



New Playground Opens at Pioneer Park

The Early Learning Center at the Ridgefield Administrative & Civic Center (RACC) has added a playground to its amenities. Reserved for district use from 7am - 6pm on regular school days, it is geared for use by our youngest students.

Specifically designed for children aged two to five, the playground includes a large climbing and motor skills structure, four interactive panels, four musical components, logs, stepping stones, and a climbing rock. Landscaping, sidewalks, benches, picnic tables, and a security fence complete the new play area.

It is part of an ongoing series of projects conceived by the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council. Thirteen students began designing and planning the projects in January 2018. Their ideas helped bring about the restoration of the hillside on Fifth Avenue, the installation of personalized, engraved pavers celebrating the historic high school steps on Pioneer Street, and now this first phase of Pioneer Park located in front of the RACC.

The playground equipment was directed/purchased by the district and installation managed by the district's bond consultants and contractors as an added value to current work activity winding down from the 2017 bond. The playground equipment, inspected and certified for safety by an independent testing firm, was approved for use by the State of Washington in October.

Plans envisioned for the remainder of Pioneer Park include additional youth sports fields and recreational opportunities for all ages. Look for more projects at the park over the coming years as we expand opportunities for the Ridgefield community.



IMPORTANT DATES / UPCOMING EVENTS

**DEC
23**

START OF WINTER BREAK

December 23 - January 3
NO SCHOOL

**FEB
14**

FEBRUARY 14 AND 17

NO SCHOOL

February 14: No School
February 17: Presidents' Day Holiday

**JAN
20**

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

NO SCHOOL

**MAR
01**

START OF RIDGEFIELD YOUTH ARTS MONTH

March 1 - 31

**JAN
24**

TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY

NO SCHOOL

RHS SPUDDER ALUMNI LUNCH
11:30 AM AT RACC

**MAR
05**

EARLY RELEASE

Union Ridge, South Ridge,
Sunset Ridge, and RHS

**FEB
11**

CLARK COUNTY SPECIAL ELECTION

Exercise your right to vote

**MAR
06**

TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY

NO SCHOOL

2020 Bond Measure



What our community needs

Ridgefield School District's 2020 bond measure is on the ballot for the Special Election set for February 11, 2020. With voter approval, the bond will be essential in allowing the district to effectively serve the increasing student enrollment anticipated by 2023-2024. The bond will provide:

- **A new K-4 elementary school.** With 72,000 square feet of space, the new school will relieve overcrowding at South Ridge and Union Ridge, two of the state's largest elementary schools.
- **A new 5-6 intermediate school.** Phase I of a multi-phase process to build a shared campus complex that would house an intermediate school serving Grades 5-6 and a middle school serving Grades 7-8. Phase I would build a 50,000 square foot intermediate school that would relieve overcrowding at Sunset Ridge Intermediate.

- **High school expansion.** New classrooms for general education to slow the need for additional portables. A new vocational education building is needed to replace the existing one which is 44 years old. Building new is expected to be less expensive than a full renovation and will deliver a learning environment that more effectively supports current industry standards. The existing vocational education building will be re-purposed to support the district's warehouse and facilities department, both of which have grown considerably as student enrollment continues to increase.
- **Elementary playgrounds.** Accessible, inclusive playgrounds at South Ridge and Union Ridge elementary schools

Learn more about the 2020 bond program. Visit the bond information page on the district website by visiting <https://rsdbond2020.weebly.com>.



1760 new students by 2023-2024

That is a 55% increase in enrollment!

Doing **NOTHING** is
NOT an **OPTION**.



* This includes portables already owned and in use by the district.

Family Resource Center News

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who faithfully donates to and supports the Ridgefield Family Resource Center. We could not assist students and their families without your help.

Thank you to Union Ridge for organizing a successful SOCKtober drive! It is wonderful to have new socks to share with our students! We are also grateful to the Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation for another successful Turkey Trot. Huge thanks to all of the sponsors and the participants in this amazing annual event. A portion of the proceeds goes to the Family

Resource Center along with the 522 pounds of food that was donated. THANK YOU!!!

The Family Resource Center's drop-in hours are:
Mondays 1:00-5:00pm
Wednesdays 12:00- 4:00pm
Thursdays 1:00-6:30pm

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 the hours we're open, please contact me at 360-619-1412 or christine.poppert@ridgefieldsd.org.

--Chris Poppert
Director



Over 600 participants signed up for this year's Turkey Trot!



