



## Academic Achievements

- High percentage of students move on to middle and high school magnet programs and attend nationally ranked universities.
- Recognized STEM Programs and Robotics Team
- Nationally recognized Center for Gifted Studies
- The Center for Gifted Studies produces FCAT results in the top 1 percent of Florida public schools



## Points of Pride

- Staff presented exemplary and innovative teaching practices currently used at Ridgecrest at the 2016 National Gifted Conference, 2015 State Gifted Conference, 2015 Education Leadership Conference and 2014 State Gifted Conference
- Award winning Panther Pals Reading Mentor Program
- Golden School Award for community involvement
- 5 Star Award for outstanding volunteer and family engagement programs
- Mighty Mu Math competition winner
- Battle of the Books finalists
- Science Fair winners
- Strong family programs through PTA, IMOM, and with our nationally recognized All Pro Dad chapter
- Recipient of the National Best Practices Award in Character Education
- 2017 Florida School of Character Winner
- 2017 National School of Character Winner
- 2018 Magnet Schools of America Certificate of Distinction

## Special Services & Programs

- Rich variety of clubs for students to include debate, (3) STEM Clubs, Math Olympiad Club, Robotics Team, SAVE Leadership Club, Girlfriends, BTL, Girls on the Run, Chess, Computer, Science Olympiad Club, Writer's Club, Visual Journaling, Spanish, Gymnastics, and others.
- Grade Level Service Learning Themes
- Student Enrichment Model
- Exemplary Art and Music Programs
- Student-led Action Research
- Research-based gifted curriculum from College of William and Mary, University of Chicago, and the University of Connecticut



“Ridgecrest Elementary has a long history of providing scholars with diverse, relevant, and rigorous learning experiences. Our teachers partner with the families and the community to build relationships that nurture the talent of all scholars in preparation for college or career readiness in a global society.”

Vickie Graham, Principal



## About Ridgecrest Elementary School

- Principal: Vickie Graham
- Grade levels: K-5
- Enrollment: 780
- School hours: 8:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m.
- Attractor/focus: Center for Gifted Studies, grades 1-5
- Mascot: Panther
- Before and after school care: R'Club, YMCA
- Teaching staff: Approximately 35 percent of faculty members have advanced degrees.
- Computers and technology: 30 mobile laptop labs, 2 iPad labs; SMART Boards in all classrooms; 3D printers; and Bring Your Own Device program
- Exceptional Student Education services: Speech, Language, Varying Exceptionalities



**District Vision: 100% Student Success**

**District Mission: Educate and prepare each student for college, career and life**



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### SCHOOL MISSION

**The united mission of Ridgecrest Elementary is to encourage and empower our students in mind, body, and heart to discover and pursue their lifelong goals as a productive citizen of our world.**

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