



# Roadrunner Reads

## Pursuing Premier!

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## Principal's Corner

By Jill Neyenhouse

*Greetings Roadrunners and families,*

What a wonderful Autumn we are having! I spent some time yesterday out on our nature trail with two first grade classes. It is absolutely beautiful!

Please be sure to ask your students about their experience on the trail. It is a great learning opportunity for students to apply their classroom learning to the world around them.

I cannot believe how quickly the school year is moving along. In November, we will be celebrating our Veterans on November 13th,



with an assembly and presentation. I feel very honored that a Roadrunner dad is going to be our guest of honor to speak with students about what it means to him to serve his country and to have a day to honor that service.

Service to others is an important aspect of my work as a principal. I believe deeply in

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## Student of the Month!



**Hyde Zier**

Congratulations to our October Student of the Month, third grader **Hyde Zier!**

"Hyde is brand new to South Ridge this year but you would never know it because he has transitioned beautifully! Since the first day of school he has shown what it means to be respectful, responsible, and safe. Hyde has a smile on his face and a positive attitude as soon as he steps into the classroom every day, and I never see it leave, even when he steps onto his bus!

He is extremely respectful to all his peers and teachers and follows the expectations without any reminders. Hyde is very responsible and is always helping me or his classmates (happily too!) just out of the kindness of his heart. He shows resilience because he is a problem solver and never gives up, always with a smile. Hyde is a true role model to his peers and deserves to be recognized." -Mrs. Swensson



## Principal's Corner, cont.

being focused on how I can serve those around me. This makes me a very hands-on leader, and I love spending time in the halls and classrooms, so I can understand what students and teachers need.

We will highlight service in the coming month with our

**Thanksgiving Feast, which will be held on November 14th.** This is an opportunity for us to gather together as a community and share a meal. We are asking families to pre-register for the feast so we are prepared both with food and space for our guests. There will be more details coming about how to purchase tickets for the feast as we get closer to the event. I am very excited about welcoming so many family members to South Ridge on the 14th.

If you have come to campus as a visitor, you know we have a new security system in place this year. Now visitors must ring the doorbell because the doors to the school buildings are locked. We also require visitors to have photo ID in order to access campus. This update helps us to keep the school more secure and safe for both students and staff.

Students work so hard at their learning. We are working as a school to serve our students as best as possible. We have started using a block of time during the day called Walk to Learn, to give our students the best supports possible in order for them to be successful at school. As a school, we are committed to every student's success, and this is one more way for us to make sure we are serving every child's learning needs.

Finally, I am always available for your questions and concerns. I am hosting monthly Q&A times that I call "Coffee, Tea, a Question or 3". October's session is October 30th and November's session will be November 27th at 9:00am. I would love to meet you, spend some time getting to know you, and answer whatever questions you have about the work we are doing at South Ridge.

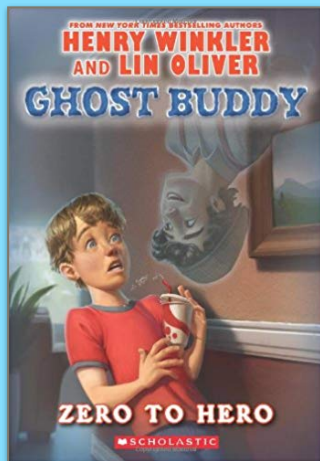
Sincerely,  
*Jill Neyenhouse*



## Book-of-the-month!

Here are Ms. Crawford's suggestions for this month's reading. Both books are available in the library!

### Grades 3-4



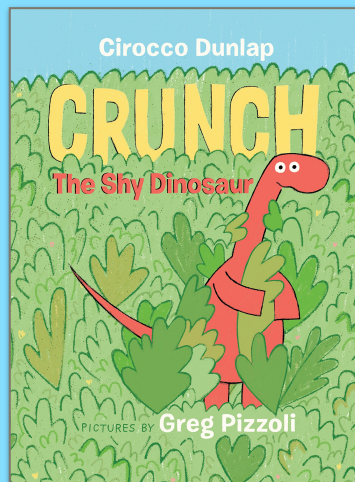
**Billy Broccoli is new to the neighborhood** and wants cool friends and a spot on the baseball team more than anything. But the one thing he never wanted is his own personal ghost.

Parents may remember Henry Winkler as *The Fonz* on *Happy Days*, but he also has a real gift of writing for reluctant readers.

Check out this booktrailer:

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/videos/teaching-content/ghost-buddy-r-zero-hero/>

### Grades K-2



**Crunch is a hot-pink, nonthreatening dinosaur.** An unseen narrator gives readers a series of directions on how to interact with him, setting up an entertaining, interactive story experience. Larger lessons about how to relate to others lurk beneath the surface of this lighthearted tale. Since Crunch is shy, the narrator suggests that readers “be the first to say hello,” but not too loudly. When Crunch is scared off, luring him back involves singing the “Happy Birthday” song. Young children get practice in using quiet, loud, and medium voices, introducing themselves, and employing good manners. In the end, readers are prompted to bid Crunch good night and demonstrate how to lie down and get ready to sleep.

