

Update, June 29, 2020

2020-2021 School Year

We are anxiously awaiting Governor DeWine's press conference on Tuesday, June 30 to hear the guidelines for the re-opening of Ohio public schools. We are planning to post Re-Opening Guidelines for our next update on July 6. The guidelines will be based on the Governor DeWine order for re-opening Ohio schools.

We have made an amendment to our school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. Students first day in the buildings will be Wednesday, August 26. This will provide our staff four additional days to prepare for the new school year. We plan on using Tuesday, August 25 as a student connectivity day. Our staff will be emailing and zooming students on that day to assess school to home connectivity in case we are ordered to remote learning in the future. We are very excited about the start of the new school year with our students. Our administration staff has been working smart and hard in preparing for next school year. We will be prepared for all available options such as regular schedule, alternate days as well as remote learning. We are also aware that some parents and guardians might not feel comfortable sending their child back to a regular schedule school day for a variety of reasons. We will work with you and your child to provide remote learning. We do not want to lose your child to online school or homeschooling without school support. Currently, we have an online program for our high school students and will expand it for our elementary and middle school students. We will continue to update communication weekly through our website and app. If you are thinking about continuing remote learning with your child, please contact me at mike.masloski@ridgewood.k12.oh.us or by phone at 740-545-7639.

Skills Training for HS Athletes

Per guidance from the Coshocton County Health Department any student that travels out of state will have to refrain from school activities for a two week period after returning home. Lt. Governor Husted announced on June 18 new "Responsible ReStart" for contact sport practices and non-contact sport competitions. Contact sports may now have intra-team scrimmages. Competitive games and tournaments are permitted for non-contact sports only such as baseball and softball. Under the leadership of our Athletic Director, Matt Colvin, our coaches and student-athletes have done a tremendous job following the Responsible Restart Ohio guidelines. Contact sports will begin the new guidelines starting Monday, June 29.

Summer Band/Musical

Mr. Lindig has been in contact with the marching band students through the BAND app and also through email. Students should have received a summer schedule in their school email. Please contact Mr. Lindig at john.lindig@ridgewood.k12.oh.us if your child did not receive a calendar and was planning to be in the marching band. If your child received a calendar and is not planning to do marching band please let Mr. Lindig know that as soon as possible through his email. We are working hard to keep our band students safe and give them a rewarding experience.

Ms. Collins and Ms. Evans will have the following announcement: Until Governor DeWine provides guidelines for having an audience inside for theatrical and sports events, it seems premature for us to begin practice and set performance dates for this summer. There will be a google form coming concerning what you want to do about t-shirts (if you still want them or if you want a refund). 2020 *Mamma Mia* cast, please note, we haven't given up on a chance to go to Donna's taverna! We are not yet conceding that the show will not happen sometime in 2020 so keep track of your rehearsal materials and costumes!

RES Playground/RMS Outdoor Basketball Courts

Our elementary playground is open and our outdoor basketball courts will open on July 1. If you plan on using our playground or basketball courts you must follow the guidelines for Responsible RestartOhio Consumer, Retail, Services and Entertainment.

MVHC Onsite Clinic

Muskingum Valley Health Centers (MVHC) has partnered with Ridgewood Local School District to provide a School-Based Health Center located on the campus of Ridgewood Local Schools to provide complete healthcare and behavioral health services to students during school hours. The School-Based Health Center will also provide care to the community after school hours by appointment. The School-Based Health Center will operate Monday-Friday and is scheduled to open this August.

Muskingum Valley Health Centers (MVHC) offers a School Health Program centered on providing comprehensive primary care services including pediatric, adolescent, and behavioral health care to students. This community-based model of care is designed to provide affordable, age-appropriate, confidential, convenient care to students. MVHC medical staff and providers will treat illness, as well as providing preventative care and well-child services.

Ridgewood Local Schools New Athletic Complex

Ridgewood Local School District's new athletic complex is near complete. The new athletic complex will consist of locker room, weight room/fitness center, multipurpose center and a meeting room. We would like to thank our general contractor Hathaway Inc. for a tremendous job. We are very proud that every single contractor on this job was local that lives and works in the community. The following are the local contractors that contribute to the building project: Phillip A. Wagner-plumbing, Johnson's Plumbing and Heating-HVAC, William Albert Excavating, Specialty Roofing, Bice Masonry, Fisher's Painting, J & R Door, Hischer-Clark-electrical. Building materials and supplies were purchased through Coshocton Lumber and Baird Concrete. Finally we would like to thank our Board of Education as well as The Block R Foundation for their financial support of this project. We are looking forward to having an open house in the future.

The Block R Foundation is currently installing flooring for the weightroom and lockers in the lockerroom. The Block R Foundations will be pouring exterior concrete in July for the outside of the building. We would like to thank the Block R Foundation for all their financial support for this project.

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. If no one answers, please leave a voicemail.

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

Calendar of Events

- RHS Prom: Suspended
- RHS Musical: TBD
- Students first day for '20-'21 school year August 26
- 8th grade DC trip: Spring 2021
- RHS NY City trip: Spring 2021

Everything is subject to change. We will reassess the calendar of events weekly.