

The Ranches Academy Red Hawk Review

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The Principals Corner April 1, 2011

Dear Ranches Academy Families and Staff,

Thank you for supporting our Student Council Used Book Sale. It was a great success. The earnings will be used to purchase soccer goals for the lower playground. I know the students are excited for this new addition. The students on the upper playground have enjoyed the new tetherballs.

This month will soar by with Spring Break and end of year testing. Teachers will spend the week after Spring Break (April 18-22) reviewing state standards and clearing the cobwebs from the weeklong break. This year 6th grade will take all the Criterion Reference Tests (CRT) on the computer the week of April 25th. Please do not schedule appointments or vacation during this time period. For grades 2nd-5th, your child's teacher will be sending home a testing schedule, as they will be testing in their classrooms.

Please remember there are 40 criterions that must be met to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). One area is attendance. Please ensure your child is attending school daily unless he or she is ill. I know our staff and students have been working hard to master Utah State Standards. I look forward to getting the results on their end of year CRTs and seeing their growth. Thank you for supporting your student at home!

Parents, we have had several near hits in the parking lot this last week. The close calls have involved teachers as well as students. As a reminder, if you are picking up a student in zone 1, 2, or 3 please stay in the right lane when entering the parking lot. When cars cut across from the left lane, it causes a back up and a dangerous situation. Parents of AM kindergarten (on half days), please enter the parking lot slowly and go to your children's zone if he or she has siblings. If your kindergarten student does not have a sibling, he or she will be waiting with Mrs. Brown in Zone 3. When walking through the parking lot, please hold your child's hand. A toddler was almost hit this week as well. We want everyone to be safe. If you have other suggestions, feel free to email me. We are hoping to have the parking lot expanded over the summer.

The students look much sharper in the hallways and classrooms as the dress code has been enforced on a daily basis. Please be aware we will continue to enforce the dress code regularly. As warmer weather approaches, please make sure your child's skirts/shorts are no more than 2 inches above the knee.

For the upcoming 2011-2012 school year, I would like to welcome Mr. Scott McCord as our new teacher. Mr. McCord has been teaching third grade, as Mrs. Wankier was not able to finish the school year. Mr. McCord recently moved with his family from Hawaii where he taught for 16 years. Please look on the school website for his complete introduction. We are excited to have him as an integral part of our teaching staff.

Also, for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year, other changes will be taking place at The Ranches Academy. After much thought and consideration, I am very pleased to announce the grade level changes for teachers. With Utah adopting Common Core Standards rather than the current Utah Standards, this is the optimal time for teachers to change grade levels as curriculum standards will be changing as well. The below list is for informational purposes and to squash the many rumors I have heard floating around. I am very excited for next year and the changes that will be taking place.

Kindergarten- Mrs. Brown
First- Mrs. Weimer and Mrs. Hunt
Second- Mrs. Baugh and Mrs. Moellmer
Third- Mrs. Milton and Ms. Clark
Fourth- Mrs. Buttars and Mr. McCord
Fifth- Mrs. Payne and Mr. Fewkes
Sixth- Ms. McGaffin and Ms. Robbins

Susie Scherer
Director



Science Fair Update

Eleven students from the Ranches Academy received awards at the Central Utah Science and Engineering Fair at BYU on March 22, 2011. WOW!

Carson Evans and Daxton Lee received Grand Champion of the Physical Science - Chemistry category and were nominated for the Broadcom MASTERS Competition. Courtney Reall and Riley Robertson received a 1st place in the Physical Science - Physics category and were nominated for the Broadcom MASTERS Competition. Bailey Herbert received a 2nd place in the Life Science category and the World Food Production special award. Chris Ulmer received a 3rd place in the Physical Science - Physics category. Zachary Bradshaw and Samuel Stott received a 3rd place in the Engineering and Computer Science category. Ethan Pitcher received a 4th place in the Physical Science - Physics category. Rachael Brueck and Audrey Tuttle received a 4th place in the Life Science category.

Way to go scientists! You are awesome!!!

Earth Day Celebration

As part of our month long celebration of Earth Day we will be holding the following activities:

- (1) Poster Contest reflecting the theme "Protect our Precious Planet" (submitted by Samantha Stoner). Posters can be turned in all month and will be displayed in the hallway outside the gym. The last day to submit posters is Wednesday, April 20. Contest winners will be announced during the assembly on April 22nd. Students will be coming home with more details on the poster contest.
- (2) Weekly Environmental Impact Award - students are encouraged to submit ideas on how to take an active role in the care of their home, school, and community. Winners will be randomly selected and awarded weekly.
- (3) Watch for take home activities each Friday.
- (4) The Earth Day Assembly will be held on Friday, April 22nd. Students will be working outside to plant trees and shrubs as well as clean around the playgrounds areas. They may bring gloves to wear if they want. We will need parents to help on this day. Please contact Melissa Herbert at melissa@aitsinc.com if you are available to volunteer.

Free Clint Black Concert Tickets

Clint Black is headlining the Pony Express Days Concert on June 6th! The Ranches Academy has been given the opportunity to oversee the parking for the event. This is a great opportunity for our school to raise quite a bit of money to use in fixing our own parking problems! We are looking for 30 volunteers to help with parking the night of the concert. This is a great way to get your volunteer hours and have a bit of fun! Volunteers will need to be at the amphitheater at 4:30 and stay till the concert is over. The city has said that each volunteer will receive admittance, for free, from around 8:00 (as the parking winds down) to 10:00 (back out again, as people start to leave). Call/text/email Trish Johnson for more information. [801.318.0874](tel:801.318.0874)/treallj@hotmail.com

Book Fair

A BIG thank you to all the volunteers for the Book Fair!! It was a great success. We couldn't do it without the support of all you wonderful parents.

We would also like to announce the winner of the One for Books Competition. BYU raised the most money with \$9.08 and Utah \$6.53. The total was \$15.61. That money goes to our school to help us get more books. On top of that, for every dollar we raised, Scholastic donates it to one of 3 charities!

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Apr 8th
Noon Dismissal/PM
Kindergarten Attends
- ◆ Apr 11th - Apr 15th
Spring Break
- ◆ April 27th
Secretary and Principal
Day
- ◆ Apr 29th
Noon Dismissal/AM
Kindergarten Attends
- ◆ May 2nd - 6th
Teacher Appreciation
Week

April Students of the Month

- AM Kindergarten – Ryan
- PM Kindergarten – Makayla

- 1st Baugh - Luke
- 1st Weimer - Bryton

- 2nd Milton – Tanner
- 2nd Moellmer - Sydney

- 3rd Clark - Thalia
- 3rd McCord – Nathan

- 4th Buttars - Lauren
- 4th Robbins - Jessica

- 5th McGaffin - Maysen
- 5th Payne - Makana

- 6th Fewkes – Allesandra
- 6th Hunt - Meg