Chris Poppert and Georgianna Jones with the food donations collected on Turkey Trot race day. In total, over 500 lbs of food was received.

Stay Connected

Want to know the latest on what's happening in Ridgefield schools? There are lots of ways to connect!

Check out our free mobile app for iPhone and Android. Learn about upcoming events, school activities, district and school news, and emergency notifications. Download Ridgefield School District, WA at Google Play or the Apple App Store.

Prefer social media? We're there too! Follow us to hear all the amazing things going on in our schools.

Facebook: RidgefieldSchools
Twitter: RidgefieldSD
Instagram: @ridgefieldsd



Athletics/Activities Update

HIGH SCHOOL FALL UPDATES:

FOOTBALL:

- o 6-5 overall record
- o State appearance in final round of 16
- o All league
- Scott Rice-Coach of the Year
- 1st Team:** Hunter Abrams, Trey Knight, Matt Torres, Clay Madsen, Spenser Harmon
- 2nd Team:** Aiden Hundt, Malaki Katsuta, Jon Ketels, Dylan Parton, Tanner Roberts, Matt Torres

VOLLEYBALL:

- o 21-0 Record
- o League/District/State Champions
- o All-league
- Delaney Nicoll-Player of the Year

- 1st Team:** Allie Andrew, Emilia Stepaniuk
- 2nd Team:** Kohana Fukuchi, Emily Borgstedt

SOCCER:

- o 18-5 overall record
- o 3rd place in state
- o All-league
- Annika Farley-Offensive Player of the Year

- 1st Team:** Elizabeth Farley, Brooke Weese
- 2nd Team:** Paytn Barnette, Claire Jones

CROSS COUNTRY:

- o State appearance by both teams
- o All-league
- 1st Team:** Max Recker, Branden Wise, Jane Kurbrich
- 2nd Team:** Grace Goode, Ariel Griffith, Shelby Fisher, Ethan McQuivey, Joey Blick

GOLF:

- o District Champions
- o Sending 5 to state in May-Cade Bringhurst, Caden Whitsitt, Cruz Combs, Eli Saenz, Nick Radosevich

- o All-league
- Cade Bringhurst-Player of the Year

- 1st Team:** Nick Radosevich
- 2nd Team:** Eli Saenz, Cruz Combs, Caden Whitsitt

TENNIS:

- o Going to state in May will be doubles Jonah Kropp/Mikey Nester

- o All-league
- 1st Team Singles:** Derek Kropp
- 2nd Team Singles:** Nathan Neil, Sam Borgmeyer
- 2nd Team Doubles:** Jonah Kropp/Mikey Nester, Peyton Yager/Ryan Gruber

WINTER UPDATES:

- Middle School Girls Basketball: began 10/28 (54 girls)
- Middle School Wrestling: began 10/28 (20 wrestlers)
- Middle School Boys Basketball: begins 1/6/2020
- High School Girls Bowling: began 11/4 (15 bowlers)
- High School Girls Gymnastics: began 11/11 (14 gymnasts)
- High School Basketball/Wrestling: began 11/18 (GBB 29, BBB 33, WR 44)
- Knowledge Bowl and Speech and Debate in season

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Seniors that have signed to play collegiate sports:
- o Trey Knight, USC (Hammer)
- o Delaney Nicoll, University of Idaho (Volleyball)
- o Brooke Weese, Concordia University (Soccer)
- o Annika Farley, University of Portland (Soccer)
- o Josh Mansur, Clark College (Baseball)

--Bryan Shipley
Athletic &
Activities Director



RHS Cross Country Team



Signing day for Delaney Nicoll, Annika Farley and Brooke Weese.



RHS Volleyball Team

Upcoming Music Events

SR 3RD GRADE MUSIC CONCERT
Dec 18, 6:00 pm, South Ridge

RHS WINTER BAND CONCERT
Dec 19, 7:00 pm, RHS PAC

CLARK COLLEGE JAZZ FESTIVAL
Jan 23-25, Clark College

RHS JAZZ BAND CONCERT
Jan 23, 7:00 pm, RHS PAC

UR 3RD GRADE MUSIC CONCERT
Jan 28, 6:30 pm, RHS PAC

6TH GRADE BAND CONCERT
Jan 29, 6:30 pm, RHS PAC

5TH GRADE BAND CONCERT
Jan 30, 6:30 pm, RHS PAC

NORTH COUNTY HONOR BAND CONCERT
Feb 1, 6:00 pm, Hockingson High School

UR 2ND GRADE MUSIC CONCERT
Feb 27, 6:30 pm, RHS PAC

SPOTLIGHT ON SEL: Social Emotional Learning

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 Second Step and gratitude.

