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Dear Parents,

In June of 2000, a group of Ridge families whose youngest children were leaving Ridge School established The Bill Ward Discretionary Fund. This fund honors former Principal Bill Ward and Ridge School and was established for the purpose of providing financial assistance to Ridge families who find themselves in need. Ridge is the only elementary school in Ridgewood to have such a fund.


For the past eighteen years, this fund has been instrumental in helping many Ridge families. For example, Ridge students in need have been able to enjoy summer camp, musical instrument rental, field trips, and other experiences. In the next few weeks, the fund will be used to register several Ridge students for the summer school program held here at Ridge School. Please feel free to reach out if you or someone you know in the Ridge community could use support.


The Fund is administered by the Ridge HSA, Inc. and governed by the Bill Ward Discretionary Fund Committee. This committee includes the principal of Ridge School, two Ridge faculty members, and the immediate past president of the HSA. Requests for funds are made to the principal in confidence. The committee then reviews the recommendation. The committee is responsible, to the best of its ability, to determine the need, then approve and disburse the funds. The privacy of the recipients is always respected and all requests remain confidential.

As you can imagine, the Bill Ward Fund does not have limitless resources. With the generosity of contributors, it will be possible to continue the availability of this fund in hopes of making a difference for future Ridge families in need. If you would be interested in contributing to the fund, checks can be sent to the Ridge main office, *made payable to the Bill Ward Discretionary Fund*. A donation of any size would be greatly appreciated and is tax deductible.

We would like to extend our thanks to you for helping make Ridge School the wonderful place it is through your support and involvement.

Sincerely,


Jean Schoenlank
Principal


Heather Zachariah
HSA Representative


Dana Higgins
Ridge Staff


Donna Pedersen
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