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A Ridgecrest PTA Newsletter

Solid Foundations for a Strong Community

Co-Presidents Welcome

By Gena Margason & Julia Prosser

Hello Ridgecrest Community-

First off, we want to thank all the Students and Families for making the Holiday Food and Teen Gift Drive a huge success! Ridgecrest continues to set the bar for generosity and we are privileged to be included in such a giving group of people. We truly care about our community and want to see it succeed. Investing in our children's experience takes dedication and effort. Thank you to all the event chairs and volunteers who help make the PTA programs successful and for creating fun events for everyone.

In February, we will have another opportunity to show our support and commitment to our community by voting on the School Bond, on February 14th. The Ridgecrest PTA supports this Bond and we hope you will too. If you were not been able to attend our last PTA meeting and hear Superintendent Rebecca Miner's presentation and want to know more about how this bond will improve our students' experience, please visit the district website <http://www.shorelineschools.org> and click on Bond Information for more details. A video of the presentation is there for your viewing.

This year we will continue to reach out to parents and guardians to ask for your help. We need volunteers for our upcoming events. PTA Volunteer forms are available on our website <http://ridgecrestpta.org/Home> and in the school office, if you would like to help us and have fun along the way. Best winter wishes!



*Check out what's
happening at:*

www.ridgecrestpta.org

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Shoreline School Bond Information

Hello Ridgecrest families and staff!

Help pass the 2017 Bond on **February 14th** by showing your love for Shoreline schools! Sign up to wave signs and get out the vote on one or more of the upcoming scheduled Rah-Rah events (January 30th, February 8th, and February 13th). Bring the kids and your enthusiasm and smiles! Thank you!



Click on the [SignUp.com](http://signup.com) link below to sign up for the 2017 Bond Election Rah-Rah Events.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on [SignUp.com](http://signup.com): <http://signup.com/go/PUwFcF>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on [SignUp.com](http://signup.com).

Note: [SignUp.com](http://signup.com) does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

What else can you do to support Shoreline Schools and the bond campaign?

1. Wear a campaign button.
2. Display a campaign yard sign.
3. Endorse the bond as an individual by going online to the campaign website: <http://www.voteyesforshoreschools.org>
4. Donate to the campaign. You can bring a check to a bond or PTA meeting or donate online at <http://www.voteyesforshoreschools.org/>. Or mail a check to:
Citizens for Shoreline Schools
14419 Greenwood Ave N #A137
Seattle, Washington 98133
5. Like and share the campaign Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/voteyesforshoreschools/>
6. Attend & encourage friends and neighbors to come to a bond presentation (see schedule here: <http://www.shoreschools.org/bond>).
7. Talk to friends & neighbors about voting yes in February!

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February 14, 2017**

Reflections 2016-2017

By Thomas Chin

On January 12th, the District's art show occurred at the Shorelin Room in the Shoreline Center. Displayed were 156 works of art from students based on this year's PTA Reflections theme, "What is Your Story?"

In complying with state PTA guidelines, 30 entries were selected as Finalists at the council level to advance to the State Reflections contest. In addition, 30 entries were awarded Honorable Mentions.

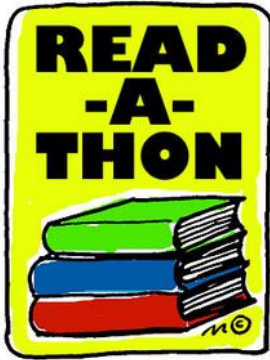
Among the 14 public schools in Shoreline, Ridgecrest had the highest number of finalists and also had the highest number of awards: 9 total awards (7 finalists, 2 honorable mentions). Below are the Ridgecrest district finalists:

(Entries with a **◆** are **Council Finalists** and will move to the State Reflections contest. Entries with a **❖** have received an **Honorable Mention** award.)



Art Category	Artist	Title	Grade	Teacher	
Film Production	Ameli Graff	Comedies of the Queen of Hearts	5	Whitney	◆
Film Production	Escher Crawford	The Robbers: A Comedy	5	Whitney	◆
Film Production	Lydia Chin	The Art of Making Cookies	5	Whitney	◆
Literature	Abbie Krawczyk	This Is My Story	6	Lytle	◆
Music Composition	Ronan Connell	My Life	5	Whitney	
Photography	Jack Smevik	The Secret Life of Teddy	5	Whitney	◆
Photography	Lindsay Chapman-Martin	Forest Fall Down	5	Cleary	◆
Photography	Lydia Chin	Lava Rock	5	Whitney	
Visual Arts	Aniah Haupt	Symphony of Sounds	5	Whitney	
Visual Arts	Anika Whitehill	Happy Thoughts	4	Della	
Visual arts	Euan Dunnett	Samurai in Me	4	Della	❖
Visual Arts	Isa Oquist	Finding Peace	5	Whitney	◆
Visual Arts	Jack Tribo	Oregon Coast	5	Whitney	
Visual Arts	Lydia Chin	My Favorites	5	Whitney	❖
Visual Arts	Meira Graff	My Sri Lankan Trip	1	Boone	

Amy Walgamott, my co-coordinator for Reflections, and I are proud of the 62 students at Ridgecrest who participated in this art activity for this school year. We are delighted by the 13 students who represented the school at the district art celebration, and we are happy for the 7 students who will represent Ridgecrest at the state art show. We will bring you further results at a later date.



