



## Early Learning Center Officially Opens



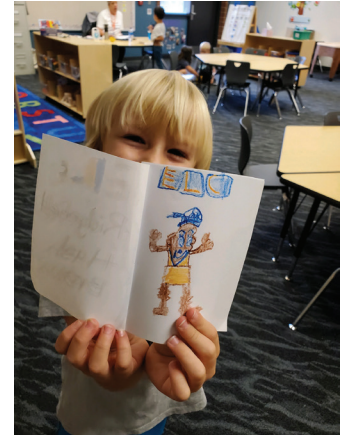
Tuesday, September 10th, marked the official opening of Ridgefield School District's Early Learning Center. Erika Muir, Early Learning Center Coordinator, with the help of the center's first students, cut the ribbon in the courtyard at the Ridgefield Administrative & Civic Center (RACC) to mark the momentous occasion. Visitors were able to tour the bright, new learning spaces specially designed to serve our youngest students (affectionately dubbed the hashbrowns).

The Early Learning Center provides full and half day learning opportunities for preschoolers (ages 3-5) and before and

after school care for students in Grades K-4. Located at the RACC, it occupies four newly-renovated classrooms formerly used for View Ridge middle schoolers.

"We're very proud of our new beginning and look forward to future growth to continue supporting the community needs," said Muir. "We are serving more than 50 pre-school families and 25 school-age families. Ridgefield had a need for more high-quality, licensed child care, and the school district answered that call to action with a facility that is child-centered and inclusive of all learners. Ridgefield is the best village to care for our hashbrowns!"

Information about the Early Learning Center is available on the school district website at [www.ridgefieldsd.org](http://www.ridgefieldsd.org) or by email at [elc@ridgefieldsd.org](mailto:elc@ridgefieldsd.org).



## IMPORTANT DATES / UPCOMING EVENTS

**SEP**  
**14**

**EXPERIENCE RIDGEFIELD**  
**11:00 AM - 5:00 PM**  
Ridgefield Outdoor Recreation Complex (RORC)

**OCT**  
**24**

**OCTOBER 24-25**  
**EARLY RELEASE:**  
Union Ridge, South Ridge, Sunset Ridge  
and View Ridge

**SEP**  
**19**

**SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION PARENT FORUM**  
**5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**  
Ridgefield Administrative & Civic Center (RACC)

**NOV**  
**11**

**VETERANS' DAY**  
**NO SCHOOL**

**OCT**  
**6**

**OCTOBER 6-10**  
**CISPUS OUTDOOR SCHOOL**

**NOV**  
**22**

**NOVEMBER 22, 25, 26**  
**EARLY RELEASE:**  
Union Ridge, South Ridge, Sunset Ridge

**OCT**  
**11**

**TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY**  
**NO SCHOOL**

**NOV**  
**27**

**NOVEMBER 27-29**  
**THANKSGIVING BREAK**

**NOVEMBER 27 - TURKEY TROT**  
More information to come!

## The Birds + The Beans Coming Soon to the RACC



Something new and exciting has been brewing for a while, and it's about to open in downtown Ridgefield in a big way. Watch for The Bird + The Beans, a coffee refuge, which is scheduled to open soon at the Ridgefield Administrative & Civic Center (RACC).

The new coffee kiosk has been in the planning stages since last year. Ridgefield High School students in the Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) at Innovation Ridge, guided by teacher Andrea Reinertson, and mentored by community member and KillaBites business owner, Laura Jhaveri, teamed up to

develop the new coffee kiosk from square one.

RHS students Stella Blystone, Emma Haynie, Jolie Gullickson, Aidan McLaren, Karin Pajzinkova, and Jordan Nash worked together on this project. They created the business plan, selected vendors and designed the layout and branding for the new venture.

In the process they gained industry knowledge and learned a lot about professionalism, collaboration and what it takes to create a business.

The Birds + The Beans is set to open in October. Stay tuned!



*The Birds + The Beans coffee kiosk is rapidly taking shape!*

## Get the District's Mobile App

Did you know that Ridgefield School District has a free mobile app for iPhone and Android mobile devices? It is available for download from Google Play and the Apple App Store.

The app provides relevant school district information such as upcoming events, school activities, athletic scores, district and school news, construction updates and emergency notifications.

Be in the know!

Download the free app today and get up to speed on all the amazing things taking place in Ridgefield schools,



We are mobile!



Experience  
**RIDGEFIELD**  
past, present, and future

Show your spirit!

