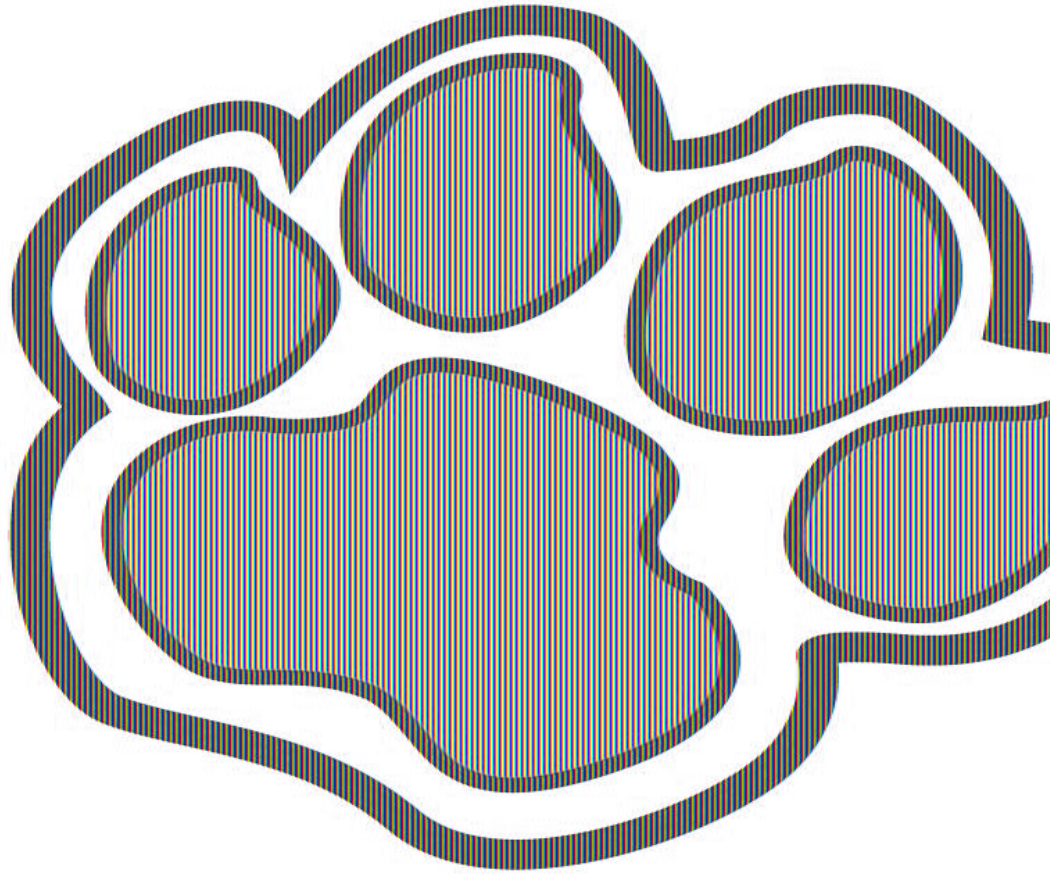




**RIDGECREST**  
**E L E M E N T A R Y**  
*TWO TIGERS ONE RO*

Welcome to  
Ridgecrest!

# Welcome!



# Back to School Night

## **Agenda:**

- ▶ General Meeting: 6:00 – 6:30 PM
- ▶ New to Ridgecrest? Stay in the gym for more information 6:30 - 6:45
- ▶ Meet Your Teacher:
  - ▶ Open House from 6:30 – 7:30



# The Ridgecrest Team!

# Introductions

- **Front Office and Support Staff:**
  - Sara Allen - Principal
  - Crystal Connors – Assistant Principal
  - Annette Hille – Head Secretary
  - Peggy Nillson – Office Assistant
  - Marisa Olson– Office Assistant
  - LaNae Goates– Instructional Coach
  - Ben Movey – Assistant Facilities Manager
  - Sally Goodger – School Nurse

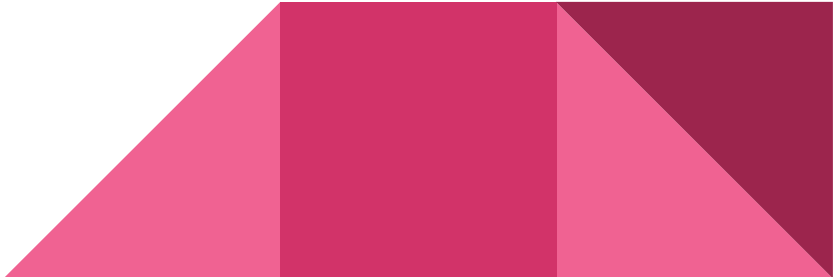


# Introductions

- **Special Education Team:**

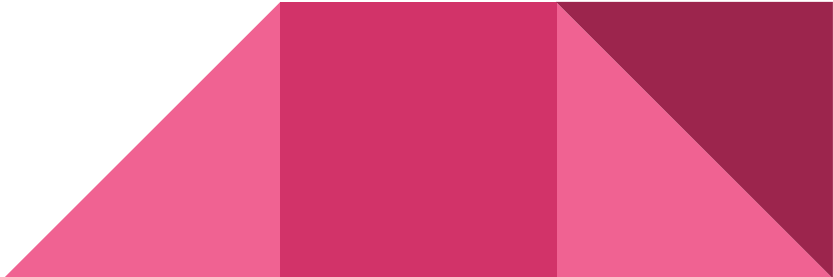
- Stephanie Campo – Resource Teacher
- Rachel Wiscomb– Speech Language Pathologist
- Angelisa Roper– School Psychologist

