



South Ridge Selected for National Title I Award

South Ridge Elementary has been selected for the 2017-18 National Title I, Part A Distinguished School Award. The district learned of the news last week from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

South Ridge earned the national designation for placing high on the list of U.S. schools for demonstrating a wide array of strengths, including team approaches to teaching and learning, focused professional development oppoortunities for staff, individualized and multi-tiered systems of approach for student success, and strong partnerships between the school, parents and the community,

In addition, it earned recognition in the state of Washington as a Distinguished School for its Title I, Part A program for exceptional student performance in English Language Arts in Smarter Balanced testing based on student growth percentiles (SGP) and state average scores for two or more years.

"The award reflects South Ridge's unwavering commitment to do whatever it takes to help its students excel," said Tiffany Gould, district Federal Programs Director. "South Ridge maintained exceptional student performance even through the rapid enrollment growth it has experienced."

"The South Ridge staff works extremely hard to support all students," said Todd Graves, South Ridge Elementary principal. "As we pursue our goals of becoming the state's premier district, I would like to thank the entire roadrunner community for a job well done! Go Roadrunners!"

Said Superintendent Nathan McCann, "I am proud of the hard work and dedication demonstrated by the South Ridge staff and students and am pleased that they are being recognized for their efforts in earning this exceptional national designation for their school."

The school will receive a \$10,000 award for the national recognition and \$5,000 for its statewide recognition. A team representing South Ridge will be recognized at the 2018 National Title I Conference in Philadelphia in February.



IMPORTANT DATES

SEP 14

STAKEHOLDER MEETING - RHS EXPANSION LIFE SKILLS
3:00-4:30
RHS - ROOM 301

SEP 26

STAKEHOLDER MEETING - RHS EXPANSION GENERAL EDUCATION
3:00-4:30
RHS - ROOM 301

SEP 20

STAKEHOLDER MEETING - RHS EXPANSION LIBRARY
3:00-4:30
RHS - ROOM 301

SEP 28

STAKEHOLDER MEETING - RHS EXPANSION SCIENCE (MEETING #2)
3:00-4:30
RHS - ROOM 301

SEP 21

STAKEHOLDER MEETING - RHS EXPANSION FINE ARTS
3:00-4:30
RHS - ROOM 301

OCT 26

OCTOBER 26 AND 27 EARLY RELEASE
ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY

SEP 23

EXPERIENCE RIDGEFIELD
3:00-7:30
RHS
Celebrate Ridgefield's proud past, prosperous present, and promising future.

NOV 30

NOVEMBER 30, DEC 1 AND 4 EARLY RELEASE
ELEMENTARY ONLY

Sports Complex Groundbreaking



Rendering of the Ridgefield Outdoor Sports Complex

"This is going to be the signature outdoor recreation complex in all of Southwest Washington."

Superintendent Nathan McCann

On Thursday, August 31, the City of Ridgefield held a groundbreaking ceremony to officially begin construction of the Ridgefield Outdoor Sports Complex.

The new complex is part of the district's \$78 million bond which Ridgefield residents passed with 68.82 percent of the vote in February.

However, because of the school district's partnership with the city, funding for the sports complex will come from the city.

"The guiding concept is one plus one equals three," said Bryan Kast, the city's public works director. "We can build more together than separately."

The city and the district have been talking about working together on a sports complex since early 2015. The partnership saves money for both parties.

Superintendent Nathan McCann says that it allows the district to compete in an economy with rising construction costs.

"It allows us to stay within our budget and complete the project entirely," said McCann. "It supports the mission of both instead of us having duplicated facilities where neither would be as good on their own."

When completed, the new sports complex will be available for use by the district and residents of the Ridgefield community. In addition, it could attract regional sports tournaments.

The complex will feature six multi-purpose turf sports fields that can be used for baseball, softball, soccer, football and other sports.

There will be a track, an amphitheater and a community center with meeting spaces. In addition, there will be trails and picnic tables throughout the complex.

The Ridgefield Outdoor Sports Complex is scheduled for completion in Fall 2018, in conjunction with the opening of the new 5-8 intermediate school campus.

Construction of the new 5-8 school complex continues to progress. Its Media Center and Commons are taking shape with recent installations of structural steel and roof trusses.

Continue to follow the district's Facebook page for live updates and visit http://emerick.com/RSD_Intermediate_School.html# for the latest construction information.

