

December | 2019



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 6

PTA Board Meeting, 9:00 am

December 13

5th Grade Musical, 9:15 am

December 19

Choir Concert, 6:30 pm

December 20

Raptor PRIDE Assembly, 9:15 am

December 23-January 5

Winter Recess

Raptor **PRIDE**

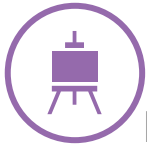
Positive

Respect

Involvement

Directions First Time

Excellence



PTA Announcements

Thank you for your support in making our first book fair and box tops drive a success!

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>

SWIG drink and cookie punch cards for sale. Please email camillemousley@gmail.com for more information

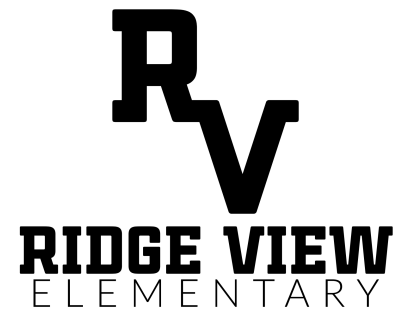


In Other News...

Student Council Events

Thank you for the many donations you made to our food drive. We collected more than **1,000** cans of food!

Our next endeavor is to "Light up the School". As students catch each other doing an act of service for another person, they will fill out a colored paper Christmas light. The lights will be turned into the Student Council box in the office. As the box fills, Student Council members will hang the lights around the school to show all of the different acts of service!



GRADE LEVEL HIGHLIGHT: **MUSIC**

The Music Program is up and running full blast at Ridge View Elementary. In Kindergarten we are exploring steady beat and singing on pitch through movement songs, simple instruments and singing games. In first grade we just wrapped our Thanksgiving Mini-Musical "A Time to Give Thanks" which was a hit for both the performers and audience. We will now concentrate on foundational music concepts. Second grade has been playing Orff instruments and learning games to reinforce foundational music concepts. Ms. Tuso's second grade class was chosen to star in the Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program Promotional Film that will be used to promote arts in schools with state representatives, stake holders and principals. Ridge View was the school chosen to represent the Music Arm of the Arts! Third grade is hard at work mastering their technique on Orff instruments as we transition to starting to read music on the treble clef staff. The fourth grade is concentrating on learning to play soprano recorders and will begin work on their upcoming Mini-Musical celebrating the great state of UTAH to be presented in February. Fifth grade is polishing their musical "The Elves' Impersonator" (A Holiday Mini-Musical) they will present on Friday, December 13th. Sixth grade has been studying *Finale* from *William Tell Overture* with instruments. We then used colored flashlights to paint the *Finale* with light. It was like our own personal light show in the music room! In December, the entire school will take part in the first annual Ridge View Holiday Sing Along with a live band. 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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