- **SEL and Special Team:**

- Tera Warn – counselor
  - Michelle Whitehorse - Behavior Assistant
  - Whitney Walters - Behavior Assistant
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# Introductions

## Teacher Teams

- Kindergarten – Mrs. Dinkelman, Mrs. Eggert, Ms. Terry, Ms. Williams
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Mrs. Lundberg (Ms. Durling), Ms. Rasmussen, Mrs. Lee, Lee Laoshi
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ms. Sicard, Mrs. Lecker, Mrs. Freeman, Shi Laoshi
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mrs. Rockefeller, Ms. Patino, Ms. Peterson, Li Laoshi
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Jimas, Mr. Roderick, Ms. Sposeto, Zhao Laoshi
  - 5<sup>th</sup> – Ms. Hall, Ms. Allen, Ms. Adamson, Chen Laoshi
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# Introductions

- Booster Team
  - Mrs. Longhurst - Music
  - Mrs. Rawle - Art
  - Mrs. Alicia - STEM
  - Coach Angi - Playworks
  - Mrs. Weichers - Library
  - Mrs. Manning - Library



# 26-27 School Information

# A New Logo for Ridgecrest!



***"This tiger has served Ridgecrest well for many years and represents a great deal of pride and tradition. This isn't about leaving our history behind—it's about building upon it."***

# Logo History



The Evolution of Bella Vista and Ridgecrest Logos

Tiger Cub Lane!

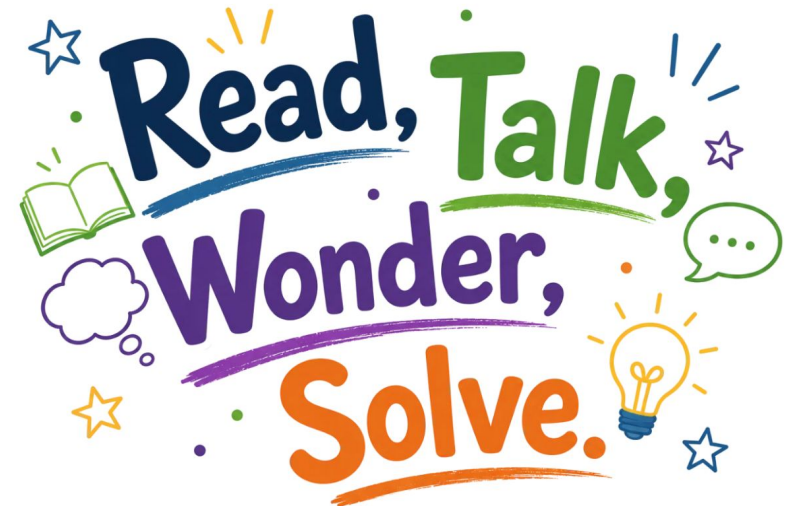


## School Goals - Reading

As a school, we want to read  
**1 Million Minutes collectively.**

550 students x 20 minutes x 150 days =  
1.65 Million Minutes

**G KEN GARFF** for  
**GOOD**



School Goals - Math

Amplify.

New Math Curriculum - **Amplify Desmos math**

This curriculum comes with a shift toward conceptual understanding and problem-solving.

# Attendance



- ▶ **School Goal: Miss less than 8 days**
- ▶ Attendance incentives given out every week
- ▶ 1 assembly per month celebrating excellent attendance and awarding prizes

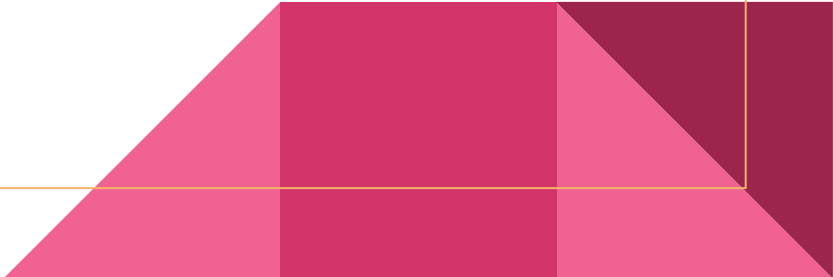
The best support you can give to your child

# Absences and Tardies

- ▶ If your child is going to be absent, please call the office to excuse the absence.
- ▶ Morning Meetings start at the bell.
  - ▶ community as well as a social skills time

Please have your student here **NO Later Than 8:40.**

# Skyward Qmlativ – Student Management System

- ▶ *New This Year* - **Skyward Qmlativ** is our system for tracking student and family information.
  - ▶ Please continue to update Skyward Qmlativ
  - ▶ Skyward Qmlativ and Parent Square work together
  - ▶ Please set up your notification preferences in Skyward Qmlativ
  - ▶ CSD IT Help Desk: 801- 826- 5200
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Family Access

