

Website Update, March 11, 2022

2021-2022 School Year

Calendar Reminders

March 25	Blended Learning (Remote Day)/Professional Development
April 13-15	Easter Break
May 22	Graduation

MVESC Recognition Ceremony honors Ridgewood Students and Teachers

On March 9, 2022 at Secrest Auditorium in Zanesville, two students and two teachers at Ridgewood Local Schools were recognized for their outstanding service in the classroom by the Muskingum Valley Education Service Center.

Gabe Tingle, a senior at Ridgewood High School was awarded the Franklin B. Walter winner. Gabe is the son of Jay and Jana Tingle of West Lafayette. He is ranked first in his class. Gabe is a multi-sport athlete and a leader in his school and community. Gabe has received numerous awards for his academic and athletic talents, including Division Five Offensive Player of the Year and Academic All-Ohio for Football. Gabe plans to obtain a degree in Business Administration and continue his football career in college. He would like to become an All-American but also be recognized as an Academic All-American too. Once he has attained his educational goal of securing a master's degree, Gabe would like to return to the area and potentially one day take over his father's job as treasurer for the Ridgewood Local School District.

Julia Grimmatt, a senior at Ridgewood High School was chosen as MVESC Outstanding Student. Julie is the daughter of David and Leslie Grimmatt. Julia is a talented musician, vocalist and actress. She earned the Edward E. Montgomery Jr. Piano Competition Junior Division Award. Julia will pursue a bachelor's degree in music composition and production at Kent State-Stark and a career in songwriting.

Julie honored as her Outstanding teacher Mr. John Lindig. Julia says, "The author Mitch Albom wrote, 'Youth, like pristine glass, absorbs the prints of its handlers.' If there's anybody who's made an impression on me, it is my band director Mr. Lindig ... As for a motivating influence, he has been one of the most significant; he has taught me the importance of taking responsibility and having high standards for myself, pushing me always to do my best ... Because when you have a teacher like Mr. Lindig, that is more than enough."

Leslie Dulgar received the Exemplary Educator award from the MVESC. Leslie Dulgar is a school counselor at Ridgewood Middle School. In his recommendation letter, Superintendent Mike Masloski said that "Leslie plays a critical role in the functionality of the middle school and is always looking for additional services that we can offer to our students." Superintendent Masloski added "Being a Ridgewood alumnus allows Leslie to use her experience growing up in the community to connect with students and their families. She can relate to some of the issues they are going through and provide them with a clear roadmap to access any services they may need. She is a fantastic resource for our school and community."

Blended Learning/Professional Development Day

Ridgewood Local Schools will be operating on Blended Learning Day (Remote) on Friday, March 25. Students will engage in remote learning. Students in grades K-10 will complete two blended learning assignments: 1) Math Standardized Assessment (State Math test for Grades 3-10) and 2) Community Service activity. The blended learning activity will be on 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 from Mr. Stoffer with their assignment. Completion of blended learning assignments will count towards students' attendance for Friday, March 25. Students will need to return their completed blended learning assignment on Monday, March 28. Staff members will be involved in professional development covering CPR and First Aid.

Spring State Testing 2022

School districts select 15 consecutive school days, including makeups, within each test window.

- **English language arts** - March 28, 2022 - April 12, 2022
- **Mathematics, science and social studies** - April 18, 2022 - May 6, 2022

Calendar Change/Blizzard Bags 4, 5, and 6

The third nine weeks grading period will be extended to Friday, March 25. Ridgewood Local Schools will have a Blended Learning/Professional Development Day on Friday, March 25. Students will complete a Math and Community Service assignment remotely. Ridgewood Local School staff will be involved in professional development covering CPR and First Aid.

Ridgewood Local School teachers have posted Blizzard Bag assignments on our district website for any potential remote school days. Notifications by our district app, our ALL Call system, and WTNS radio will inform parents, guardians, and students when we will utilize Blizzard Bag 4, 5, or 6 for a student remote day.

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.

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