Come celebrate Ridgefield's proud past, prosperous present, and promising future at this community carnival. Activities & events for all ages include:

Food, games, inflatables, a game truck, arts & crafts, potato sack races, Mr. Potato Head contest, cornhole tournament, Bingo, and KinderTot Arena: fun & games for ages 5 & under. RHS Expansion Ribbon-Cutting ceremony at 10:00 am at RHS campus.

**Saturday, September 14, 2019**  
**Ridgefield Outdoor Recreation Complex**  
**11:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**OKTOBERFEST**

**11AM - 10PM**  
**Sponsored by Ridgefield Main Street**

**Supporting Sponsors:**



**Activity Sponsors:**



**Ribbon Cutting CEREMONY**

**RIDGEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 14, 2019**  
**10:00 am**

In association with  
**EXPERIENCE RIDGEFIELD**  
**11:00-5:00 at RORC**

*We look forward to seeing you!*

*Please join us as we celebrate the completion of Ridgefield High School's Expansion Project.*

*All are welcome!*



## SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION PARENT FORUM

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**  
**5:30 - 7:00 PM**  
**RIDGEFIELD ADMINISTRATIVE & CIVIC CENTER**  
**510 PIONEER STREET**

Come attend a parent forum with KWRL Transportation and Ridgefield School District staff. Learn about new safety and security features, discuss challenges and share your concerns regarding school bus transportation.





## News from the Health Room

Are your children's immunizations up to date? The following is a list of providers offering immunizations for free or at low cost.

Also, if you have a personal exemption form on file for the MMR vaccination, a new updated exemption form is now available on the district website at <https://tinyurl.com/yynj3t8z>.

### Wheelchairs Needed

View Ridge Middle School and Ridgefield High School are

greatly in need of wheelchairs. Donations would be much appreciated!

--Denise Morgan, RN



## 2019 Free and Low-Cost Back to School Immunization Clinics

**Monday-Friday**  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Delta Direct Care**  
209 E. Main St. Ste. 121, Battle Ground  
360-999-5138  
Please call to ensure availability

**August 14th**  
10:00 AM-1:30 PM

**GoReady @ Hudson's Bay High School**  
1601 E. McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver  
360-342-8060  
Immunizations provided by SeaMar and Free Clinic of Southwest Washington

**Mondays in Aug. & Sept.**  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM

**SeaMar Vancouver Salmon Creek Medical Clinic**  
14508 N.E. 20th Ave., Ste 102, Vancouver  
360-852-9070

**Monday-Saturday**  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM

**SeaMar Vancouver Medical Clinic**  
7410 E. Delaware Ln., Vancouver  
360-947-2550  
Walk-in

**TBD**

**Camas4Kids Fair @ Doc Harris Stadium**  
1125 N.E. 22nd Ave., Camas  
360-338-2440  
Adolescents Only  
Immunizations provided by Lacamas Medical Group

Please remember to bring your immunization records!



For other formats, contact the Clark County ADA Office  
Voice 564.397.2322 / Relay 711 or 800.833.6388  
Fax 360.397.6165 / Email ADA@clark.wa.gov

## Board Policy Updates

Ridgefield School District is pleased to share with you the following policies which were recently revised and approved by the district's Board of Directors.

You can review the policies on the district's website at:  
<https://www.ridgefieldsd.org/o/district/browse/4800>

### Board Meeting 8/27/19

2022 Electronic Resources and Internet Safety

3207 Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying  
3220 Freedom of Expression  
3224 Student Dress  
3240 Student Conduct Expectations and Reasonable Sanctions  
3241 Classroom Management, Discipline and Corrective Action  
6020 System of Funds and Accounts  
6100 Revenues from Local, State and Federal Sources

## From the Ridgefield Family Resource Center



THANK YOU to all who made this event possible!

The Family Resource Center's drop-in hours are:

Mondays 1:00-5:00 pm  
Wednesdays 12:00-4:00 pm  
Thursdays 1:00-6:30 pm

We had a busy summer serving students and their families. Due to generous donations, we were able to offer brown bag lunches on Wednesdays in addition to our regular pantry items.

The summer ended with the Back2School Bash hosted at the Nazarene Church. Students received free school supplies, backpacks, haircuts, sports physicals and clothes. At the end of the event, they were ready for school and enjoyed the activities in the kid zone. It was a wonderful day!

Please come visit us. We remain dedicated to supporting our students, families and staff. If you have any questions or want to schedule an appointment outside of open hours, please contact Chris Poppert at 360-619-1412 or [christine.poppert@ridgefieldsd.org](mailto:christine.poppert@ridgefieldsd.org).