Ask Gemini

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**Built in Helpdesk**

**Lunch Balances and Menus**

**Academic Records**

# Drop Off and Pick Up Times

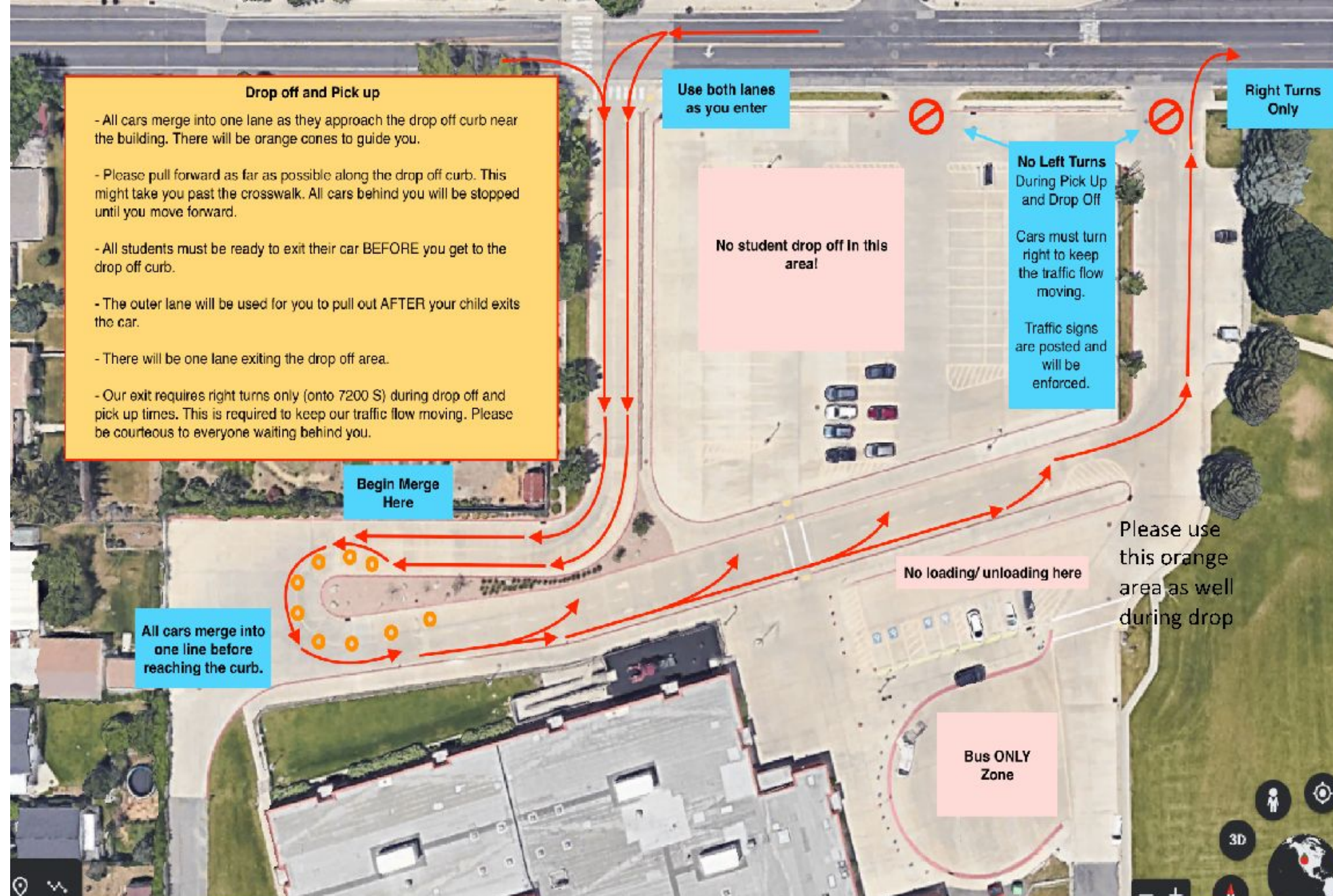
## Drop off

- Supervision is available starting at 8:30 AM. Students will enter the building at 8:40.
- Breakfast Only - Please do not drop off before 8:15
  - Breakfast students will enter through the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade doors.

## Pick Up

- Please pick students up at 3:30 Monday - Thursday, Fridays at 1:40

The teachers have contracted planning time and there is no one to watch the students Before and After hours.



Great care has been taken to ensure the following plans put student safety first during drop off and pick up. However, the plans are only successful if followed carefully. Please review the following procedures.

## Drop off and Pick up

- ▶ Parents stand on the curb near the parking lot during drop off and pick up. (1st day exception)
- ▶ Please be kind to all: teachers, staff, parents, and students!

# Government issued ID is required to enter the building during the school day

- per new state law.

- Please be prepared with your ID out when you arrive.
  - You must have a visitor badge to enter past the office.
  - Anyone without ID will be turned away.
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# **Please Review, Sign, and Return the Ridgecrest Student Handbook and Attendance Policy**

## Personal Technology

- ▶ State law - SB 178 - Cell phone and smartwatch ban
    - At Ridgecrest - Bell to Bell ban.
    - All internet enabled devices must be turned off and placed in a backpack from bell to bell.
    - If personal tech is used during the day it will be taken to the front office for a guardian to pick it up.
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# Parent Involvement

# Volunteer Sign up



- ▶ If you plan to volunteer at the school this year or attend a classroom party, go on a fieldtrip, or help with a special event, you need to register with Canyons School District.
  - ▶ It takes 48 hours to be cleared.
  - ▶ You must do this each year!
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# School Community Council

The School Community Council is an advisory group of parents and staff who help review our school goals, progress, and advise Ridgecrest about how to spend Land Trust funds each year.

