

November 6, 2020

Dear Ridgefield Families,

I would like to start this week's letter with a heartfelt thank you to every Ridgefield School District family. As a District, we have strived for increased parental feedback. I enjoy the opportunity to visit with and meet as many families as possible. However, it seems that this year, most of that feedback is being gathered via electronic surveys due to in-person restrictions. While not nearly the same interpersonal connection, the information is no less valuable. I want to let you know where we currently are with two of our surveys.

Recently we asked all secondary students to take part in a survey to identify what they needed to feel supported at school. We have shared those results with building principals. They are currently analyzing site-based information and working with staff to identify areas of improvement. Earlier this year, we asked all families to complete a questionnaire related to social/emotional barriers. School counselors and Connection Center mentors have been working tirelessly to connect with students and families. Also, we have partnered with Kevin Ashworth, LPC, Clinical Director of NW Anxiety Pediatrics, to lead an informational night title, ["How to Spot Anxiety in Your Child and What You Can Do About It."](#) I encourage you to set time aside on Monday, November 9th, at 5:00 to join this engaging discussion.

Next Wednesday, November 11th, all District schools will be closed in honor of Veteran's Day. The Ridgefield School District would like to thank all our Veterans, including my dad and Ridgefield resident Gene McCann, who served our country for 20 years in the United States Navy. Thank you, Dad!

The Columbian shared an interesting [Clark County Public Health data table](#) in today's (November 6, 2020) paper. In short, the data is indicating that a leading cause of community spread is coming from private social gatherings of 2-10 individuals. The longer we battle COVID-19, the more susceptible we all are to relax our adherence to COVID mitigation strategies...especially amongst friends. Please remember to continue using social distancing practices and wear your masks. Together we can do our part to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

As always, stay well and remain #RidgefieldResilient.

Sincerely,



Dr. Nathan McCann  
Superintendent