--Chris Poppert  
Director

## Students Shine at Kalama Track Meet

On May 31, students from Jael Thompson's class participated in the Kalama No Limits Track Meet and recognized for their performances in the following track and field events.

### Field Events:

Mixed Frisbee:  
Gideon Barton  
Nathanial Montoya  
Savannah Poki  
Juan Mandujano-Gama

### Mixed 25 Meter Dash

Assisted Wheelchair:  
Isaiah Wigen - 2nd Place  
Andrew Griffin - 5th Place

Mixed Bowling:  
Natalie Salarzon  
Isaiah Wigen  
Andrew Griffin  
Nathanial Montoya

### Mixed 50 Meter Dash

(heat 4 of 10)  
Lars Jones, 1st Place  
Gideon Barton, 3rd Place

Mixed Tennis Ball Throw:  
Gideon Barton  
Aaron Rodriguez  
Andrew Griffin

Wheelchair:  
Isaiah Wigen, 1st Place  
Andrew Griffin 5th Place  
Natalie Salarzon, 6th Place

Isaiah Wigen  
Natalie Salarzon  
Lars Jones

### Mixed 100 Meter Dash

Lars Jones, 1st Place  
(heat 2 of 11)

Long Jump:  
Lars Jones

Congratulations to all the students who participated.  
Go Spuds!



## Athletics News

Our athletic programs are off to a busy start this fall!

With increased participation numbers in many sports, we are excited about the season and outlook for our teams.

The culture around our sportsmanship, teamwork, perseverance, and drive for excellence continues to grow. Go Spudders and Herons!



### Stay connected!

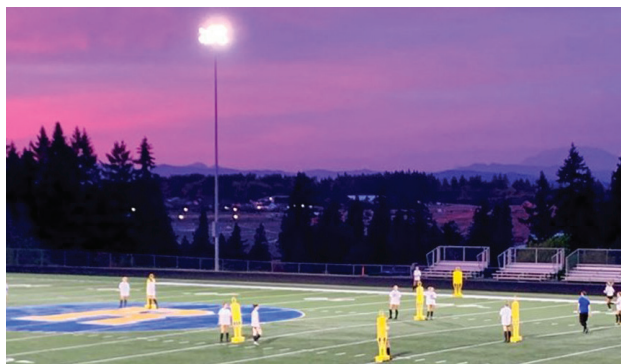
The 2AGSHL league website provides the most accurate schedules. Subscribe (for free) at [2agshl.com](http://2agshl.com) to receive immediate notifications of any changes.

Follow us on Twitter @RHSSpudders (<https://twitter.com/RHSSpudders>). Search

Twitter for our daily schedule of events, score reports, media and more!



--Bryan Shipley  
Athletic Director



*Girls soccer practice in the Sunset VRMS XC at their first meet.*



VRMS XC



RHS Cheer Team

## SEL Spotlight

Ridgefield School District strives to provide safe, inclusive, and supportive environments that nurture the well-being of the whole child.

To help achieve this goal, opportunities to develop SEL skills are embedded throughout the school day in a variety of ways. This article shines a SEL spotlight on classroom community circles.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is the process through which children understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. Classroom community circles cultivate a safe, caring, and equitable learning environment where students feel seen, heard, and respected.

In their classrooms, students "circle up" for classroom community circles. Teacher and students sit in a circle and, using a talking piece so that each student has the opportunity to speak while others listen, take turns checking in with one another and responding to questions aimed to build connection and positive relationships.

At Sunset Ridge Intermediate, Mr. Payne's fifth grade classroom was asked what they like best about circles. A student responded, "I like that I get to share how I am feeling each day."

In Mrs. Veillette's second grade classroom at Union Ridge Elementary, one student shared, "I like when everybody shares in a circle so I can get to know things about them."

At Ridgefield High School, students are also participating in classroom circles. In Ms. Frommlet's ninth grade English class, when asked why circles are important in the classroom, one student replied, "Circles are a great way to teach us how to communicate with one another and understand differences and to treat everyone with kindness and respect."

Another student stated circles matter in the classroom because "they are inclusive; everyone is participating in the circle together."

Finally, students from Ms. Frommlet's class agreed circles help to build trust and give them something to look forward to.

Learning happens in relationships, and classroom community circles are constructed to foster connection and belonging. When students feel they are part of the classroom and school community, they are able to remain engaged and persist through challenging tasks, feel physically and emotionally safe, and achieve at higher levels.

--Teresa Vance  
Assistant Director  
SEL and PBIS



*Mr. Payne's fifth grade community circle at Sunset Ridge Intermediate.*