



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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From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents,

Report cards will be coming home on November 12th. This is a very important time to reassess procedures for home and school success. We will also be including a Parent Progress Report in your child's report card. We ask that you sit down with your child and have a conversation about the practices in your home related to Academics, Social Development, Responsibility and School Communication. The Progress Report is meant to be a private checklist to examine the practices that positively impact success in school. When you are finished, please tear off the bottom signature part of the checklist and return it in the report card envelope. Your completed checklist is private and should remain at home. It can be used as a guide to modify or increase positive practices for school success at home. In addition, teachers will be reviewing grade level and individual student goals to reassess our own practices.

The stakes are higher than ever, but I remain confident that as a team we can help every child succeed. Have a good week.

IMPORTANT NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The cookie dough/frozen items will arrive on Wednesday, November 4th. PTO will be on the stage in the cafeteria from 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. on that date. Remember, this is a refrigerated product, and we will not be able to store this overnight! If you will not be able to pick up your order, please make arrangements with family or friends to pick it up for you. PTO will not be responsible for any cookie dough that is not picked up during this time!

Our EPI fundraiser products will arrive at the school on Thursday, November 12th.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and help in making this delivery go as smoothly as possible! Please call Shirley Dickinson at (954) 472-8833, if you have any questions. Thanks for all your support! Shirley & Sherri

PTO NEWS

Thanks to all the families and staff that attended Skate Night; everyone had a “SPOOKTACULAR” time! **THANK YOU** Tresha Fletcher and Lisa Kessler for the party room activities, Gloria Schultz, Liezette Abel-Ruffin, Betty Davis, Laura Sanchez, Michele Drucker, Julie Weiss, and our teen volunteers for their assistance, and Lauren Artigas and the bakers for the delicious and festive treats!

THANK YOU Stacey Kean, Yarni Poland, Liezette Abel-Ruffin and Betty Davis for assisting with visitor check-in for Octoberfest.

All volunteers must register each year at www.getinvolvedineducation.com.

It takes about a week to process your application before you can get your volunteer badge at the school office.

Volunteers Needed!

We need 15-20 volunteers to assist with the non-medical end of H1N1 vaccinations. Vaccinations are currently planned for November 9th and 10th, 8 am - 2 pm. If you can help out on either day, or for a few hours of a day, please contact Jackie Matzarakis at njmatzi@bellsouth.net.

NEWS FROM SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM (SAF)

GOVERNOR CRIST APPOINTS KEVIN TYNAN TO BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Governor Charlie Crist appointed Kevin Tynan of Pembroke Pines to the Broward County School Board. He will fill the vacancy created by the suspension of Beverly Gallagher. The appointment takes effect immediately.

BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES ESTABLISHMENT OF A FULLY INDEPENDENT "COMMISSION ON EDUCATION EXCELLENCE THROUGH INTEGRITY, PUBLIC ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY"

The Commission will be comprised of three members: former Attorney General Bob Butterworth, former State Representative and current Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler and W. George Allen, Esq. The Commission will function independently of the School District and will immediately initiate a 90-day fact-finding analysis of the District's practices, procedures and supporting policies to ensure that these align with the highest level of integrity and best business practices. Public input venues will be provided, as well as on-going updates at advertised School Board workshops. Three areas of initial review will be: purchasing and procurement practices, ethics and ethics education/training practices, and efficient and cost effective delivery of educational resources and facilities. The findings and recommendations of the Commission will be used to establish changes in policy, procedure and practice to meet the highest level of integrity and public confidence.

ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) PARENT MEETING

Mark your calendars for November 4th, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the K.C.Wright Building 600 SE 3rd Avenue, Ft Lauderdale. 754-322-7590. The Topic will be: How To Read and Interpret Report Card/Interim Reports and Understanding the Grading System and the Differences Between Elementary, Middle and High Schools.

BOUNDARY CONFERENCE

Community Boundary Conferences are being held for all impacted communities regarding potential boundary changes. Silver Ridge is NOT impacted by these potential changes. You can learn about the Superintendent's initial boundary recommendations with detailed scenario maps and rationales. The first two meetings will be held at MacArthur High School on Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 7pm and Thursday, Nov 19 at 7:00 pm. Boundary recommendations can be viewed at the School Boundaries Website: <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/schoolboundaries> If you need additional information please call 754-321-2480.

HOLIDAY PIE SALE

Key Lime, Apple, Pumpkin, Sweet Potato...YUM!!! Make your Thanksgiving planning even easier with the 4th Annual Silver Ridge PTO Pie Sale! Pies will be supplied by the Famous New River Groves and will be delivered and ready for pick up on November 24th in the cafeteria from 2-6 p.m. Order forms will be sent home next week. Any questions? Call Betty Davis 954-292-0565.

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF: Make Halloween Count

Each child in our school received an orange collection box. Coins, cash, and checks made payable to UNICEF are all welcome. Children are encouraged to earn some of the donation money by helping out at home. **Boxes are due back on or before November 6** and can be turned in to the classroom teacher or the front office.

???????Did You Know???????

Did you know that the Health Department will be here on November 9th and 10th to administer the H1N1 vaccine to those students who returned permission slips? Only those students with signed permission slips will receive the vaccine.

Appreciations

A special thank you to Jackie Matzarakis, Chrissy Trotta, Stacey Ferrante, and Jen Meyer. Thanks to their assistance, the email addresses were entered into the computer. They also took the time to call and check on any inconsistency that we had regarding email addresses. Thank you for all of your hard work and time!

Thank you also to Tracy Elmore for all of her hard work and time with Math Superstars. This program would not be as successful and organized without her attention and assistance.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 4	Cookie Dough Pick Up	1:30-5:30
Nov 6	UNICEF boxes due	
Nov 9-10	H1N1 Vaccinations	
Nov 17	Pie Orders Due	
Nov 17	PTO Mtg	6:30pm
Nov 24	Pick Up Pie Orders	2-6pm