- ▶ Time commitment: one meeting per month for 1 hour



# Current SCC members

- ▶ Sara Allen
- ▶ Anna Whiteley
- ▶ Carrie Christensen
- ▶ Sammy Fan
- ▶ Natalee Thomas
- ▶ Julia Jensen
- ▶ Matt Holton
- ▶ Jessica Warther
- ▶ Dallin Toews
- ▶ Trisha Jensen
- ▶ Tracy Keck
- ▶ Colleen Lecker
- ▶ Taylor Sicard



# WHAT IS PTA?

PTA is a non-profit Parent Teacher Association whose mission is  
**to make every child's potential a reality**  
**by engaging and empowering families and communities to**  
**advocate for all children.**

Annual membership

\$10 per person

for all parents, grandparents, teachers,  
and community members.

**SCAN TO JOIN**



[ridgecrest.givebacks.com/shop](https://ridgecrest.givebacks.com/shop)



**RIDGECREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



# WHY JOIN PTA?



Joining PTA is one of the easiest ways to support every child at Ridgecrest.

You do **NOT** have to volunteer to be a part of **PTA!**

Simply becoming a member makes a difference.

**STAY  
INFORMED**

**ADVOCATE  
FOR KIDS**

**SUPPORT  
OUR PTA**

**SCAN TO JOIN**



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**TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



# RIDGECREST PTA 2026-27 BOARD



**CARRIE  
CHRISTENSEN**  
PRESIDENT



**BRITTANY  
DAVIS**  
PRESIDENT-ELECT



**COURTNEY  
LADUE**  
SECRETARY



**CAITLYN  
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**LONDYN  
FREEMAN**  
TEACHER  
VICE PRESIDENT



**SARA  
ALLEN**  
ADMIN  
VICE PRESIDENT

**VACANCY**  
VICE  
PRESIDENT

# FUNDRAISER

**September 6-20<sup>th</sup>**

**Our goal is \$25,000**

\$5,000 granted to the school

**Funds used for enriching and engaging programs and activities for students and teachers**

**Fun Run is Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

*\*Flyers will be coming home the week of August 30th*

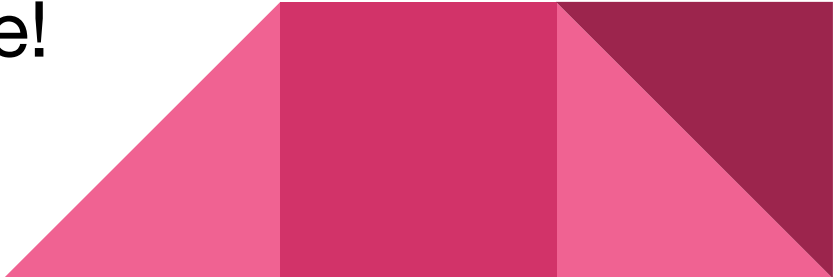
*\*Teachers will be reaching out through Parent Square to collect your student's shirt size for their FREE FUN RUN shirt.*



Raising \$25,000+ = student glow party

# WHAT PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES DO PTA SPONSOR?

## Students can participate in

- Fun Run
  - Holiday Class Parties
  - Field Trips
  - Ridgecrest Runners
  - Chess Champs
  - Book Blitz (3-5th)
  - Book Fair
  - Reflections Art Contest
  - Veterans Day Assembly
  - Chinese New Year Celebration
  - Talent Show
  - Multicultural Week
  - Teacher Appreciation
  - Field Day
  - School Spirit and more!
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# ROOM PARENTS NEEDED

- 1 parent from each class
- Coordinate with other room parents from the same grade
  - plan and prepare for holiday parties
- Coordinate a group gift for Teacher Appreciation Week
- Decorate the class door for Teacher Appreciation Week
- Mark on classroom teacher's volunteer sign up if you are interested.

