



# The Ranches Academy

## RED HAWK REVIEW

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## The Principals Corner

Dear Ranches Academy Families,

I am so excited to be able to share fabulous news with our Ranches Academy families. The State Office of Education has publicly released end of year test results and accountability reports. Our school made AYP (adequate yearly progress) and UPASS (state level)!! This is a huge accomplishment as there are 40 criteria areas and a "no" in one area is a "no" for the entire school. Our success as a school can be attributed to students, staff, and parents! The devotion, hard work, and passion shows each and every day.

This week we had our yearly fire safety inspection. It was brought to my attention that it is the school's responsibility to ensure the red curb is not blocked at any time. If any vehicle is parked there, it blocks access to the school if there were to be an emergency. Please consider this a request to refrain from parking along the red curbing in the school parking lot. I was directed to call the Sheriff's department and have them ticket any vehicle in the "red zone." I would hate for any staff or parents to get a ticket, but I must comply with the law.

If you are coming to volunteer or participate in an activity and there are no parking spots, please park on one of the side streets. When parking, do not block any driveways or access to a mailbox. If you park on Tawny Owl Circle please park on the west side of the street. I am sorry this is inconvenient, but our parking is limited. If you are quickly running in and will only be a few minutes, you can park along the yellow curbing for a brief period. Do not park and leave your car unattended along the yellow curbing during drop off and pick up times (7:55-8:20am and 2:35-3:00pm). It is very dangerous when students dart out between parked cars to get to parents double-parked.

I really appreciate everyone's efforts to get their children to school on time. Teachers are able to start instruction before 8:20am. We utilize every minute we can. Teachers have brought it to my attention that a student will come tardy with a note explaining why the student is late. Thank you for letting us know the reason, but keep in mind the computer does not distinguish between an excused tardy or an unexcused tardy. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Our yearly fundraiser is Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Please help it be a huge success by bringing family and friends to join in the fun. There will be games, food, crafts, and more. If you haven't had the opportunity to sign up and help with a game, please contact your child's teacher to do so. Even 30 minutes of your time would be great!

If you are interested in being a member of our School Land Trust Committee, please check the bulletin board outside my office for more information. The committee meets a few times a year and helps decide where money is spent to increase student achievement.

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.

Sincerely,

Susie Scherer  
Director

# FSO EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## INSPIRATIONS CONTEST "THE POWER OF ONE"

THE THEME FOR THIS YEARS  
INSPIRATIONS CONTEST IS  
"THE POWER OF ONE"

WE WILL BE SENDING HOME ENTRY  
FORMS NEXT WEEK AND THE OFFICIAL  
RULES FOR EACH CATEGORY WILL BE  
AVAILABLE FROM YOUR STUDENTS  
TEACHER OR AT THE FRONT DESK.

THE DUE DATE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS  
DEC. 3<sup>RD</sup> BY THE END OF THE SCHOOL  
DAY.

THE AWARDS NIGHT WILL BE HELD ON  
DEC 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 PM

## RED RIBBON WEEK 'Drug Free is the Key' Oct 19-23

WEAR RED HEAD TO TOE  
There will be a contest held on Wed  
Oct 21<sup>ST</sup> of Red Ribbon Week. The  
class that wears the most red will  
win. You can wear red head to toe  
and each item of clothing that is red  
will count for 1 point. Red shoes = 2  
points. Red socks = 2 points. Red  
shirt = 1 point. You get the idea. You  
may NOT wear a red wig or dye your  
hair red or use red hairspray.

The winning class will get a "Drug  
Free is the Key" book mark and an  
Ice Cream Bar!!

## Storytelling Festival

Does your child like to tell stories? Enter them into the school storytelling festival. They can make up their own story or tell a story in their own words. They will be telling their stories in class and the winner of each class will tell their story at the school storytelling assembly on Nov 19th. Two winners from the school will be sent to the district storytelling festival at the Orem library in March! There will be an after-school workshop to help the kids that want to learn how to tell a good story. Watch for more information on that this month!

## Pumpkin Decorating Activity

Friday, October 9th 2:45-3:30

Bring Your Own Pumpkin and we'll supply the rest!

I am looking for volunteers to help from 2:30-4:00 pm with this activity.

Email me at [mcnair42496@gmail.com](mailto:mcnair42496@gmail.com) if you are able to help.



# LIBRARY READING CONTEST



Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that it is time once again for our LIBRARY READING CONTEST!

The library contest is simple: Read the most pages (no need to record time). As your student reads a book, simply write down the student's name, the title(s) of the book(s), and the number of pages with your signature.

This year's theme is: "Creep" your way into Reading! It will start Monday, October 5th and will end on Friday, October 23rd. Prizes will be given to the top three students of each class during library the week of Monday, October 26th through Thursday, October 29th. On Friday, October 30th we will announce the top three students in each cluster, k-3rd and 4th-6th, Who have read the most pages!



Here are the rules to the library reading contest:

1. Students should read books at their own reading level or higher. A student normally reading at a 5th grade level should not be content with reading a 1st grade level book. Challenging readers at all levels is one reason we do this competition.
2. Students may read books from home or from the Public Libraries. Please write down the student's name, the title(s) of the book(s) read, and the number of pages with your signature to verify what was read. These papers can be turned in weekly during the student's library time. Mrs. Scherer respectfully requested that parents certify through their signature any papers containing titles and pages read to help us monitor the efforts of the students who choose to compete.
3. Students need to turn in their papers only when their class goes to the library. With the tight schedule, it is unfair to students and to me to do it any other time.
4. The reading contest starts on Monday, October 5th. Books read before that date do not count. The contest ends Friday, October 23rd.



Our goal is to get the students excited to read and then to actually read. This will be similar to exercising in that reading more and at higher levels will help develop stronger reading skills. Your support of your students with regards to reading is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Shelly Beratto  
School Librarian



# Upcoming Events & Calendar

## **RANCHES ACADEMY FALL CARNIVAL**

**OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 11:00 - 4:00**

**COME SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER! WE WILL HAVE A BAKE SALE, GAMES, SILENT AUCTION, FOOD, BOUNCE HOUSES AND A LOT OF FUN!!**

**YOU CAN BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY AND SAVE. MONDAY OCT 5<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY OCT 9<sup>TH</sup> IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. 20 TICKETS FOR \$4.00. AT THE CARNIVAL THEY WILL BE 20 TICKETS FOR \$5.00**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!!**

### **September Students of the Month**

AM Kindergarten- Kezlyn  
PM Kindergarten- Aselin  
1st Morelli-Baugh- Sydney  
1st Weimer- Lewis  
2nd Milton- Madison  
2nd Moellmer- Josie  
3rd Wankier- Kayla  
4th Buttars- Thomas  
4th Robbins- Jake  
5th McGaffin - Danielle  
5th Payne - Emma  
6th Ford - Makenna  
6th Hunt - Jacob

## **CALENDAR**

**Oct 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Fire Safety Week**

**Oct 10<sup>th</sup> - Fall Festival Fundraiser**

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup> - Noon Dismissal**

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> - Fall Break**

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Red Ribbon Week**

**Oct 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences  
(half days all week)**

**Oct 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair**

**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> - Picture Retakes (Uniform  
Required)**

**Nov 19<sup>th</sup> - School Storytelling Assemblies**

**Nov 20<sup>th</sup> - Noon Dismissal**

**Nov 24<sup>th</sup> - Noon Dismissal**

**Nov 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Break**

