



Ridge Review
Silver Ridge Elementary
“Be Fit, Be Smart, Be Green”

Marion Gundling
Principal

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We work together
to develop:

P roductive thinkers
R espectful citizens
I ntelligent minds
D edicated individuals and
E xcellence in education

Attendance: 754-323-7502 (before 10 a.m.)

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School Security Hotline: 754-321-0725 (24 hrs.)

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From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents,

All of our professional teachers are continuously upgrading their teaching skills and developing increased levels of content expertise. We are particularly recognizing one teacher that is expanding her expertise beyond her current certification by pursuing college coursework and/or training sessions to become certified in another subject. While doing this she is teaching that subject to students. The teacher is:

Name	Teacher Certification	Additional Subject
Ms. Denise Juranek	Elementary Ed K-6	ESOL

In order to remain in this assignment next year, the teacher will successfully complete the required course within twelve months off the assignment.

Teachers who are School Board-approved out-of-field because they are teaching the primary English class to identified English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)/Limited English Proficient (LEP) students will be completing three semester hours or 60 inservice points of training. The coursework is required by the Multicultural Education Training Advocacy (ETA) Decree each year until all required coursework is completed.

IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE REMINDER

To excuse your child's absence from school, please call our attendance line before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the absence at: 754-323-7502

Three or more consecutive days of absence require a doctor's and/or written note from a parent to excuse.

Email Addresses

Please send in your email addresses as soon as possible. Send the email address with your child’s name to Ms. Hollingsworth if you did not send back the form the first week of school. We are excited to start our transition into a weekly email based Ridge Review. We have received quite a few email addresses but are sure there are more families that would like to communicate through this method. If you do not have an email address please send a letter in writing to Ms. Hollingsworth so we can continue to communicate via the paper Ridge Review. We are anticipating the use of the email addresses for other grade level and school-wide communication.

SAC News

SAC (School Advisory Committee) held their first meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2009. There are a few more parents who have expressed an interest in participating in SAC. We must conduct a vote for membership. If you feel that these individuals would be a great asset to our committee, you do not have to respond. However, if you oppose in any way, please let Lisa Rodriguez know by Tuesday, September 28, 2009. Also, if anyone else is interested in being a SAC member, please send your name to Lisa Rodriguez, the SAC chair.

Robin Dechert
Stacey Kean
Kelly Rothchild
Robyn Katz

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Did you know that students cannot be dismissed between 1:30 and 2:00? If you need to pick up your child before regular dismissal time please be sure to do so before 1:30.

COUNSELOR’S CORNER

Parenting Classes

Ruth Rogge, FDLRS Program Specialist/Parent Services for Broward Public Schools, will offer two different 6 session Parenting series. The Active Parenting Now series, designed for parents of children ages pre-school–age 12, will be presented at Fox Trail Elementary. Fox Trail is located at 1250 Nob Hill Road in Davie. This series begins on Sept. 24 and meets every other Thursday evening until Dec. 3. Times are from 6:30-8:30 pm.

The Active Parenting of Teens series, designed for parents of children ages 12-18, will be presented at the South Area Office Training Room C, 1643 N. Harrison Pkwy, Bldg H, Sunrise, FL. This is very close to the Sawgrass Mills Mall. This series begins on Sept. 22 and meets every other Tuesday until Dec. 8. Times are from 9:30 am-11:30 am. To register, or for further information, contact Ruth Rogge at 754-321-2211 or Ruth.rogge@browardschools.com.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN CLASSROOM GUIDANCE?

(September 2009) Kindergarten students have really done a good job learning the 8 SMARTS and understanding that we all have different strengths. Being able to identify our feelings is the beginning of “Self-Smarts.” In our classroom guidance lesson, Kindergarten students learned about different feelings using the book The Way I Feel by Janan Cain. It is important for our little ones to develop and use a feeling words vocabulary so they can express their feelings accurately. The next step to “Self Smarts” is to help ourselves feel better when we feel a negative emotion such as anger or sadness. The students had lots of suggestions as to how they and their friends could feel better such as hugging a teddy bear, spending time with pets, talking to an adult who cares, and engaging in an activity that calms them down or cheers them up. You can reinforce the development of “Self Smarts” by helping your child develop and use a feeling words vocabulary, acknowledging their feelings as valid, and by reminding them that feelings are not concrete and are always changing. Bad feelings will not last forever. These are just some ways you can encourage them in their attempts to become more independent in the management of their feelings.

Fundraiser News Our Fall fundraiser with EPI is over. If you have not turned in your orders and money, please do so immediately. Please look for an update in next week’s newsletter with the sales totals. We appreciate everyone’s generosity and hard work. If you have any questions, please call Shirley Dickinson at (954)472-8833.

News From Media

Parents please mark your calendars for Tuesday evening, 9/29/09 for an important evening on the ridge. Members of Silver Ridge’s technology committee will provide instruction and support on accessing district and school technology resources. Come and spend the evening learning how to access online textbooks, online databases, curriculum reinforcement and support and the district portal. The evening is structured as a parent learning opportunity. The training will be repeated a second time on Oct. 15th. Please R.S.V.P. your intent to participate to elaine.aaron@browardschools.com

The intermediate students have been diligently checking out and reading this year’s Sunshine State Young Readers Award books. Several parents have told Ms. Aaron that they are reading the books along with their students and enjoying them immensely. All third, fourth and fifth grade students were given a bookmark with the fifteen nominated titles to aid them in keeping track of their reading. Students who read at least 3 of the 15 titles vote for a favorite in April and attend a reading celebration party. Please contact Ms. Aaron if you have any questions about the SSSYA program. Further information, including book annotations, may be found at myssyra.org.

Our biannual Scholastic Bookfair is just around the corner. We will have volunteer sign-ups available at the Volunteer Round-up on Tuesday night. Please consider spending an hour or two sharing a love of literacy with our students during the fair. It will run from Oct. 5 through Oct. 13th.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 22	Volunteer Roundup	6:30pm
Sept 24	Early Release	noon
Sept 28	NO SCHOOL	
Sept 29	Technology Night	

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