



Mrs. Terri Bollinger  
Principal  
January/February 2017  
Board Report

## A Note From the Principal

To Our Ridge Central Family,

Winter break has come and gone, but it gave me time to think about my Ridge Central Family. I am so appreciative that the Chicago Ridge Community has trusted me with their children for the last 19.5 school years. I could not have done this without the outstanding staff members of Ridge Central. They arrive early, stay late, shed tears because they care so much, are generous when someone is in need, and have unending energy to educate to the best of their ability. Thank you for making Ridge Central the place to grow and learn! I will continue to work hard for the next five months to make sure there is a positive transition for the new principal.

Thank you,  
Terri Bollinger—Principal

## School Improvement Plan/Assessment Monthly Update

### NWEA Map Testing

In January and early February the students in grades Kindergarten to Fifth grade took the second round of NWEA Map testing in the areas of Reading and Math. The families will receive their child's individual scores in mid February. This testing will show how much growth the children made as individuals, within their classroom and at Ridge Central as a whole. During the month of February the team leaders, grade level teams, and reading specialists will dive deep into the data to investigate the changes we need to make and accomplishments we need to celebrate. The SIP (school improvement plan) team will then work on revising our plan to make Ridge Central an even better place to learn.

## Strategic Plan Implementation Update

### Teacher Performance Evaluation Plan

We continue to support the area of Curriculum and Instruction by implementing the Teacher Performance Evaluation Plan that incorporates professional practice and student growth. Our Non-tenure teachers will be meeting with their evaluator to finalize their evaluations. These productive conversations help to improve their teaching skills and enhance their instruction for the improvement of the children they teach. Our tenure teachers on cycle are working through the rest of the year to complete their plans with their evaluator. Those teachers not on cycle are checking in with their colleagues.

## Key Events of the Month going digital

### February

13—Homework Committee  
14—School Board Meeting  
15—Early Dismissal  
16—ELA Committee Meeting  
20—Presidents' Day Holiday  
21—No School—Parent Teacher Conferences  
24—Jump Rope for Heart

## Professional Development Update

Our Discovery Education Teams have been established and have started their large group training and are looking forward to in class coaching.

Julie Baker—Computer Teacher  
Mary Ann Hase— Third Grade Teacher  
Mary Ann Nolan— Second Grade Teacher  
Beth Szopko—Library Teacher  
Katie Huenecke—Special Education Teacher

# Recent Snapshots



Ridge Central's  
December & January  
Students of the Month



Thank you Chicago Ridge LIONS Club!  
Eight children from CRSD received  
glasses because of your service!



Thank You CRFD for sponsoring the  
EDITH Plan Project!  
Congratulations EDITH Plan Winners!



Congratulations Ridge Central's  
PTA Stocking Giveaway Winner!



Miss Dempsey's annual art fair was held on  
December 20, 2017. Every student had two  
projects displayed for the show.



The fifth grade mask project has returned  
by popular demand. Thank you, Miss  
Dempsey for an outstanding Art Show!