

Update, October 2, 2020

2020-2021 School Year

Calendar Reminders

October 5/6 Fair Break (Students will not be in session)
We wish all junior fair participants good luck!!!

October 23: 2 Hour Student Early Release/End of First 9 Weeks
November 6: Staff In-Service (Students will not be in session)
December 18: 2 Hour Student Early Release/End of Second 9 Weeks
March 12: Staff In-Service (Students will not be in session) End of Third 9 Weeks

Ohio Department of Education

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) would like to invite you to participate in a short, 25 question survey about your involvement in your student's education. Research suggests that parental involvement is a key predictor of positive educational outcomes. You may be eligible to participate if your child has an IEP and receives special education services. The purpose of collecting this information is to improve services for students with disabilities across Ohio. If you are eligible to participate and you enroll in the study, you will be entered in a drawing for several \$50 Amazon gift cards. Your chance of winning a gift card is approximately 2.0%. Please click on this link https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8xj6a3rJ8hUevNH. Click on the link for parent/guardian letter.

OHSAA Observer's Program

The Ohio High School Athletic Association has launched a COVID-19 Observer's Program at the strong recommendation of the Governor's Office. Observers are designated individuals who are attending contests throughout the state to ensure mandates in the Ohio Health Director's Order are being followed. Ridgewood was observed on Friday, September 25 at our football game against Claymont. The observer made contact with our Athletic Director/Compliance Officer Matt Colvin prior to the contest and provided us feedback regarding any violations he observed. We receive a perfect score. The observer indicated that the plan set forth by RHS Athletic Director and their school staff was excellent. He indicated that our football players, band members as well as our cheerleaders and coaching staff did an excellent job maintaining social distancing and wearing of face mask throughout the course of the contest. The observer's report also indicated that our signs and arrows made it very transparent where spectators had to sit and where they would enter and exit the facility. He concluded by thanking us for making his job easy indicating it was genuinely one of the best if not the best set up and execution plans that he has seen so far. I would like to personally thank the following people: Matt Colvin, Ed Huff, Kevin Lott, our coaches and advisors, our band members, cheerleaders and football players. And special thank you to all the parents, family members and community members that have supported our athletes and band members during these contest. We appreciate your support and sacrifices for our students.

School Meals

Ridgewood Local School District will **NOW offer a free breakfast and lunch** to all students. **Free lunch will be provided to all students effective on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 until December 18, 2020 or until funds end.** Participating in the free breakfast and lunch program helps Ridgewood Local Schools.

Ridgewood Elementary School breakfast will be served when the students entering the building in the morning. Ridgewood Middle School and Ridgewood High School students will pick up their grab and go breakfast in the cafeteria and proceed to their 1st period class. All three school buildings will serve lunch in the cafeteria with students eating either in the cafeteria, classroom and/or gym. Due to the current health situation, we will not have a share cart or microwave/toaster for student use.

Remote Learning student may begin to pick up their meals on Friday, September 11 at Ridgewood Middle School from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Stoffer at michelle.stoffer@ridgewood.k12.oh.us

Muskingum Valley Health Centers

The MVHC Clinic, located in the module behind the elementary school, will open on September 1. View the [MVHC School-Based Health Program Video](#) on the district website for information on the MVHC School-Linked Health Care Program. Parents/ Guardians must complete the [MVHC Electronic Docusign Forms](#) for their students to participate in the program. You will find the Docusign Forms on the district website. The program also provides health care to the community. An appointment can be scheduled by calling 1-888-454-5157.

Operating Hours:

Ridgewood Students: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

General Public: Monday-Friday 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Building Hours and Restrictions

We are restricting visitors to all buildings at this time. If you need anything, please call your child's school building or central office. Our buildings are open from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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

Everything is subject to change. We will reassess our Reopening Guidelines weekly.