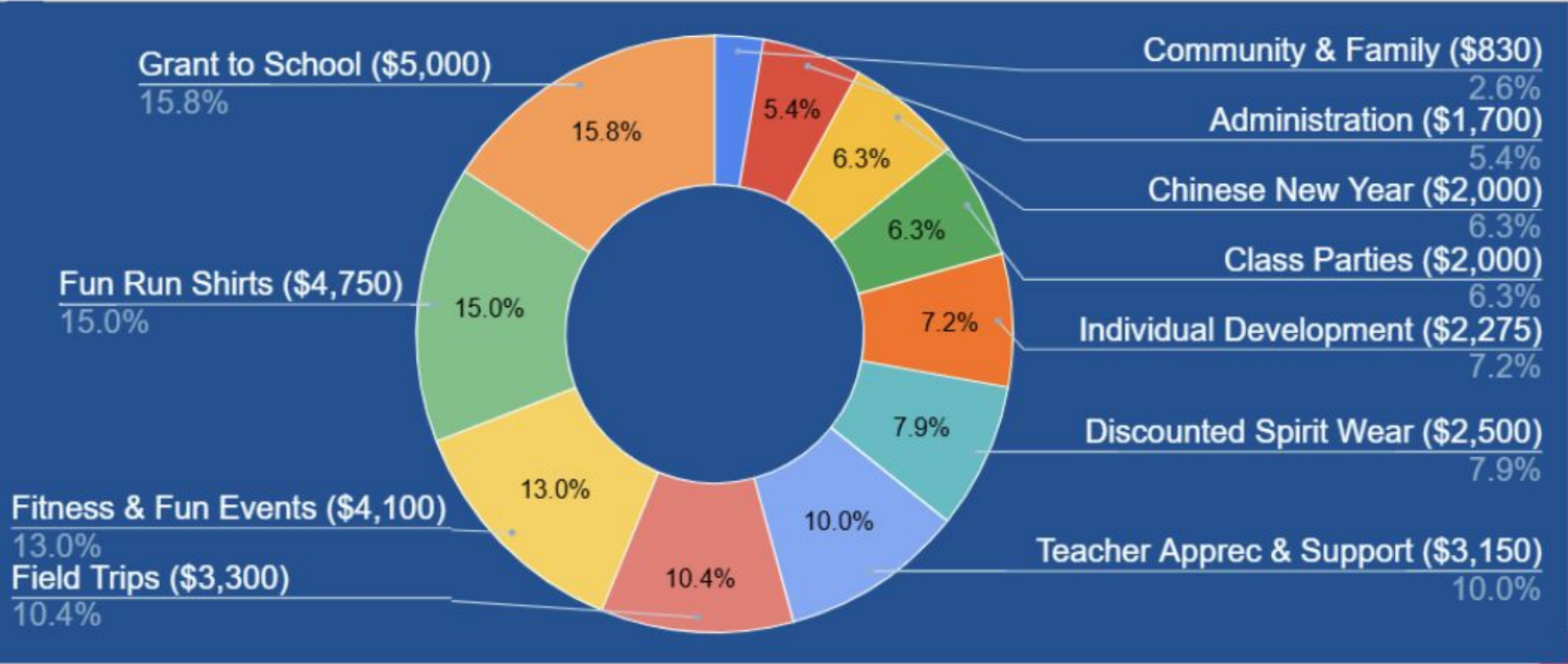




# Breaking Down Expenditures

→ How will the PTA budget be spent this year?

TOTAL EXPENDITURES - to be funded 31,605



| Items > \$1000                     |
|------------------------------------|
| Grant to School                    |
| Fun Run Shirts                     |
| Fitness & Fun Events               |
| Field Trips                        |
| Teacher Apprec & Support           |
| Discounted Spirit Wear - estimated |
| Class Parties                      |
| Chinese New Year                   |
| Grouped Items                      |
| Individual Development             |
| Administration                     |
| Community & Family                 |

## INCOME & CARRY FORWARD

### Carry Forward

|                                            |              |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 2025-26 Ridgecrest carry forward           | 26,067       |
| 2025-26 Bella Vista carry forward          | 447          |
| Reserve                                    | 23,000       |
| <b>Available carry forward for 2026-27</b> | <b>3,513</b> |

### Income available

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Fun Run Fundraiser              | 25,000        |
| Community Nights                | 2,000         |
| Membership Net (\$4.00)         | 750           |
| Sales Tax Refund                | 300           |
| Shop to Give                    | 150           |
| Box Tops                        | 40            |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME - available</b> | <b>31,753</b> |

### Income passed through to an expenditure

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Spirit Wear (shirts & sweaters)    | 8,000         |
| Book Fair Income                   | 2,000         |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME - pass-through</b> | <b>10,000</b> |

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS 2026-27</b> | <b>\$ 45,267</b> |
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## 2026-27 PTA BUDGET APPROVAL

→ We will now vote on this proposed budget

*Thank you!*

## EXPENDITURES

### To be funded

|                                          |               |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Education                                | 10,300        |
| Health and Safety                        | 8,950         |
| Community Involvement                    | 5,980         |
| Individual Development                   | 1,875         |
| Administration                           | 1,700         |
| Family Life                              | 2,800         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES - to be funded</b> | <b>31,605</b> |

### Funded by passed-through income

|                                                |               |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Spirit Wear (shirts & sweaters)                | 8,000         |
| Book Fair Expense                              | 2,000         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES - pass-through funds</b> | <b>10,000</b> |

|                                      |                  |
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| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES in 2026-27</b> | <b>\$ 41,605</b> |
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# Where to Go?

look for signs near the ceiling in the hallways

## **North Hall:**

- Kindergarten
- 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade - DLI
- Special Education

## **Media Center:**

- School counselor and psychologist

## **South Hall:**

- 2nd Grade General Ed
- 3rd
- 4th
- 5th

## **Cafeteria:**

- Nutrition services

## **Main Hall:**

- Literacy Information with LaNae Goates
- See our new logos!



- Welcome to Ridgecrest, where...  
***It's a terrific time to be a Tiger!***





New to Ridgecrest?