Check out this booktrailer:

<https://youtu.be/da6QFoSYlho>

## We read the rainbow!



### **Everyone can read the rainbow!**

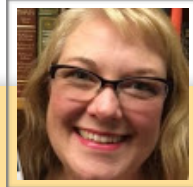
Each month, Ms. Crawford challenges students to "read the rainbow", which means they read 1 book from each color (6 books total) that are at their reading level.

Students who participate win a bag of Skittles, or they can pick a prize from our prize bin, or start collecting book charms!



# Library Corner

*Emily Crawford, Teacher Librarian*



## **Hello Roadrunner Families,**

I am very happy to be with you again this year as your librarian! For those of you who have not met me, my name is Emily Crawford (Ms. Crawford to our students), and I have been a school librarian in Oregon and Washington since 2004. I grew up in Vancouver and am most recently coming to you from Camas School District. My twin girls (fourth graders here at South Ridge) and I now call Ridgefield our home since we moved here last spring.

As the librarian, I get to spend time with all of our South Ridge students. Although our year together is just beginning, I am already coming to know them as kind, respectful, enthusiastic, and capable young people. During these first weeks, they have been getting to know the library and our collection through a variety of activities, many of which involve using our Chromebooks. My goals for the year can be summed up in two parts:

1. To excite and motivate students to read!
2. To implement a library program that aligns with our District's goal of becoming "*the state's premiere school district*".

Key to both goals are strong relationships with students, parents, teachers, and community members. I am always looking for ways of meeting parents and appreciate any opportunities to do so. Please feel welcome to contact me with any questions or suggestions, or stop by to introduce yourself.

I look forward to the year ahead with as Charles Dickens would say, "*Great expectations!*"

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## Ridgefield Community Education

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Our Fall weather has arrived!

Great time to try some new activities...indoors!

### Registration Now Open!

Community Education youth sports are designed to teach basic skills, good sportsmanship, character development and strong work ethics. Kids are expected to play hard and have FUN!!

Informational flyers are available on the District website [www.ridgefieldsd.org](http://www.ridgefieldsd.org)

Please register online at [ridge.revtrak.net](http://ridge.revtrak.net)

### YogaFit - Before school on late start Wednesdays

Session 2: **Oct 31-Dec 19, 8:45-9:45 AM**

Fee: \$72 includes yoga mat for each participant (for convenience, we will store mats)

Fun yoga practice that helps kids learn how to develop physical, mental and emotional wellness. Benefits include stress management through breathing, awareness and healthy movement, building concentration, increased confidence and being part of a non-competitive group. Please send your child in comfortable clothing.



### Youth Basketball League

registration for girls and boys in grades 3-6 is open.



### Youth Wrestling League

registration for girls and boys in grades 1-8 is open.



## WATCH D.O.G.S.

Sponsored by South Ridge PTA

WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) is a national program aimed at providing positive male role models for students in schools and enhancing school safety and reducing bullying.



Volunteering is not limited to just dads. Grandparents, uncles, moms, and others can volunteer for one day a year (or more) at the school and perform a variety of tasks during the day such as monitoring morning entrance, lunch and recess duty, helping in the classroom with small groups reading, flashcards, spelling and helping with bus and car pick up at the end of the day.

Interested in signing up for WATCH D.O.G.S.?

[southridgewatchdogs@gmail.com](mailto:southridgewatchdogs@gmail.com)

Or more information can be found on Facebook at Southridge Watchdogs

<https://www.facebook.com/southridge.watchdogs.3>



## Attention Blazer Fans!

It's South Ridge Family Night at the **Blazer Game**  
**Friday, November 30th**

Come cheer on the Blazers with fellow South Ridge families!

Tickets are \$14 and the order deadline is October 26, 2018. After that date, the price may increase and tickets may be unavailable. So, please purchase tickets soon if you want a guaranteed spot.

We have 75 seats available for purchase, and if we sell them all, our entire group will be able to go to the court and shoot free-throws after the game.

## South Ridge Elementary School Night

VISIT: [Rosequarter.com/groupnights](http://Rosequarter.com/groupnights)

PROMO CODE: **SOUTHRIDGE**

ORDER DEADLINE: **10.26.2018**

**STARTING**  
**AT \$14**

Kyle McGowan | 503.963.3933 | [kyle.mcgowan@trailblazers.com](mailto:kyle.mcgowan@trailblazers.com)



Don't forget to wobble over to the Enchanted Book Fair after lunch!

