

Website Update, January 7, 2022

2021-2022 School Year

Calendar Reminders

January 17	Martin Luther King Day---No School
February 18	Blended Learning (Remote Day)/Professional Development
February 21	President's Day---No School
March 11	Staff Work Day---No School
March 25	Blended Learning (Remote Day)/Professional Development

Blended Learning/Professional Development Days

Ridgewood Local Schools will be operating on Blended Learning Day (Remote) on February 18 and March 25, 2022. Schools will be closed to students on those two days, and students will engage in remote learning. The students will complete blended learning activities on School Safety (Alice) as well as Kindness/Respect. The blended learning activity may be online or paper. The blended learning activities will be distributed and collected by the students' 1st period/homeroom teacher for grades K-10. Students in grade 11 and 12 will receive an email notification with their activities. Completion of blended learning activity will count towards students' attendance for Friday, February 18. Staff members will be involved in professional development covering School Safety and Instructional Framework

CORAS Outstanding Elementary Teacher

On Wednesday, January 12, 2022, on the Zane State College/Ohio University Campus, the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS) will recognize Connie Kinsey with the 2022 Outstanding Elementary Teacher Star Polisher Award. Connie Kinsey is an Intervention Specialist/Title Specialist at Ridgewood Elementary School. The Coalition of Rural and Appalachian School has a 34 year tradition of advocating and supporting public schools in our region.

Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School is a grant the West Lafayette Village is working on. If awarded, it could include new sidewalks, crosswalks and signing to provide a safer way to walk or bike throughout the village. As part of the application process for grant funding, we would like for parents and caregivers of students in the district to complete a survey. The survey only takes 5-10 minutes and families need only complete one survey per school building their children attends. [Click here for the survey.](#)

Calamity Days (Snow Days)

Our decision to close school due to weather is based solely on the safety of our students and staff. We utilize data from multiple sources such as weather reports, local and state road conditions as well as contact with area school superintendents when closing school.

We will use a variety of communication avenues when delaying or closing. We will post closings and delays on our school district app as well as our website www.ridgewood.k12.oh.us. We will also utilize our call system. School closings and/ or delays will be notified if possible the prior evening or by 5:30 a.m. It is important to update any changes to your phone with our Central Office at 545-6354. In addition, closing and delays will be reported to the following radio stations WTNS, WTUZ, WJER and television stations WHIZ, NBC4, 10WBNS and ABC6/Fox.

We will utilize blizzard bags on snow day 8, 9 and 10. Blizzard bag information/assignments will be sent home with your child or may be found on the district website. Teachers will be available via email on blizzard bag days during normal school hours.

Mask to Stay/ Test to Play

Ridgewood Local School will now be following Ohio Department of Health in-school alternative to quarantining students and school staff at home who have been exposed to COVID-19 in a school environment to support in-school learning and reduce the strain. Eligibility to participate in Mask to Stay/Test to Play is contingent on the exposure being in the school setting or school-related activities. This does not apply to household exposures or exposures outside of the school setting or school-related activities. [Click here](#) for more information regarding Mask to Stay/Test to Play option.

Back to School and Athletic Forms

Back to school forms as well as athletic forms may now be completed online using the Parent Portal located at the www.ridgewood.k12.oh.us. If you need help, please contact your child's school building.

Building Hours

Our buildings will be open on student days from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Ridgewood Elementary School	740-545-5312
Ridgewood Middle School	740-545-6335
Ridgewood High School	740-545-6345
Ridgewood Local Schools	740-545-7639