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.

To support the development of SEL skills, all schools K-8 use the Second Step curriculum. Second Step is a classroom-based universal support and typically covers skills such as: skills for learning (listening, focusing attention, being assertive, etc.), values and goals, empathy, emotion management, and problem-solving/peer conflict. The goal of Second Step is to increase students' school success-socially, emotionally, behaviorally, and academically-and decrease problem behaviors by promoting social-emotional competence and self-regulation skills.

Second Step also has a bullying prevention unit specifically designed to teach students how to Recognize, Refuse, and Report bullying behaviors. Leading up to Unity Day on October 23, all students in grades K-6 received the Second Step bullying prevention lessons.

To further support SEL development, several classes at South Ridge Elementary are discussing gratitude. Each week in their classroom, students have

time to reflect on their week, identify what they are grateful for that week, and take time to write in their gratitude journal. Every Friday in Mrs. Stinson's third grade classroom, students write in their journal and have a conversation on what it means to practice gratitude. Many students indicated prior to journaling they did not know what gratitude meant, and since the implementation of gratitude journals, now use it at home and at school. One student shared, "now that we are using gratitude journals, it has changed how I think about things. I try to think about things I am grateful for during the week that I will write in my journal on Friday; when I feel bored, I think instead about what I am grateful for."

Students also have the opportunity to learn from one another; a student reported that when other students choose to share what they are grateful for, it gives her new ideas and ways that she is also grateful but did not initially recognize prior to the classroom discussion.

--Teresa Vance
Assistant Director
SEL, PBIS



Second Step helps students develop SEL skills.



Third graders in Mrs. Stinson's class learn about gratitude by keeping a journal.

BEAN WATER

COFFEE \$2, \$2.25, \$2.50
COFFEE REFILL \$0.50
AMERICANO DOUBLE SHOT \$2.75
AMERICANO TRIPLE SHOT \$3.25
BREVE \$4.35, \$5.15, \$6
CAPPUCCINO \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50
FRAPPUCCINO \$4, \$4.50, \$5
HOT CHOCOLATE \$3, \$3.50, \$4
LATTE \$3.25, \$3.75, \$4.25
LATTE (FLAVORED) \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50
LONDON FOG \$3.25, \$3.75, \$4.25
MOCHA \$3.75, \$4.25, \$4.75
STEAMER \$2, \$2.50, \$3
GO BOX WITH 10 - 12 OZ. CUPS \$20

LEAF WATER

CHAI TEA \$3.25, \$3.50, \$3.75
ITALIAN SODA \$2.25, \$2.75, \$3.25
HOT TEA \$2, \$2.25, \$2.50

MUNICIPAL WATER

SODA \$1.25
BANG \$2.50
BOTTLED BEVERAGE \$1.50
WATER \$1
SPARKLING WATER \$1.50

ENHANCERS

ENERGY BUZZ (24 OZ) \$4.50
ENERGY (2 PUMPS) \$0.75
MACADAMIA MILK OR HEMP MILK \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50
NECTAR FLAVORINGS (2 PUMPS) \$0.65
VANILLA, HONEY, WATERMELON, FRENCH RASPBERRY, HAZELNUT, SALTED CARAMEL, PEPPERMINT, PEACH, PUMPKIN SPICE



THE BIRDS
+ THE BEANS
A COFFEE REFUGE

INSIDE THE RACC
510 PIONEER STREET
RIDGEFIELD
7 AM - 4 PM
MON - FRI

FERTILIZER

BISCOTTI \$2.50 MINI BAG \$4.75
CAKE BOMB \$3.85
POPCORN \$3, \$6
SINGLE SERVE DESSERT \$5.50

SANDWICHES (CHANGES FREQUENTLY):

- CHICKEN WRAP WITH MANGO SALSA \$!
- TURKEY CRANBERRY ON CROISSANT \$5
- VEGGIE WRAP \$9

SALADS (CHANGES FREQUENTLY):

- CAESAR SALAD WITH SHAVED PARMESAN, TOMATOES, CANDIED PECANS \$5
- CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD \$8
- FALL CHICKEN SALAD WITH FETA, CRANBERRIES, CANDIED PECANS, & BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE \$8

December 2019

District Policy Changes

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 11/12/19

3520 Student Fees Fines or Charges

Board Meeting 12/10/19

6975 Coffee Shop Program
1400 Meeting Conduct, Order of Business and Quorum

