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Greetings Ridgefield Families,

Here is the latest news, information, and updates. Starting yesterday, the Ridgefield School District implemented a student meal service for all students ages 0-18 at Union Ridge and South Ridge. On the first day, we served 41 students, and today we served 94 students. As we see the need increasing, we will continue to look for ways to expand our service model. Stay tuned for more information.

The District is proud to share with you today that one of our learning partners, Imagine Learning, is providing a license for all K-6 students in the District. Imagine Learning is an online language and literacy tool, tailored to each child's individual learning needs. More information is attached to this letter.

The District understands the educational impact that comes with a six-week school closure. With that in mind, we are in the process of preparing practice and resource packets to help families as we all work collectively to support our children.

Many of the resources today are online, requiring computer devices and broadband connectivity. We know this presents an obstacle for some of our families. The District has student Chromebooks scheduled for replacement after the academic year. With schools closed, the technology department is working hard to ready these devices for distribution to students through our Ridgefield Family Resource Center. Please email Chris Poppert at chris.poppert@ridgefieldsd.org to get your name on the list if your child lacks a device. We will let you know as soon as they are available for distribution.

I encourage families in need of internet access to read the following link, highlighting Comcast's efforts to provide Xfinity WiFi: https://www.kgw.com/article/news/local/technology/comcast-free-hotspots-waives-late-fees-coronavirus/283-98060649-cad0-4893-b634-c291bc70182b

COVID-19 and the actions we are taking to fight the virus are unprecedented in my lifetime. However, tough times have a way of bringing out the best in people. In Ridgefield, we spend a lot of time talking about the three R's, Responsible, Respectful, Resilient. Although the efforts the District has made to combat the virus has disrupted our daily routines, I see example after example of resiliency in action. The District is known for our PursuingPremier hashtag. While we pull together during this national crisis, the District will conclude social media posts with #RidgefieldResilient. I encourage each of you to join the District and use this hashtag to share inspiring stories of resilience that you observe.

Stay healthy and thank you for your continued support of our schools and community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nathan McCann
Superintendent

Dear Parent or Caregiver,

Welcome! Your student has been enrolled in Imagine Language & Literacy for the rest of this school year! Imagine Language & Literacy is an adaptive, interactive program that teaches language and literacy concepts at your student's level and helps them practice what they've learned. To learn more about Imagine Language & Literacy, visit **www.imaginelearning.com/ programs/ language-and-literacy**.

Your Student's Experience in Imagine Language & Literacy

Imagine Language & Literacy uses engaging, interactive games, books, songs, and videos to teach language and literacy concepts like letters and sounds, rhyming, vocabulary, spelling, reading comprehension skills, and more. When your student starts in Imagine Language & Literacy, they take a Benchmark Assessment (chosen by your school district) which identifies their current skill level and places them on their own personalized learning path. As your student uses Imagine Language & Literacy, it adapts to their performance level, helping them learn and practice the skills they need.

When your student answers questions correctly, they earn virtual tokens to play additional games, spend time in the Imagine Language & Literacy reward environments, and customize their avatar. Imagine Language & Literacy also provides audio language support in 15 languages to help English language learners.

Using Imagine Language & Literacy at Home

Your student can access Imagine Language & Literacy in a web browser from any computer or tablet (no smartphones) by logging in with the URL and login information below . Or you can download the Imagine Learning Student application to Chromebooks from the **Chrome Web Store**, to iPads from the **App Store**, and to Android devices from **Google Play** and **Amazon**.

Check **support.imaginelearning.com/ imagine-language-literacy/ system-requirements** to ensure your computer or tablet meets the minimum technical requirements. To maintain your student's unique, personalized learning path and report accurate growth and progress, only students who are officially enrolled in Imagine Language & Literacy should use it from home.

Supporting Your Student's Progress

You can help your student succeed by being involved in their Imagine Language & Literacy experience. **Encourage your student to use Imagine Language & Literacy at home.** Provide a distraction-free workspace and encourage your student to be thoughtful and attentive as they play the interactive activities.

Need internet access

Low-income families who are in an area with Comcast service can sign up for **Internet Essentials** and, as new customers, are eligible for 60 days of free service. The service, which is normally available for $9.95 to qualified low-income customers, will also see an increase in speed, which will provide faster internet access.

IMAGINE LANGUAGE & LITERACY LOGIN

Student: _____

Go to **app.imaginelearning.com** and log in.

Username: _____

Password: _____

Site Code: _____