**Thanksgiving Feast**  
Wednesday November 14, 2018  
Grade Level Schedule

Grade Level	Serving/Lunch Time	Recess Time
Grade 2	10:45 - 11:10	11:20 - 11:40
Grade K	11:15 - 11:45	11:55 - 12:15
Grade 3	11:55 - 12:10	12:20 - 12:40
Grade 1	12:20 - 12:50	1:00 - 1:20
Grade 4	1:00 - 1:20	1:30 - 1:50



If you are planning to eat Thanksgiving Feast with your child, **you need to prepay** in the office. You can give your lunch money to *Krista Harris*.

Cost for adults is \$3.90



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

October 2018

Heather Westbrook, David Payette  
School Counselors, South Ridge Elementary School



### October is National Bullying Prevention Month!

Here at South Ridge Elementary, and at all of our schools in Ridgefield, we are dedicated to raising awareness about the need to prevent bullying. Throughout the year, we focus on our 3 R's—Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience. Practicing the 3 R's means we are treating each other with kindness, and in turn, helps to prevent bullying.

To kick off National Bullying Prevention Month, each student will sign their name on an **orange** ribbon and then tie their ribbon on a fence for all to see. The fence will be a visible reminder that we believe no one should ever experience bullying. The PTA will also have students do the "Purple Hands Pledge" by cutting out purple hands, signing them, and pledging that they will not use their hands or words to hurt themselves or others. The hands will be displayed around the school. Finally, schools will take part in **Unity Day** on October 24th. Unity Day is part of National Bullying Prevention Month that calls for everyone to wear orange to show we're against bullying and for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

### Bullying Prevention in the classroom...

School Counselors will be teaching lessons in the classroom about kindness and bullying prevention. In grades 3 & 4, students will be receiving a series of lessons on how to recognize bullying, how to report it, how to refuse it, and on the important role of a bystander. In 2nd grade this month, students will learn the definition of bullying and what they can do if they are a victim or if they witness it. In kindergarten and 1st grade, students will be receiving lessons on problem solving and conflict resolution and also on academic skills such as listening to learn, focusing, and following directions.

#### What is bullying?

Bullying is a conscious, deliberate, aggressive, and repeated behavior by one or more people that is intended to harm others. It involves a real or *perceived* imbalance of power, such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity to control or harm others. Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the *potential* to happen more than once.

#### What should you do if you are being bullied?

- Speak up
- Tell an adult at home and/or at school.
- Know that you have the right to be safe

#### What can you do if you see bullying happen?

- Do not join in.
- Tell an adult at home and/or school.
- Help the student being bullied get away from the situation.
- Let them know that they don't deserve to be bullied.
- Know that reporting bullying is not tattling.

Strong people stand  
up for themselves.  
But the strongest  
people stand up for  
others.  
— Unknown

## South Ridge Incentives Programs



We have a variety of ways that you can help raise money for our PTA and school by shopping for your everyday items. Below is a list of our many Incentives Programs in which we participate. Every little bit helps continue to make our school the best!!



### Box Tops for Education

Every Box Top for Education returned to school is worth 10 cents. Cut or tear your Box Tops, but just make sure the expiration date and code are visible, and return them to the main school building depository box located just to the left of the entrance. We receive checks from November and May submissions!



### AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile will contribute 0.5% of each of your purchases to our school. So start shopping, but remember to link below first through our AmazonSmile link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-1493597>; Account: South Ridge Elementary PTA.



### Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Use your Fred Meyer Rewards card for you AND the school! Fred Meyer customers can earn donations for their favorite nonprofits by shopping with their Rewards Card. Here's how it works: Customers can now log in to their online account and link their Rewards Card to the organization of their choice. Customers will continue to receive Rewards Points, Rebates and Fuel Points. At the end of each quarter, Fred Meyer will make a donation to participating nonprofits based on the accumulated spending of the Rewards customers linked to each nonprofit.

Have questions? Please contact: [southridgepta@gmail.com](mailto:southridgepta@gmail.com)

## October Volunteer of the Month!

### Herman Chapman

Herman is a retired resident of Ridgefield, who has volunteered at South Ridge Elementary for the past 5 years. This will be his 6th year volunteering to read with first graders. He is a very reliable and faithful volunteer who comes every week, rain or shine, to read with students. Even though he does not have grandchildren in the school district, he is a very strong supporter of our schools and students. We are so fortunate to have him as one of our school volunteers and Ridgefield community members.

*Thank you Herman!*

## 2ND ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

Thursday, November 22, 2018

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

<http://www.ridgefieldpsf.org/events/>

Stay tuned for more details!





