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# Community Newsletter

## October 2020

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### RIDGECREST ELEMENTARY WEBSITE

Please visit the Ridgecrest Elementary School Website, <https://www.pcsb.org/ridgecrest-es> for important school information and updates.

### VOLUNTEERS

Please remember to activate your status at [Volunteer Activation](#)

Username: V.Last name,first initial  
Example: Charkm

Password: Your Last name followed by the 4-digit Birth Year. Example: Chark1990

If you need to register as a new volunteer, please visit the online application at [pcsb.org/VolunteerRegistration](https://pcsb.org/VolunteerRegistration)

### DONATIONS REQUESTED

- Healthy snacks
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfected wipes
- Kleenex tissues
- Pumpkins

**October Character Trait:**

**KINDNESS**

**Throw Kindness around like confetti!**

**Definition of Kindness:**

**The quality of being friendly, generous and considerate.**

### COMMUNITY/BUSINESS DONATION THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following community members who have adopted some of our classes or donated snacks to our primary classes;

Anona United Methodist 360  
Beal Family/Hobson Family  
Water Sports West  
The Backpack Lady Project  
The McGowen Family  
The City of Largo  
Chick Fil A, Largo

Would you or your business like to adopt a teacher, club or department. You may make an online payment at [tinyurl.com/AdoptAClass-TheRidge](https://tinyurl.com/AdoptAClass-TheRidge)

### SAC CORNER

We want YOU to be part of Ridgecrest's School Advisory Council (SAC).

SAC is made up of staff, parents and interested community members who want to improve student success. Practically speaking, our meetings start with a presentation of some aspect(s) of student achievement. The group then shares ideas for increasing student success and works on longer term projects to benefit our students and community. We also assist the principal with the school improvement plan and budget. We need your input to do our best for all our students.



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**The Pinellas County Schools Office of Strategic Partnerships  
presents;**

**Parent-Guardian Connection  
Managing Parental Stress**

*Please register to attend this event*

**Join via Zoom**

**October 6, 2020, 5:30 PM**

*[tinyurl.com/Zoom3511](https://tinyurl.com/Zoom3511)*



### The Following Topics:

The COVID-19 pandemic is a stressful time for parents and caregivers. It is easy to become overwhelmed. There is uncertainty, often job loss, decreased social interactions, working from home, teaching our children and managing their concerns. Even families who were initially coping well are starting to struggle as the changes in our routines are lasting much longer than we originally thought. The good news is that we are all in this together. There are specific tools and techniques we can use to gain better control of our thoughts and emotions and help our children cope.

For more information, go to [www.pcsb.org/parentadvocacy](http://www.pcsb.org/parentadvocacy) or contact: Keosha Simmons, Parent Advocate-Pinellas County Schools, [simmonskeo@pcsb.org](mailto:simmonskeo@pcsb.org)

### Calendar Dates:

October 26th  
No School for Students

November 23rd-27th  
Thanksgiving Break

December 21st-January 4th  
Winter Holidays

### October 2020

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## Join **PTA** Today!

The PTA is made up of several officers including volunteers and staff members. Any family members may join PTA including grandparents, aunts and uncles. PTA's primary objective is to provide the school with programs, resources and services that will enrich and maximize the education of every child and to benefit the school.

Listed are just a few of the programs that PTA sponsors at our school.

**Teacher Appreciation week**

**Book Fairs**

**Fall Festival**

**PTA Reflections**

**Spirit Nights**

As you can see, our PTA is a busy group and YOUR help is needed. Just by joining with your membership dues, goes toward many educational resources for your child's classroom. PTA could also use your help on their board. Please contact [theridgepta@gmail.com](mailto:theridgepta@gmail.com) with any questions. Join PTA today at

<https://tinyurl.com/RidgecrestPTA>

**Show your spirit every Friday!**

**Purchase your Ridgecrest Elementary **Spirit Gear**, hoodies and long sleeve shirts at <https://tinyurl.com/SpiritgearPTA>**



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**The PTA's Reflections theme for the year 2020 - 2021 is:**

**"I Matter Because..."**

**Due Date for Submission to Ridgecrest Elementary School: -October 23rd, 2020 (Friday)**

**Calling for Entries: -  
Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature,  
Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts**

**Ridgecrest PTA will be participating in this year's PTA's National Reflection Competition.**

**We are inviting you to encourage your children to explore their own thoughts, feelings, and ideas; and submit their completed original works of art in one or all the above 6 art categories by the October 23, 2020 deadline. We will have a panel of judges that will judge the submission from your scholar, and the top 3 winners per art category will represent our school and have the opportunity to move up through the district, region, council, and state PTA programs to the National level.**

**Kindly go to the following link <https://www.pcsb.org/domain/12059> and read the entry rules and guidelines. Please make sure your scholar completes the entire 2 pages entry form and, most importantly, to indicate in your Artist's statement how your entry relates to this year's theme, "I Matter Because..."**

**Please communicate or email any question to the PTA at  
[theridgepta@gmail.com](mailto:theridgepta@gmail.com) or [lteosg@yahoo.com](mailto:lteosg@yahoo.com)**