Stay for additional  
information



# Communication and Other Helpful Information

# Ridgecrest Website

<https://ridgecrest.canyonsdistrict.org/>



## Ridgecrest Elementary

1800 East 7200 S., Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121  
801-826-9250

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Gradebook

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Resource Dashboard



Lunch Menu



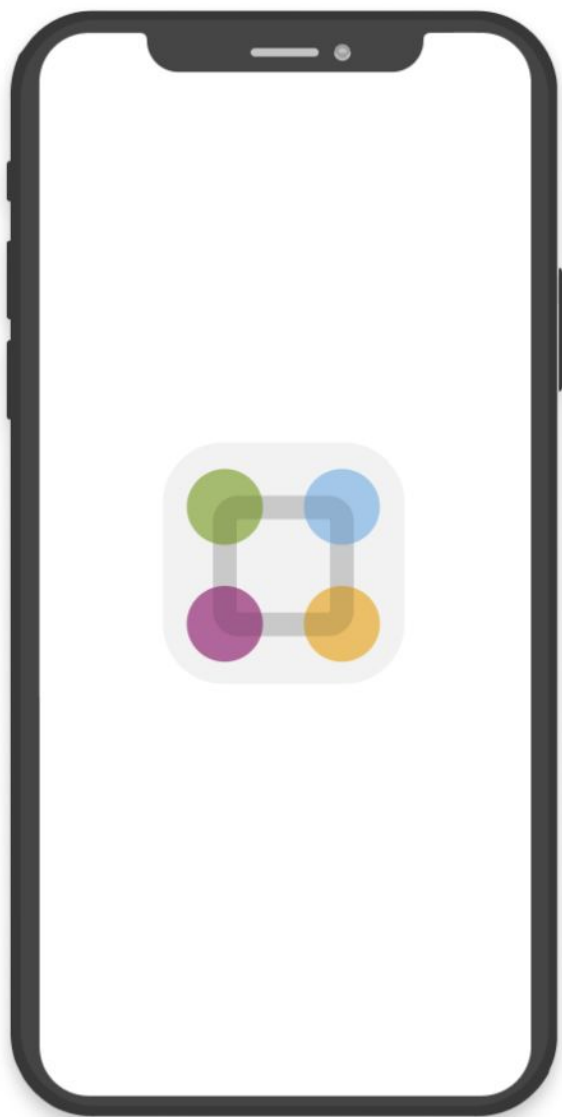
School Flyers



Crisis & Bully Assistance



Online Homework



## Download the ParentSquare mobile app

Send and receive school communications on the go



### Here's what you can do with ParentSquare:



Receive messages from the school via email, text or app notification



Choose to receive information as it comes or all at once with a daily digest at 6pm



Communicate in your preferred language



Comment on school postings to engage with your school community



Direct message teachers, staff and other parents

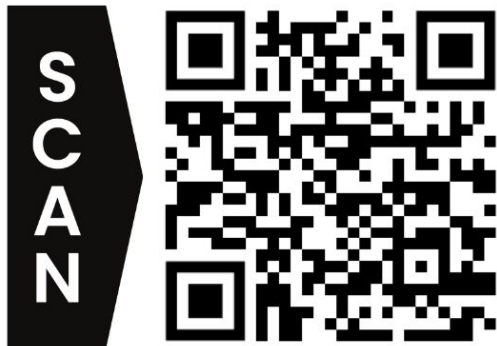
## Breakfast/Lunch Payment:

- ▶ Please review your Revtrak account through Qmlativ.
- ▶ Payments must be done online. Cash is not accepted at the school.



