



The Ranches Academy

RED HAWK REVIEW

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The Principals Corner

Dear Ranches Academy Families,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the wonderful gifts. I was touched by the generosity and kindness. I truly appreciate your support and efforts in helping making our school fabulous!

The new AR (Accelerated Reading) period begins January 15th for grades 1st-6th. You should receive a letter from your child's teacher that tells your child's AR goal and reading level. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. Please encourage your child to participate and make efforts to reach his or her goal. At the end of each AR period, grading period, we have an AR party for the students that met their goal. It is a great way to motivate students and also the reading can count toward our Jazz Reading Contest. This year the Jazz Reading Contest starts January 14, 2010.

Please make sure you send appropriate outerwear for your child during the winter months. If your child brings snow boots, he or she needs to wear school-approved shoes during the day and for P.E. The student can change into the snow boots for recess. The Ranches Academy follows the State's guidelines for outdoor recess. All students go outside for recess if the temperature is above 30 degrees. If the temperature is above 25 degrees, it is the teacher's discretion. The State suggests students go outside to benefit from exercise, light, and fresh air. Please label your child's outerwear so it can be returned if it is found. There has been some discussion and notes sent home regarding winter recess. Please disregard these and note the above recess procedures. If you feel your child has a condition that prohibits him or her from going out to recess, please contact your child's teacher.

Peak flu season is approaching. We also have a nasty stomach virus going around. Please continue to remind your child to practice healthy habits like washing hands frequently, using a tissue or coughing into the sleeve of his or her shirt, and not touching their face during the day. It also would help if you are able to send a water bottle with your child that can be refilled in the classroom to decrease the spreading of germs. We are sanitizing the school daily and continuing our efforts to help everyone stay healthy. As a reminder, your child must stay home after vomiting or having a fever for 24 hours before returning to school. More detail is in the Health Exclusion Policy. If your child stays home due to an illness, please call Julie Bell at 789-4000 to excuse the absence. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Thank you,
Susie Scherer
Director

FSO Events and Activities

Congratulations to our Inspirations Contest Winners

District Inspirations will be held Feb 19th – Good Luck Students!



Congratulations to
our School
Geography Bee Winner.
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SPELLING BEE

JANUARY 19TH CLASSROOM BEES 1:00

JANUARY 21ST SCHOOLWIDE BEE 1:00 – 2:00 IN THE GYM

STUDY LISTS WERE SENT HOME BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS BREAK. FOR 4TH - 6TH GRADE STUDENTS THE PRACTICE LISTS ARE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE HOMEPAGE WWW.THERANCHESACADEMY.COM
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT NIKOLA PEISLEY AT NIKOLA@AIRWIRED.NET

Friday

Calendar

Thursday

Jan 14th – Jazz Reading Kickoff

Jan 15th – Noon Dismissal

Jan 15th – Feb 16th – Jazz Reading Contest

Jan 18th – No School – Martin Luther King Holiday

Jan 19th – Classroom Spelling Bees

Jan 21st – School Spelling Bee

Feb 9th – Science Fair Open House 5:30pm

Feb 19th – District Inspirations Contest

Feb 25th – District Science Fair

Mar 12th – District Storytelling Festival

Mar 13th – District Spelling Bee

Mar 26th – State Inspirations

Mar 29th -31st – Scholastic Book Fair

Mar 30th – School Talent Show

Wednesday

Monday

Tuesday

Jazz Reading Contest

Dear Parents



It's time for the Jazz Reading Contest again and we want to do even better this year than last. Last year we did something that has never been accomplished before at the Ranches Academy and that is we made it into the top 20 schools for the Jazz Reading Contest. Our kids read an average of about 1400 minutes each for the month. This year our goal is to make the top 10 schools and to accomplish this we must have at least 1650 mins average per child for the month. We figured if we can reach for an hour a day per kid we can accomplish this. We know that this is reaching high, but so was last year's goal and we made it.

Because of the amazing turn out of numbers from our lower grades last year we are having top class winners from both higher grades and lower grades this year so that everyone has an equal chance of winning higher prizes and it also fosters higher levels of competition which gets our kids reading more. We encourage you as parents to do activities within your own homes that would encourage your kids to read. Be it afterschool reading parties, your own home reading competitions, prizes ect. Anything to get your kids reading. Please keep in mind that you need to keep track of reading times if you do read after school. Just have a sign in sheet that you keep track of the times and that you send in to your teachers so that your minutes count.

Thank you so much for your time and effort and your support. We certainly couldn't do this without you. Let's make this Jazz Reading the best yet!

Thanks Again,

Jeri Thurman



Please call me with any questions or concerns(801)836-9930 patrick721girl@yahoo.com

Science Fair

The Ranches Academy Science Fair is Feb 9, 2010. An optional parent walk through will be held at 5:30 that evening. Awards will be given out at 6:00pm

All students in grades 4-6 will participate. Check with your teacher for the date your project will be due. Fourth grade will do most of the work in class. All other grades will do most of the work at home. Grades 5-6 have the opportunity to advance to the Charter District Science fair and even the fair at BYU.

Grades K-3 are also invited to participate. All K-3 participants will receive an award. K-3 projects can be a "show-what-you know" display or an actual project. If possible, topics would be taken from or elaborate on curriculum they will be studying during the year. A list of curriculum topics for each grade is listed below.

Kindergarten

- Plants & Plant Growth
- Seasons & Weather
- Animals
- Magnets
- Taking Care of the Earth
- The Five Senses
- Taking Care of Your Body

First Grade

- Plants - needs, parts of, growth cycle
- Water
 - Buoyancy
 - Water as an example of changing matter
- Electricity
- Solar System
- Habitats
- Earth
- Body Systems
- Germ

Second Grade

- Life cycles of plants
- Life cycles of animals
- Weather
- Rocks
- Balanced diet & nutrition
- Communicable disease prevention
- Simple machines
- Digestive and excretory systems
- Seasonal cycles
- Insects
- The water cycle
- Magnets



Third Grade

- Volcanoes
- Invertebrates
- Vertebrates
- Skeletal System
- Muscular System
- Vision and light
- Classifying animals
 - amphibians, reptiles, fish, birds, mammals
- Sound and hearing
- Astronomy
- Living/Non-living
- Ecosystem
- Human Health