Other District News

Experience Ridgefield

Get ready for some old-fashioned, small-town fun as the district prepares to host Experience Ridgefield on Saturday, September 23.

The community carnival, set to take place at RHS from 3:00-7:30 pm celebrates Ridgefield's proud past, prosperous present and promising future.

The event will have numerous food vendors, exhibits and displays, a game truck, inflatables such as bubble soccer and a bouncy house, face painting, potato sack races, karaoke music, a Mr. Potato Head contest, a selfie photo booth and much more.

In the evening, there will be a showing of "The Goonies" under the stars at the RHS football stadium.

The district is grateful to lead sponsor, Holbrook Concrete Construction Inc. and activity sponsors LSW Architects,

iQ Credit Union, American Building Maintenance (ABM) and Emerick Construction for their support of this event.

District Survey

To prepare for continued growth and the opening of new schools, the district is exploring possible adjustments to school attendance boundaries and school start times for Fall 2018.

Parents and staff are invited to participate in a district survey that will help provide valuable feedback for consideration in the decision-making process.

The survey can be accessed and submitted online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/HDT96rGRdGAc063g2>.

Interested in serving on the Boundary and Start Time Committee? Application information is available at the end of the survey. Thanks for your participation!

Athletics Update



We are off and running in all sports, including two new programs. Eleven boys make up the new RHS Boys Tennis program under the leadership of Coach Andrea Kropp. Twenty-nine girls turned out for the inaugural Girls' Soccer Team at View Ridge Middle School. Melissa McCann and Tatsuya Kee coach the teams.

Other programs have high numbers as well, with over 50 boys playing football at View Ridge. Three volleyball teams have formed at RHS; five teams at View Ridge.

The Spudder volleyball team will work hard

to maintain their status as current defending league champions.

The Cross Country programs continue to flourish with Nick Crouch and Angela Shields providing top training for our runners, defending Greater St. Helens League and District 4 champions.

Boys' Golf is coming off a victory over league champion, Columbia River.

The Spudder football team will be tested this season with their sights set on a post-season berth.



Family Resource Center

The Back to School Bash on August 26 was a huge hit! Special thanks to Compassion 360 and other local churches, businesses and the 85 volunteers who made it a special day for families.

A total of 285 students received school supplies and clothing at the event. In addition, 21 sports physicals were given, and nine immunizations were administered, along with 40 haircuts. Everyone had a blast in the Kid Zone with games, face painting and inflatables.



Family Resource Center New Fall Hours

Monday: 1:00-3:30 pm,
Wednesday: 1:00-3:30 pm
Thursday: 5:00-6:30 pm

Community Education

Our first Wellness program of the 17-18 school year is our new Couch to 5K program designed for everyone, whether you walk/run or call yourself a "couch spud."

This nine-week program will prepare you to participate in the annual Ugly Sweater Fun Run--right here in downtown Ridgefield,

You will have a variety of guest coaches and speakers share their unique knowledge as the program progresses. There will be something for everyone!

The program is \$50, but staff members can register for the reduced fee of \$30.

This includes all nine weeks of workouts, and for those who complete the program, registration for the Ugly Sweater Run. What a great deal! It's a great opportunity to improve your health and wellness and work towards your fitness goals.

No excuses! Invest in yourself. Gather some friends and co-workers and do it together.

Registration form is available on the Community Education web page. Staff members need to complete the paper form to receive the reduced fee.

District Policy Update

For the last few months, the Ridgefield School District has been reviewing the district's policies and procedures for accuracy, relevance, and alignment to current Washington state laws.

We are pleased to share with you the following list of policies and procedures which were recently revised and approved by the district's Board of Directors. These policies and procedures are now available for your review on the district website at www.ridgefieldsd.org.

The following list organizes the revised policies and procedures according to the school board meeting in which they were approved:

Board Meeting 6.27.17

- 3232** Parent and Student Rights in Administration of Surveys, Analysis or Evaluation
- 3235** Protection of Student Personal Information
- 5251** Conflicts of Interest
- 6230** Relations with Vendors
- 6700** Nutrition, Health, and Physical Fitness

Board Meeting 7.11.17

- 5409** Unpaid Holiday for Reason of Faith or Conscience



We would like your comics to be featured in the news letter! Interested? Submit your artwork as a JPG (high quality scan or photo please) to carolyn.enos@ridgefieldsd.org

If your comic is **school appropriate**, it may be published for the community to see!

Submit your comic by **November 27** to be considered for our next newsletter. Look back here for the winners each quarter.