Read-a-thon: Looking for Volunteers

By Susana Guzman

The Read-a-thon begins February 13th. More information and details will be sent out in an upcoming boomerang. However, if you are interested in volunteering to help count minutes read in classrooms, we would welcome your help. Ideally, we would like to have a volunteer for each classroom.

Please contact Susana at rc.pta.2015@gmail.com for more information and updates.

After School Enrichment Classes

By Amy Walgamott

Registration is still open for the following after school enrichment classes:

- **Coding Class:** Fridays from 1/27 to 4/7 (no classes 2/24 or 3/10) from 3 – 4:30 p.m. in the Computer Lab. Open to 3rd through 6th grades. Cost is \$269.
- **Smart with Art:** Thursdays from 1/26 to 4/6 (no classes 2/23 or 3/9) from 3:05-4:20 p.m. in Mr. Skoog's Room. Open to all grades. Cost is \$180.
- **STEM Challenge with LEGO:** Wednesdays from 1/25 to 4/12 (no classes 2/22 or 3/8) from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Open to 2nd through 6th grades. Cost is \$160.
- **Intro to STEM with LEGO:** Wednesdays from 1/25 to 4/12 (no classes 2/22 or 3/8) from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Open to Kindergarten through 1st grades. Cost is \$160.

Golden Acorn Awards

By Anne Musquiz

Each year, Ridgecrest PTA gives the Golden Acorn Award(s) and Outstanding Educator Award(s). A description of each award is listed below.

- **Golden Acorn Award:** The Golden Acorn Award(s) is given to honorees who give exemplary volunteer service to children and youth in our school community. The Award is special and given for continued and dedicated service. This is an excellent way to honor our volunteers that have gone "above and beyond!" A contribution in the name of the recipient(s) is made by the honoring PTA to the Washington State PTA Scholarship Program. From these contributions, WSPTA is able to provide grants to freshman students entering post-secondary education.
- **Outstanding Educator Award:** The Outstanding Educator Award(s) are given annually to honorees that develop and inspire students academically and personally, support student activities, work with parents and children, involve parents and community members, and employ innovative instructional techniques and/or classroom management strategies.

The nomination forms will be sent out in an upcoming boomerang. Start thinking about volunteers and staff you would like the committee to review for these awards. Thanks!





Brown Bear Car Wash Tickets

The 6th Graders are currently selling Brown Bear Car Wash Tickets that are good at locations all around King, Snohomish, and Pierce Counties. Prices are \$7 each or 5 tickets for \$30. Contact Sanju Chettiar at sanjivani77in@yahoo.com to purchase tickets. Forms are also available in the Ridgecrest office.

Save the Dates



There are three upcoming PTA events – be sure to mark your calendar!

Bingo Night: February 9th from 6-8 p.m.

Get ready to fill in your card! Our fun BINGO night will be held in the Ridgecrest Cafeteria. Chairperson Melissa Gates is currently recruiting volunteers to assist in finalizing this event. She can be reached at bma030903@comcast.net.

Science Fair: February 28th from 6-8 p.m.

Calling all scientists! The annual Science Night is always a fun evening. Chairperson Meghan Nash is looking for volunteers to help. She can be reached at meghanbnash@gmail.com.

Skate Night: March 9th from 6-8 p.m.

This fun family event is held at Lynnwood Bowl & Skate and begins at 6 p.m. Admission and skate rental is \$6.50 (\$3 for inline upgrade). This event is open to all Ridgecrest families; however, there are no drop-offs allowed.

2016-2017 Ridgecrest PTA Board

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- 📧 Treasurer [Elaine Johnson](#)
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- 📧 Co-VP, Programs [Amy Walgamott](#) & [Samantha Krawczyk](#)

Calendar of Events

January	
27.....	Popcorn Day
30.....	No School: Staff Work Day
February	
9.....	BINGO Night (6 p.m.)
20-24.....	No School: Mid-Winter Break
28.....	Science Fair (6 p.m.)
March	
6.....	No School: Staff Work Day
9.....	Skate Night (6 p.m.)
14.....	PTA General Meeting (7 p.m.)
23.....	Ice Cream Social & Open House (6 p.m.)

Ridgecrest Elementary School

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Shoreline, WA 98155

Principal: [Dr. Sue McPeak](#)