



Ridge View News

Calendar Events

- Jan. 1 - Happy New Year!
- Jan. 4-22 - Pennies for Pasta by Student Council
- Jan. 4 - School begins again! Study Tables 3:30-4:30
- Jan. 5 - Young Rembrandts 3:35-4:35
- Jan. 6 - ICU Homework Club and Study Tables 3:30-4:30
- Jan. 7 - Friends of Rachel 3:30-4:30
- Jan. 8 - Popcorn and Water Day
- Jan. 11 - ISTEP+ Boost for Grades 3-5 and Study Tables 3:30-4:30 and Bricks 4 Kidz 3:35-4:35
- Jan. 12 - Young Rembrandts 3:35-4:35
- Jan. 13 - ICU Homework Club and Study Tables 3:30-4:30
- Jan. 14 - Student Council and Team LEAD 3:30-4:30 and Report Cards Go Home
- Jan. 15 - No school for students! Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held.
- Jan. 18 - No school for students due to Martin Luther King Day unless it becomes an emergency make up day.
- Jan. 19 - Young Rembrandts 3:35-4:35
- Jan. 20 - ICU Homework Club and Study Tables 3:30-4:30
- Jan. 22 - Hoops for Heart Rally 2:30-3:10
- Jan. 25-Feb. 5 - Hoops for Heart
- Jan. 25 - ISTEP+ Boost for Grades 3-5 and Study Tables 3:30-4:30 and Bricks 4 Kidz 3:35-4:35
- Jan. 26 - Helping Hands 3:30-4:30, Young Rembrandts 3:35-4:35, and ISTEP+/IREAD-3 Parent Meeting 6:00-7:00
- Jan. 27 - Helping Hands, ICU Homework Club, and Study Tables 3:30-4:30
- Jan. 28 - Student Council and Team LEAD 3:30-4:30

ISTEP+ PREPARATION

A parent meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Ridge View Elementary. Miss Wilkison will present specific details about ISTEP+ and IREAD-3, including sample test questions and things to do at home, primarily for parents of students in Grades 3-5, but parents with students at any level can benefit from attending. Students need to pass. Each year a child does not pass puts him or her farther behind.

Ridge View Staff and our families are a team, and we need to continue to work together to help our

students become college and career ready. Please plan to join us for this important meeting to help strengthen our team on January 26!

ISTEP+ DATES

ISTEP+ Part I Paper (Gr. 3-5)	Feb. 29-March 11, 2016
IREAD-3 (Gr. 3)	March 14-18, 2016
ISTEP+ Part 2 Online (Gr. 3-5)	April 18-May 6, 2016

BE SURE TO VISIT THE TEST PREP AND GOAL PLANNING COOL TOOL AND THESE WEBSITES:

<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/istep-grades-3-8>

Scroll down to Item Samplers and click links to see test items!

<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/istep-performance-level-descriptors>

Click on specific grade levels for performance level indicators!

<http://www.xtramath.org>

Sign up for a free account and let your child practice!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Even a well-prepared student can feel pre-test anxiety. Encourage your child to relax and to view the test as a chance

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES and REPORT CARDS

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held during the day on Friday, January 15. Teachers will meet with each family and schedule conferences so that siblings are scheduled back to back to make it easier for each family to meet with multiple teachers. It



is extremely important for you to meet with your child's teacher so that we can continue to work as a team to help your child be successful.

Report cards will be sent home with your child on Thursday, January 14, so that you can view your child's grades before attending your conference.



GOT GRIT?

We continue to talk about GRIT at Ridge View Elementary. *Grit is perseverance and passion for long-term goals.* Studies show that children who demonstrate GRIT persist at hard tasks and outperform their competitors. Students can begin to learn these skills now while they are young.

As adults we need to encourage grit in children by not only providing support and guidance but also by not accepting excuses from them. *An excuse a day tends to make the goals go away. The next time you or your child makes an excuse for something, you can turn the excuse into a question. You can ask, "What can I do differently?" or "What can I do to improve?" Then, you and your child can do things differently next time.*

Does your child have grit goals? Talk to your child about his/her grit goals for school, especially once you receive the next report card. Please help your child choose academic goals for the third grading period, and then, support your child as they accomplish these goals.

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NURSE'S TIPS

#1 - At this time of year, it is important to check your family for lice on a regular basis. If you find any live lice or eggs, it is absolutely necessary to treat each "infected" individual, but more importantly, you must notify the school so that

we can effectively and confidentially assist you with monitoring. The school nurse can assist you with proper treatment options as well as identify and demonstrate for you what to do.



#2 - If your child is sick and has a fever, s/he should not return to school until s/he is without a fever for 24 hours without taking any fever-reducing



The Brickie Community Health Clinic (BCHC)

The School City of Hobart and St. Mary Medical Center offer the *Brickie Community Health Clinic (BCHC)*, an ONSITE school based clinic located at Hobart High School (Door #11), for ALL School City of Hobart STUDENTS and their FAMILIES.

Healthy students are more successful in school!

Visit <http://hobart.schoolwires.com/clinic> for more information.

Easy access for wellness is available as follows:

Monday and Wednesday
9a.m. -5 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Walk-ins and appointments are honored by calling 219-945-9383.