



**Ridge Review**  
Silver Ridge Elementary  
"Be Fit, Be Smart, Be Green"

Marion Gundling  
Principal

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We work together  
to develop:

- P roductive thinkers
- R espectful citizens
- I ntelligent minds
- D edicated individuals and
- E xcellence in education

Attendance: 754-323-7502 (before 10 a.m.)

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School Security Hotline: 754-321-0725 (24 hrs.)

**February 23, 2010**

**From the Principal's Desk**

Dear Parents,

We are quickly approaching a very busy time of year. FCAT testing begins March 9th, followed by the Book Fair, then the Spring Sprint, and finally ending with Spring Break. We know that your lives' are also face paced, but we need to readdress some procedures that are causing daily challenges here at Silver Ridge.

We have noticed a pattern of parents stopping by to see their children in the middle of the school day. As you know, the students are busy academically and this disruption is a difficulty for the teachers and staff. We can not interrupt the classes unless students are being dismissed.

Please also remember that birthdays at school are not a party but an acknowledgement. We are asking families to please bring in cookies or doughnuts. We do not have the space in the front office for multiple birthday cakes/cupcakes, and as you know, when we store food the ants will come. Typically teachers acknowledge the student's birthday during a non-academic time of day. Siblings can not be removed from

another class to attend the birthday acknowledgement.

We truly appreciate your assistance and support with these procedures. Have a great week!

**Math Superstars**

Congratulations to the winners for weeks 13-16 for participation in Math Superstars:

Krasnor          McIntosh  
Cline              Gonzalez  
Merlin

**Fleet Week**

Fleet Week is right around the corner! Between April 26, 2010 and May 2, 2010, various vessels will be hosting tours at Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale. Please visit the site below if you are interested in taking a tour during Fleet Week. Registration will open in March. In addition, some of our intermediate classes will be visiting the ships during this time. [www.browardnavydaysinc.org](http://www.browardnavydaysinc.org)

**Attendance Reminder**

Please remember to call in absences to 754-323-7502 within two days of your child's absence. Three or more sick absences need a doctor's note. Absences for family circumstances should be directed in writing to Ms.Gundling five days in advance of the absence.

**Pop Tops**

We are no longer collecting pop tops. Thank you for all the pop tops that have been sent to school over the years.

#### NEWS FROM SAF

##### ROBOT DIALER MESSAGES

Have you missed an important phone message from Silver Ridge? Maybe someone deleted it before you could hear it, or maybe your answering machine cut off the first half of the message. Did you know you can call back the PARENT LINK/PARENT INVOLVEMENT SYSTEM at 754-321-0800, to obtain any messages sent to your specific phone number.

##### PARENT/FAMILY INVOLVEMENT SURVEY

We all know that Parent Involvement = Increased Student Performance. The Central Area Advisory Council wants to get your opinion on how well Silver Ridge has met our family's and children's needs. There are no right or wrong answers, only your opinions. The findings of this survey will be analyzed and used to enhance parent/family involvement in our schools. PLEASE take a moment and log on to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/parentinvolvement> to provide feedback.

##### ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICIES - CHAPTER 2009-053, LAWS OF FLORIDA

Please be aware that there are changes in the Zero-Tolerance Law. In the 2009 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 1540, "Zero-Tolerance Policies", was passed and signed into law. This bill amends Sections 1002.20, 1006.09, and 1006.13, Florida Statutes addressing discipline and safety in K-12 public Schools. This bill also provides legislative intent regarding zero-tolerance by providing that zero-tolerance policies are not intended to be rigorously applied to petty acts of misconduct and misdemeanor. School districts are encouraged to use alternatives to expulsion or referral to law enforcement agencies unless using such alternative will pose a threat to school safety. To access the law, please go to [http://laws.flrules.org/files/Sh\\_2009-053.pdf](http://laws.flrules.org/files/Sh_2009-053.pdf)

##### BROWARD DAYS

The School Board of Broward County will be attending Broward Days in Tallahassee on March 17<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending

this event please contact Fran Klauber at 754.321.2196

#### ????????????DID YOU KNOW????????????

Did you know that we have a huge number of sweaters and jackets in our Lost and Found? Please be sure to put your child's name inside sweaters, jackets and lunchboxes. That way the items can be returned to your child's classroom.

#### ☺ VOLUNTEER HOURS ARE DUE ☺

**PLEASE turn in your volunteer log sheets by this Friday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.** Although we are doing a final count of hours for the Golden School Award now, you should continue to log your hours throughout the remainder of the school year. Thank you for your time and effort!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar 2	PTO Meeting	8am
Mar 9 – 19	FCAT Reading, Math, Science (5) Grades 3, 4 and 5	

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