

From Your Ridgecrest Counselors

Summer is fast approaching and students are getting ready for summer break. It is important to continue to encourage your child to work hard over the last month of school, but also to begin talking about their summer schedules. Some of you may have already made plans, but for those of you who have not, it is important to provide your child time to relax, and engage in learning – whether it is through an organized class or taking advantage of the opportunities locally or through travel.

As you finalize summer plans, consider ways to encourage your child to continue practicing skills they worked so hard to learn or improve throughout this school year. Keeping the brain active is important to help support your child's development throughout the summer months and prevent the "summer slide".

Scheduling

- **Verification Letters were sent home last week**
 - Your student brought home a Course Verification Letter last week. Please sign and have your student return it to the office ASAP.
- **Next steps**
 - Over the next few months and throughout the summer we will be scheduling all students into their courses.
 - Your student's schedule will be available at Registration in August. The schedule is based on the recommendations made by teachers, Waiver Form requests, and elective preferences.
- **Feedback**
 - This was our first year completing scheduling online. Please let us know about your experience by completing the attached survey link.

College/Career Week

All activities will take place at lunch unless otherwise noted

All Week, May 16-20

"Alma Mater" Door Decorating Competition – Decorate your 3rd period teacher's door celebrating their college alma mater

Monday, May 16

Famous Alumni Campus Scavenger Hunt – come to the Outdoor Stage at Lunch to participate

Tuesday, May 17

Staff vs. Students College Cup Soccer Shootout on the Soccer Field at Lunch

Wednesday, May 18

Teacher Trivia in the MPR at Lunch

Thursday, May 19

Mascot Match at the Outdoor Stage at Lunch
8th grade Career Day speakers, periods 2-4
8th Grade Send Off Assemblies, periods 5 & 6

Friday, May 20

East Coast vs. West Coast Tug O' War on Soccer Field at Lunch
College Gear Day

Suggested Reading

http://www.edutopia.org/blog/5-reading-reasons-reluctant-readers-rebecca-alber?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=socialflow

<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/7-ways-prevent-summer-learning-loss-barbara-dianis>

http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.summerlearning.org/resource/collection/CB94AEC5-9C97-496F-B230-1BECDFC2DF8B/Research_Brief_03_-_Kim.pdf

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