## Real Talk on School Safety

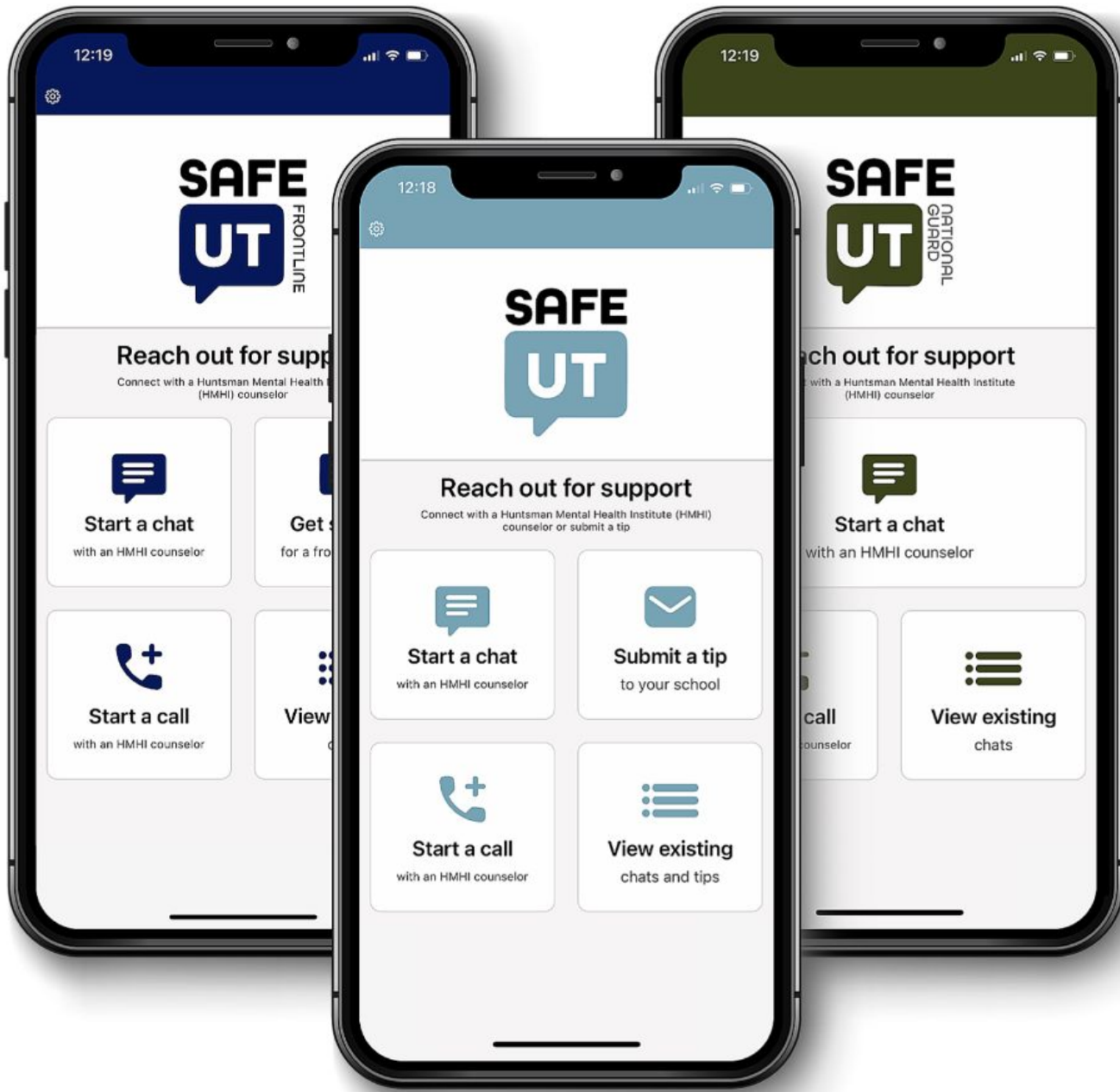
School safety has always been a topic of discussion — and action — in Canyons School District. We regularly review and update our safety measures and are encouraged by data that show schools are the safest places for children. We invite families to join us in our mission to maintain schools that are welcoming, secure, and prepared.



[canyonsdistrict.org/safe-schools](https://canyonsdistrict.org/safe-schools)

## An Ounce of Prevention

- All CSD employees wear ID badges.
- All visitors to CSD schools check in at Main Office to receive visitor badge.
- All volunteers complete a volunteer application and background screening.
- Security Vestibules: School external doors remain locked during the school day — if you see a door propped open, close it!
- CSD schools have a safety specialist and an armed guardian.
- All CSD schools undergo regular health, safety, and fire inspections, radon testing, and testing for water safety.
- All CSD schools hold regular emergency drills.
- All schools have counselors and a School Resource Officer assigned to them.
- All Utah schools are using the same Standard Response Protocol terminology.
- School staff are trained in assessing and responding to/preventing threats.

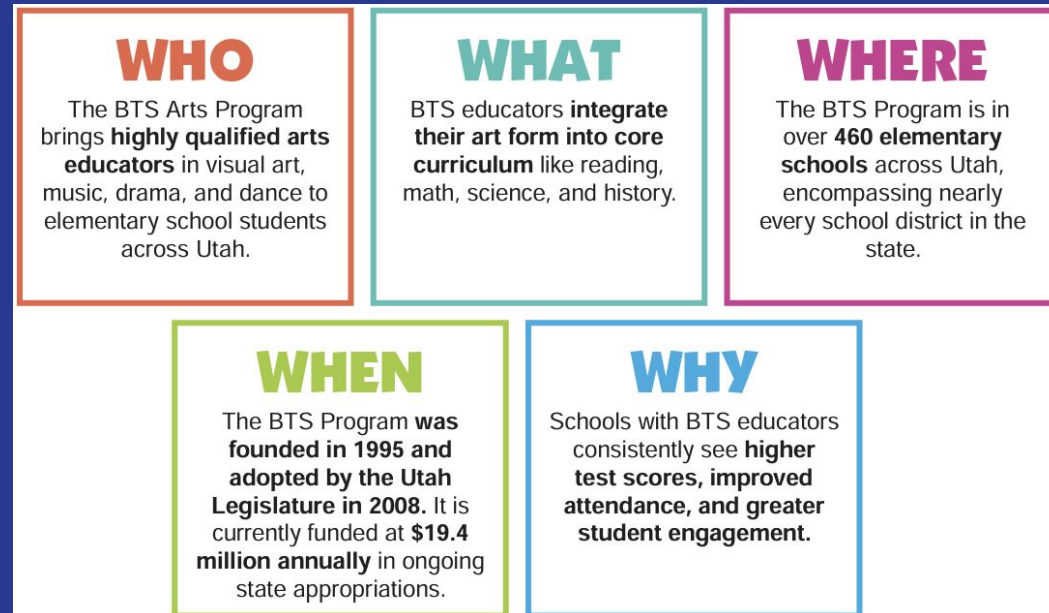


## Love music at Ridgecrest? Become a **Friend of BTS Arts!**

The Beverley Taylor Sorenson (BTS) Arts Learning Program funds our music program, bringing integrated arts to every student at Ridgecrest. Help keep this vital program strong in our school and throughout Utah! Signing up as a **Friend of BTS Arts** is:

- **Free** (no monetary donation required)
- **Quick** (takes less than 60 seconds)
- **Impactful** (shows state leaders that parents values arts education)

Scan the QR code or visit [btsarts.org](https://btsarts.org) to join and stay informed!

