

The Ranches Academy Red Hawk Review

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The Principals Corner

Dear Ranches Academy Families,

I am happy to say that we have made it through the first full month of school! Things are running smoothly and everyone is quickly getting into their routines. The teachers have finished up their first benchmark assessments for reading, and we have started our Response to Intervention (RtI) groups. Depending on where your child places, he or she will get extra reading instruction 2-4 days a week. Students come and go from the classroom throughout the day for different reasons, so this is not something your child should feel embarrassed about. Benchmark assessments are administered three times a year. Students in RtI groups are monitored weekly or monthly to ensure they are making progress. The groups are fluid, so if your child places in a group through the benchmark assessment, but quickly shows growth and meets the goal, he or she will no longer be in an RtI group. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions about your child.

The flu season is approaching earlier this year and we are already seeing illnesses at school. As a school, we are making all efforts to keep students healthy such as daily disinfecting the classrooms. A nurse will be going to all the classrooms and teaching students how to cover a cough, wash their hands, and other tips to stay healthy. We have also posted signs in all the classrooms and restrooms to wash their hands with soap. All students should get a squirt of hand sanitizer prior to entering the gym in the morning. The Health Department has also given us posters that we will be putting up around the school.

The winter weather is approaching. Please send warm outerwear with your child for outside recess. If you label your child's outerwear, it is easy to return when lost. Illnesses often come with the colder weather. Please keep your student home if he or she is sick. It is also important for students and staff to stay home until they are symptom free (no fever, vomiting, etc.) for at least 24 hours. I understand as a working parent this is hard, but it is necessary. Making arrangements or having a plan in place now may ease this burden should it arise.

If your child loses an item at school, please have him or her check the lost and found. It seems to get very large once coats and sweaters start coming to school. Also, please make sure you label your child's outerwear. If we can find a name, it is returned to the owner and not placed in the lost and found.

Thank you for your support and dedication to your child's education! We are off to a great start and have high expectations for this to be a terrific year. Please contact me with any questions or concerns throughout this year.

Sincerely,

Susie Scherer
Director

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Upcoming Events

- Oct 13th
Noon Dismissal
- Oct 14th - 15th
Fall Break
- Oct 25th - 29th
Parent Teacher Conferences
(Noon Dismissal)
- Nov 3rd
Picture Retakes

Constitution Day

On September 17th our students celebrated Constitution Day. Most wore their red polo shirts and some dressed up in a patriotic theme. We saw George Washington and his wife Martha, Betsy Ross, Abraham Lincoln and more. We also had an assembly with Senator Mark Madsen speaking to the kids about our Constitution and how it works and why it's so successful. The students also voted on a new school law which after voting on class, grade level and then school wide decided on "Crazy Days" in which for a full week they get to dress up in crazy ways such as crazy sock day or crazy hair day etc. Principal Scherer signed it into law saying it would take place at the end of the school year! Thanks to all who participated!



*Don't miss any of
the great
activities this
month!*

National Fire Safety Week - Oct 4th thru Oct 8th

The students celebrated Fire Safety Week again. On October 4th the Eagle Mountain Fire Department brought their fire truck to the school and provided tours to the children.

Red Ribbon Week - Oct 25th thru Oct 28th

Just as last year we will be having our "Red Contest" on Wednesday the 27th. The students are encouraged to wear as much red as they can on that day. There will be a lower grade and upper grade class winner. The winning class will all receive an ice cream bar. Then on Thursday the 28th they will be wearing red shirts and jeans as they release their balloons to show they are drug-free.

Book Fair

The Here's to Our Heroes Reading Saves the Day! Book Fair will be held from Tuesday October 26 thru Thursday October 28th.

Rules for Halloween Costumes

When preparing Halloween costumes with you children please remember that masks, weapons, fake blood and other inappropriate items are not allowed at school. Teachers will be sending home information about class parties later in the month.



Inspirations Art Program

Theme 2010-2011: If Only...

Welcome to the 2010-2011 Inspirations Art Program. We are very excited by this year's theme and know the students will create work that will astound us all. Here are a few notes to bear in mind for the participants:

The school level competition needs to be completed by Friday, 3 December 2010. On December 16, 2010 at 6:30 pm, the Ranches Academy will hold an awards program. The first and second place winners in each category and at each age level need to be sent to the represent our school at the regional levels. The regional awards presentations will be held on Friday, 18 February 2011. Furthermore, the state awards presentation will be held on Friday, 25 March 2011. We appreciate the large participation level in the Ranches Academy in years past.

Children *may* participate in each category. This year's categories are:

2-D Visual Arts

Photography

Musical Composition

Theatre

Literature

3-D Art

Film/Video

Choreography/Dance

Digital Art

Children will receive opportunity for the sign up forms and general rules on Friday, October 1, 2010. Please contact Jeremy Baker at jwbaker@emcity.net with any questions. Just think, **if only** every child in the Ranches Academy participated in the 2010 Inspirations Art Program!



September Students of the Month

- ∞ AM Kindergarten – Emma
- ∞ PM Kindergarten - Sage

- ∞ 1st Baugh - Adam
- ∞ 1st Weimer - Aurora

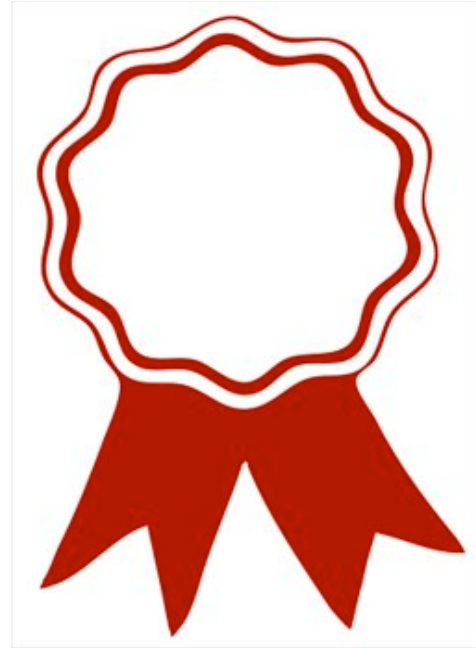
- ∞ 2nd Milton – Kendal
- ∞ 2nd Moellmer - Noah

- ∞ 3rd Wankier - Sage
- ∞ 3rd Clark – Ethan

- ∞ 4th Buttars - Lauren
- ∞ 4th Robbins - Malia

- ∞ 5th McGaffin - Kara
- ∞ 5th Payne - Katelyn

- ∞ 6th Fewkes - Clark
- ∞ 6th Hunt - Amaria



October Students of the Month

- ∞ AM Kindergarten - Kate
- ∞ PM Kindergarten - Hunter

- ∞ 1st Baugh - Kate
- ∞ 1st Weimer - CJ

- ∞ 2nd Milton – Ben
- ∞ 2nd Moellmer - Brennan

- ∞ 3rd Wankier - Carter
- ∞ 3rd Clark - Summer

- ∞ 4th Buttars - Bronson
- ∞ 4th Robbins - Jaymon

- ∞ 5th McGaffin - Ethan
- ∞ 5th Payne - Corbin

- ∞ 6th Fewkes - Holly
- ∞ 6th Hunt - Chris