



Ridge Review

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

Marion Gundling
Principal

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to develop:

P roductive thinkers
R espectful citizens
I ntelligent minds
D edicated individuals and
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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

You have heard us repeatedly ask for your help and partnership in educating your child. Every year we tell you the job gets harder and more help is needed. I am again saying that we have to ask for your commitment in helping your child at home. One specific area of assistance needed from you is in the area of practice on Destination Reading (Riverdeep). We are trying to maximize our work in the area of technology at school. Riverdeep is one way to provide the support and practice children need in reading. To that end, we are offering two Technology Nights for parent training. We hope that having two evenings available will help accommodate your busy schedules, thus allowing you to attend one. The training is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29th and Thursday, October 15th. You will have the opportunity to learn about Riverdeep, Online databases, BEEP and Destiny. I hope you will have the opportunity to join us.

As you know, our fundraiser is over. Thank You for the support you gave us with your orders and efforts on our behalf. I want to extend a special Thank You to the volunteers who spent endless hours counting money, organizing and planning. Thank you Shirley Dickinson, Sherri Simons, Dawn Cardenas, Maria Carman, Betty Davis, Jackie Matzirakis, Anna English, Lisa Leiter, Linda Notman, Laura Sanchez, Lauren Artigas, Amy Sheppard, Mary Skinner, Robin Pappas, Kim Freeberg, Kelly Rothchild, Stacy Appleblatt and Liezette Abel-Ruffin.

Have a good week!

LUNCH ROOM VISITS

Due to continuing concerns regarding student supervision, safety and security, Silver Ridge will no longer be allowing parent visitations during student lunch times. We appreciate your support in helping us keep all students safe.

PTO NEWS

VOLUNTEER ROUND-UP

If you missed the Volunteer Roundup last week, it's not too late to sign up to volunteer! Silver Ridge has received the Golden School Award for volunteerism for 21 consecutive years; please help us continue this honor. The first step to volunteering is to fill out an online application each year at

www.getinvolvedineducation.com. Volunteer opportunities will be posted as needed throughout the year in the Ridge Review. There are new ways by which volunteers can assist school staff this year, such as assisting teachers by making copies in the workroom, which requires scheduling and training and assisting the office staff. Also needed are volunteers for leadership positions as committee chairs for next year who can "learn the ropes" by shadowing the current chair. You can get more information about this year's volunteer opportunities by contacting Volunteer Coordinators Jackie Matzirakis (njmatzi@bellsouth.net) or Chrissy Trotta (snc01@att.net).

Reminder: Please make your volunteer hours count by recording them in the Volunteer Log Book!

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Did you know that Silver Ridge has a mandatory uniform policy? Students are expected to come to school each day in their school uniform. On Fridays students may wear a Silver Ridge "Spirit" shirt with jeans or the school uniform. On Wednesdays students may wear their environmental "green" shirt. Wednesday and Friday are not "free dress" days.

News From the Media Center

Just a reminder: It is not too late to mark your calendar for tonight or Oct.15 to attend technology night at Silver Ridge. You will be shown how you can partner with your child's teacher and use your home computer to support curriculum and instruction. These sessions will consist of identical information so you need only attend one of the evenings.

It is intended for parents to attend as learners and childcare will not be available. Please contact Elaine Aaron 754-323-7513 if you have any questions.

Destination Bookfair! Get Ready to Read Around the World. Our bi-annual bookfair is just around the corner and scheduled to run from Oct.5 - 14th. This is a great opportunity to purchase quality literature and educational materials while supporting our media center. Volunteers are still needed so please contact Elaine Aaron at 754-323-7513 or Jackie Matzirakis at 954-474-7474 or njmatzi@bellsouth.net to be put on the schedule. Thanks in advance for your support.

Is your child wild about the "Wimpy Kid?" Diary of a Wimpy Kid is a series by Jeff Kinney that has been hugely popular for the past several years. The next book in the series, Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days, is due out in hardback on Oct. 12. Scholastic bookfairs will be selling the paperback copy for a fraction of the cost and is available for presale at the bookfair. The books will be shipped to the school on Oct. 12 so you may want to make your purchase there. Your child will be thrilled, and you will be helping our media center!

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Watch for information coming home next week about International Walk to School Day. The walk will take place on October 7 and helps raise community awareness about pedestrian safety.

NEW ROOM MOMS

Please join us for some useful rules, regs and tips. We are meeting for about 30 min. on Friday, 10/02, at 8:00 a.m. in the back of the cafeteria. If you have a problem making the meeting and want this information, please call Maria Carman at 954-476-2474.

Attention Parents of 4th Graders!!

Great News!! Your 4th grader invites you to attend a writing workshop in their homeroom classroom on October 8th from 8:15 to 9:30. You will have an opportunity to learn ways you can help and encourage your child at home. Look for a special invitation from your child...

Picture Day

Individual Picture Day is 10/1 for PK-K-1-2 and 10/2 for 3-4-5-Cluster. Students purchasing picture packages must bring payment to Broward School Pictures in CASH or MONEY ORDER ONLY on the day of pictures.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept 29 Technology Night
- Oct 2 New Room Mom Mtg 8am
- Oct 5-14 Book Fair
- Oct 8 4th Grade Parent Writing Workshop 8:15-9:30am
- Oct 15 Technology Night

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