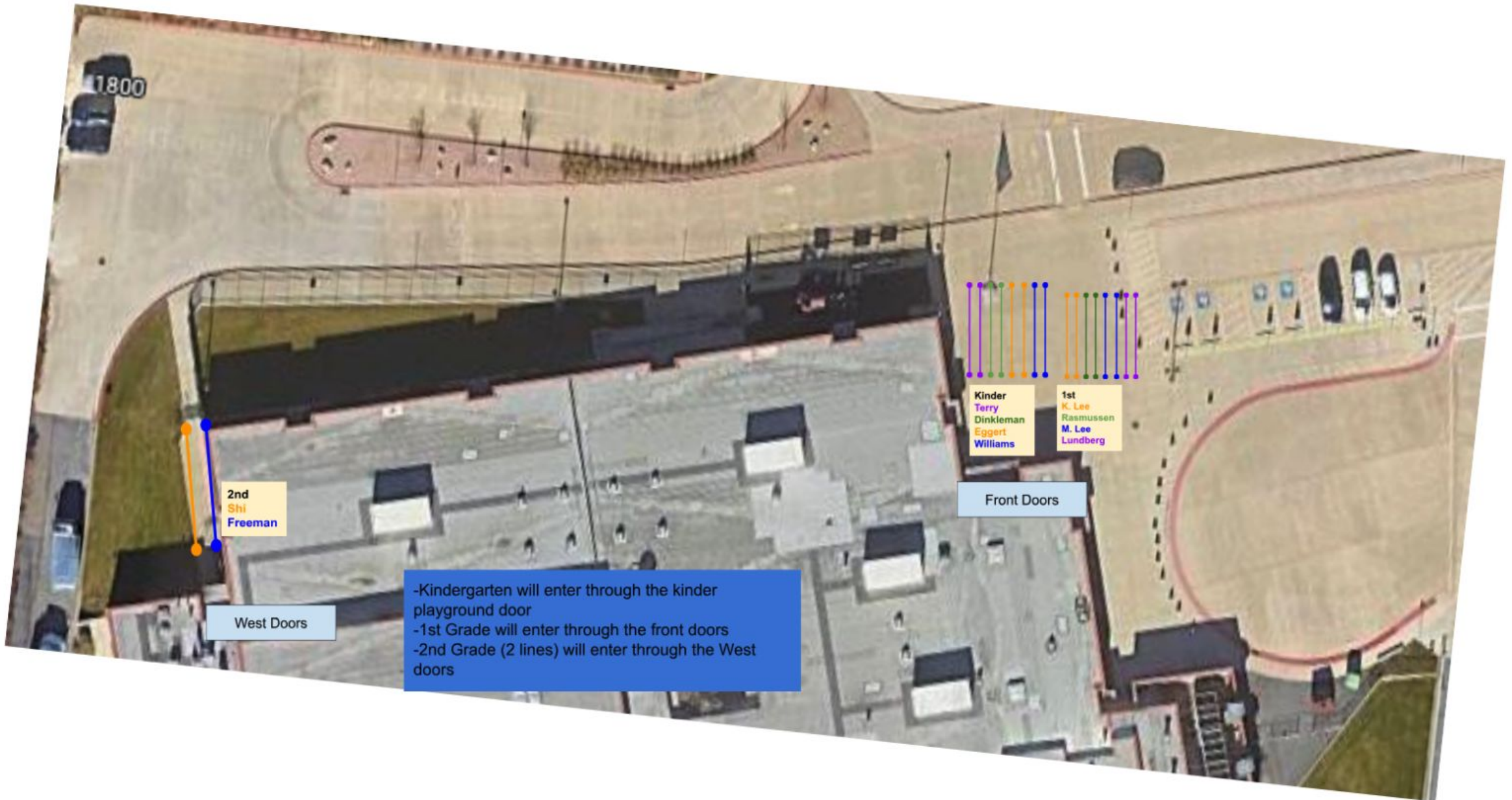


# Lining Up In The Morning

Students will line up everyday outside at their grade level doors.

- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> grade will line up in front of the main entrance with our kindergarten students.
- ▶ On days where the temperature is below 23 degrees, students will line up inside near their classroom.

# Front of School Line Up



# Back of School Line Up



# Before and After School Programs

- ▶ Ridgecrest Runners
- ▶ Chess Club
- ▶ Steam Squad
- ▶ Student Council
- ▶ Jr. Coaches
- ▶ Choir
- ▶ School Musical Review
- ▶ Chinese New Year Performances
- ▶ Academic interventions with teachers by invitation only

# Build a Community With Us!

## **We are so glad you are here!**

- ▶ Get to know our PTA
- ▶ Get to know each other



# **RIDGECREST**

**E L E M E N T A R Y**