ridgeview Charter Middle School Spelling Bee**

RCMS classroom level spelling bees will be 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.



#### 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 <u>Amazon wish list link.</u>

#### **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. <u>Please sign up here to help!</u>

#### **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** <a href="here">here</a> and look below to see and support our generous sponsors.

#### **Jaguar Partner**



#### **Cougar Partners**

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#### **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 <a href="https://www.ptarcms.org">www.ptarcms.org</a>.
- **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 <a href="https://www.rcmsfoundation.org">www.rcmsfoundation.org</a>.

#### 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 <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> 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 <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> 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, <u>please fill out this form</u> and the Panther Tales team will get back to you with any questions.



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