

December | 2020



Principal's Message

Happy Holidays! I hope you are enjoying the season and the many fun activities it includes. It is truly a magical time of year for children and a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the things for which we are grateful. I consider myself privileged to be part of such an incredible school community, and want to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to everyone who helps make Ridge View the great school that it is. I couldn't ask to work with a more dedicated, caring team of teachers, a more supportive PTA, or a better group of parents. I wish you joy and peace this holiday season, and a happy and prosperous New Year!



Inclement Weather

With colder temperatures upon us, we'd like to make you aware of a few important reminders:

When the temperature is below 21 degrees Fahrenheit (the wind chill temp on weather.com) or if precipitation is coming down that will soak the students – we will call an Inside Day and students will be kept inside. Please encourage your students to dress appropriately for the weather and to come prepared for recess out in the cold. When kids have the right gear, they can have fun along with a well needed quick break outside, even when it's a little chilly out.

Students will also be kept inside if the air quality is above 90 on the particulate matter scale. See [Utah's Department of Environment Quality](#) website for details of current conditions. You can also view this document for a visual description of the guidelines we follow.



Upcoming School Events

December 21-January 1

Winter Recess-NO SCHOOL

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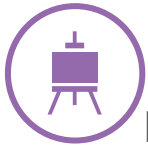
Positive

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Invovement

Directions First Time

Excellence



PTA Announcements

The Ridge View PTA strives to create educational enrichment opportunities for the students and financial support and volunteer coordination for the teachers. It also fosters an overall positive school community for parents, teachers, and students.

Support our school by linking your Amazon account to “Amazon Smile”, a program that’s gives a percentage of your sales back to us. Follow the link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/83-4524710>

Congratulations to Ms. Alexander’s 2nd grade class. They were the winners of the Papa Murphy’s fundraiser and will be treated to a pizza party! Please watch for information to come about the next Spirit Night Fundraiser in January.



In Other News...

Student Council Events

Our Student Council is working hard and have several fun activities planned this year. We look forward to sharing more with you soon!

Grade Level Highlight (Continued): **MUSIC**

Although this year has been a challenge, Ridge View has found a way to be creative so this year is not lost. The Musical Movies have been a great success in providing performance memories for both the performer and audience. It is an honor to teach each of your children music each week. I believe the unity we experience through music we create will positively impact the culture of our school. Thank you for all of your support of the music program. We are learning and creating memories that will last a lifetime.



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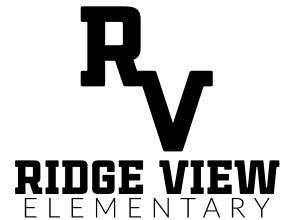
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GRADE LEVEL HIGHLIGHT: **MUSIC**

The Music Program is up and running full blast at Ridge View Elementary despite the challenges of a Pandemic. In Kindergarten we are exploring steady beat through movement songs, simple instruments and games. In first grade we are working hard on our Winter Musical Movie “The Wonders of Winter” which will premiere on December 14, 2020. Second grade has been playing Orff instruments and learning games to reinforce foundational music concepts. Third grade released Ridge View’s first Musical Movie “Spooky Night” October 29th. The short musical presentation is being featured on Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts online platforms and will be used along with the 1st grade’s “The Wonders of Winter” to advocate for the program in the legislative session in January. The BTS Arts program funds the Arts in Utah schools. Third grade is now hard at work mastering their technique on Orff instruments as we transition to reading music on the treble clef staff. The fourth grade has been concentrating on mastering ostinatos independently and being able to layer their part into the music. Fourth grade will begin work on their upcoming Musical Movie celebrating the great state of UTAH to be presented in March. Fifth grade is focusing on American Folk Music and the history that created these wonderful songs that will culminate in our presentation of our American Musical Movie in April. Sixth grade has been focusing on challenging lessons that review foundation concepts.