



Ridgeview Central School
Presents
Ridgeview Rides!
Lessons in Equine Science and Riding Skills

Building S.T.A.B.L.E. Relationships !

S – Strength

T – Teamwork

A – Achievement

B – Believe

L – Life-long Learning

E - Empathy

Hi Parents and Guardians;

We are very excited to announce that our Ridgeview Rides program ready to go again for the 2019-2020 school year. Our instructors are looking forward to meeting and working with your children for the next few weeks.

Last year's Ridgeview Rides was a great success and we'd like to expand it this year to include all of our students as an option. I'd like to provide you with some details so that you better understand the scheduling and the possible impact on your child's school day. Also, information about the risks involved with a riding program.

As you are already aware, our school operates on a five-day cycle that is not connected to the actual days of the week. Ridgeview Rides will also follow this schedule. This means that the riding lessons may occur on different days of the week depending on the five-day cycle. Also, there will be no lessons on days that school is closed for students.

Transportation to and from the riding arena will be provided by the school at no cost to the children and their parents.

This year we have decided to schedule lessons into the student and teacher schedule so that they do not miss any core areas of study. Ridgeview Rides will be offered as an option and will occur during non-core periods such as Art, Music, Drama, and Phys. Ed.

Students who are enrolled in the Ridgeview Rides program will be assigned on a 10-week rotation so that all students who would like to participate can do so at some point during the year. Students who want to participate will be put into groups of 4-6 students and will change up after 10 weeks to allow others to have their turn. Should there be enough time or spaces, students may actually have a chance to participate for a second 10-week section.

Our instructor Kaitlin Malterer, will be in charge of all activities at the riding arena including the preparing and delivery of the entire curriculum as she sees fit. Students are expected to follow all instructions very carefully and completely. Failure to do so will result in immediate removal from the Ridgeview Rides program.

Another very exciting part of our program is the opportunity, one day per week, for the Student Support Services Team to use the instructor and horses to help provide Equine Therapy as a part of a student's intervention plan in the area of mental health and wellness.

Included below is the Parent Permission form and the Risk Assessment and Acknowledgement form for your signature and child's information. Please fill out the required information and initial all sections of the Risk Assessment form and return to school on Thursday or Friday, August 22nd or 23rd. We hope to start during the very first week of classes as to not waste any valuable lesson time. We are looking forward to making this program a glowing success and a permanent part of our curriculum here at Ridgeview Central School.

Thank You.



Floyd Hann – Principal, Ridgeview Central School

(Please detach and return to school on August 22nd or 23rd)

I _____ give consent for my child _____
Parent/Guardian Name (print) *Child's name (print)*

to participate in the Ridgeview Rides program for the 2019-2020 school year.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date (Month, day, year)

****Please read the attached ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY document and initial and sign each section. Please be sure that all information is complete and accurate and return to the school with this permission form.**

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

For Participants Under the Age of Majority in the Province or Territory in which the Equine Activities are Provided by the Host

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

The Parent/Guardian Must Read and Understand this Waiver Prior to their Child Participating in Equine Activities

The following waiver of all claims, release from all liability, assumption of all risks, agreement not to sue and other terms of this agreement are entered into by me on behalf of the child Participant named below with and for the benefit of: **FORT VERMILION SCHOOL DIVISON No 52**, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, business operators, agents, and site property owners or lessees (the "Host"). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, "Equine Activities" includes but is not limited to **riding instruction** provided by the "Host" to the child Participant.

Initial Each Item below after Reading and Understanding each item:

- _____ 1. I am the Parent/Guardian of the child Participant and am executing this waiver on behalf of the child Participant in my capacity as Parent/Guardian and with the intent that his waiver be binding on myself and the child Participant for all legal purposes.
- _____ 2. I am aware that there are inherent dangers, hazards and risks ("Risks") associated with "Equine Activities" and injuries resulting from these "Risks" are a common occurrence. I am aware that the "Risks" of "Equine Activities" mean those dangerous conditions which are an integral part of "Equine Activities", including but not limited to: (a) the propensity of any equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around them and to potentially collide with, bite or kick other animals, people or objects; (b) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, tremors, vibrations, unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals and hazards such as subsurface objects; and (c) the potential for other participants to behave in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to themselves or others, including failing to act within their abilities to maintain control over an equine.
- _____ 3. I freely accept and fully assume all responsibility for all "Risks" and possibilities of any and all personal injury, death, property damage or loss resulting from the child Participant's participation in "Equine Activities".
- _____ 4. I agree that although the "Host" has taken steps to reduce the "Risks" and increase the safety of the "Equine Activities", it is not possible for the "Host" to make the "Equine Activities" completely safe. I accept these "Risks" and agree to the terms of this waiver on behalf of the child Participant, even if the "Host" is found to be negligent or in breach of any duty of care or any obligation to myself or the Infant Participant in the Infant's participation in "Equine Activities".
- _____ 5. In addition to consideration given to the "Host" for the child Participant's participation in "Equine Activities", I and my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns, as well as the child Participant and his/her heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns (collectively our "Legal Representatives") agree: (a) to waive all claims that the child Participant has or may have in the future against the "Host"; (b) to release and forever discharge the "Host" from all liability for personal injury, death, property damage, or loss that I, the child Participant, or our "Legal Representatives" might suffer as a result of the child Participant's participation in "Equine Activities" due to any cause, including but not limited to negligence (failure to use such care as a reasonably prudent and careful person would use under similar circumstances), breach of any duty imposed by law, breach of contract or mistake or error in judgment of the "Host"; and (c) to be liable for and to hold harmless and indemnify the "Host" from all actions, proceedings, claims, damages, costs demands, including court costs and costs on a solicitor and own client basis, and liabilities of whatsoever nature or kind arising out of or in any way connected with the child's participation in "Equine Activities".
- _____ 6. I agree that this waiver and all terms contained herein are governed exclusively and in all respects by the laws of the Province or Territory of Canada in which the "Equine Activities" are provided by the "Host". I hereby irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of that Province or Territory of Canada and I agree that no other court can exercise jurisdiction over the terms and claims referred to herein. Any litigation to enforce this waiver will be instituted in the Province or Territory of Canada in which the "Equine Activities" are provided by the "Host".
- _____ 7. I confirm that I have had sufficient time to read and understand this waiver in its entirety. I understand that this agreement represents the entire agreement between the "Host", myself as Parent/Guardian, and the child Participant, and it is binding on myself, the child Participant and our "Legal Representatives".

Child Participant's Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Please Print *Month, day, year*

Address _____ City _____ Province _____ Postal code _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Please Print *Month, day, year*

Address _____ City _____ Province _____ Postal code _____

Phone # (_____) _____ Cell # (_____) _____ Email: _____

(Signature of Parent/Guardian) Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____
(month) *(year)*

Witness to Signature (Please Print) _____ Date: _____
Signature of Witness *Month, day, year*