## Enchanted Forest Book Fair

**November 9, 2018 – November 16, 2018**

### Shopping hours

Tuesday, Friday 9th	8:45am – 4:00pm
Wednesday	9:45am – 4:00pm
Thursday	8:45am – 6:00pm
Friday 16th	8:15am – 4:00pm

\*students must be accompanied by an adult after school hours, and before school on Friday the 16th\*

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### Special Activities

Thanksgiving Feast: **Wednesday, November 14th**

Visit the book fair after lunch!

Family Night: **Thursday, November 15th 3:35pm–6:00pm** (snacks and refreshments will be available)

Grand Event: **Friday, November 16th 8:15am–8:45am**

(snacks and refreshments will be available)

Online Fair: **November 4, 2018 – November 17, 2018** at [scholastic.com/fair](http://scholastic.com/fair).

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! All purchases benefit our school.

*South Ridge PTA*



# Teacher Spotlight

**Holly Gasca, Kindergarten teacher and former Roadrunner**

Holly Gasca may be new to teaching at South Ridge, but she is not new to the school. She was a student here from 1996-2004, and graduated from Ridgefield high school in 2010, along with her husband, Steven. After getting her degree at Western Washington University, she taught in Mt. Vernon for 3 years as a first grade teacher, before returning to her hometown. She and her husband are currently building a house here because as she says, "When we have children, we want them to grow up here like we did."

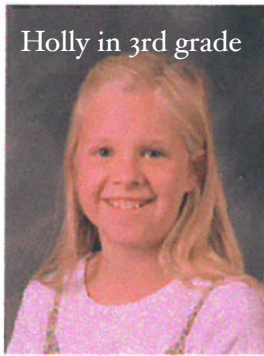
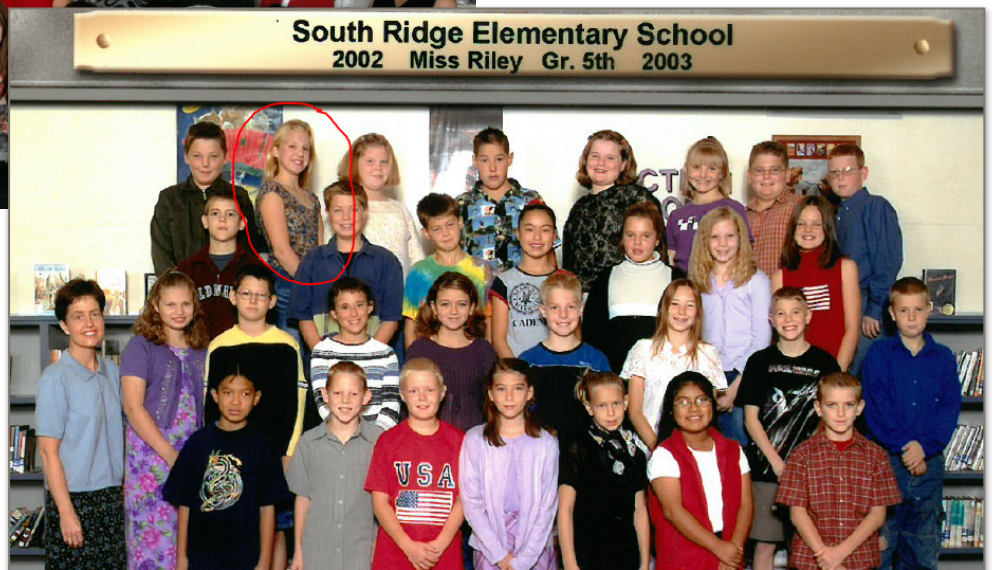
### Holly Facts

Favorite food: any carb!

Hobbies: cooking & crafting

She has two pets: a dog named Charlie, and a cat named Coco.

Little known fact: Holly once swam with sharks in Florida!



Holly in 3rd grade

Holly Vogel

**Save the date for the upcoming  
Ridgefield Children's  
Holiday Bazaar!**

**Saturday, December 1st  
11:00 to 2:00**

Union Ridge  
Elementary  
Building B Gym

**More  
information to  
come!**



## Dates to Remember

October 19th - Fall Dance

November 9th to 16th - Book Fair!

30th - Family Night: Blazer Game

December 1st - Ridgefield Children's  
Holiday Bazaar

January 8th - Family Night: Sportsman's  
Steakhouse

March - Ridgefield Youth Arts Month

April 8th/9th - Recycled Arts Contest

May 4th - Sport-a-Thon

June 1st - Spring Carnival

## About Roadrunner Reads

*Roadrunner Reads is a collaboration between South Ridge PTA, South Ridge staff and students, and Ridgefield community members. Our goal is to provide content that appeals to each segment of our school community, developing a broad readership base and drawing us closer together.*

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**Ridgefield SD Mission Statement:** Ridgefield School District aspires to be the state's premier district, leveraging strong community partnerships to provide each student personalized learning experiences, opportunities, and skills that ensure success and unlimited possibilities.