



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 month of school! Things are running smoothly and everyone is quickly getting into their routines. The teachers are finishing up their first benchmark assessments for reading, and we will begin 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 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.

As parents, there are things you can do to help keep the flu season to a minimum. The Health Department has related that students need to stay home if they have a fever and cough and/or sore throat. We understand that some coughs are due to the air and allergies. Please let your child's teacher know if he or she has a cough and you are certain it is not due to the flu. We want all students and staff to be healthy this year. 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.

Attendance is very important to the student's education, but staying healthy is vital this year. In light of the season hitting earlier and harder this year, we will not do perfect attendance awards for the school year. Awards will still be given for having zero tardies and other academic areas.

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

F S O N E W S & U P D A T E S

Dear parents,

My name is Rachelle Robertson and I am the FSO president for the 2009-2010 school year! I am so grateful for the parents who have volunteered to help head the committees on the FSO Board. We are excited about the many activities and opportunities the children will have this year to learn and to create! We are appreciative of all those who have signed up to help with the committees at back to school night and look forward to working with you this year! We think we have great kids at the Ranches Academy and look forward to a fabulous year!

Sincerely,

Rachelle Robertson

What is the FSO? The Family School Organization (FSO) is the parental support system for the school (similar to the PTA). The mission and objectives of the FSO are as follows:

1. To Help the Ranches Academy Charter School accomplish its goals and objectives as defined in the charter.
2. To involve parents in and to promote a better understanding of the educational program of The Ranches Academy.
3. To provide meaningful events and activities that will enhance the educational experience provided at The Ranches Academy.
4. To promote a closer relationship between the parents and the school, in order that parents and teachers may work cooperatively in educating children.

Who is a member of the FSO? All families in the school are members of the FSO. No dues or membership fees are required. Each family has one vote in all school voting matters.

FSO Board 2009-2010

President	Rachelle Robertson
Vice President	Brigitte Reall
Secretary	Cindy Morris
Treasurer	Michele Evans
Spelling/Geography	Nikola Peisley
Science Fair	Wendy Ford
Science Fair	Christie Buxton
Talent Show	Julie McNair
Inspirations	
Storytelling Festival	Amy Shawgo
Teacher Appreciation	Stacey James
Teacher Appreciation	Andria McCaul
Red Ribbon Week	Suzie Bassett
Newsletter	Tiffany Southern
Student of the Month	Cassie Dunn
Bulletins	Jodi Hancey
Jazz Reading	Jeri Thurman
Book Fair	Kim Johnson

We also want to thank all of our parents who signed up as Room Mothers. We appreciate your willingness to help the teachers in the classroom! They couldn't do it without you!

Upcoming Events & Calendar

On The Horizon

Sept 17th Constitution Day

Sept 22nd School Picture Day
(uniforms required)

Sept 25th Half Day of School

Oct 5th - 9th Fire Safety Week

Oct 10th – Fall Festival Fundraiser

Oct 19th - 23rd Red Ribbon Week

Oct 26th – 30th Parent Teacher
Conferences (half days all week)

Oct 27th - 29th Scholastic Book Fair



Constitution Day – Sept 17th

Remember to dress up like your favorite founding father or other historical figure. We will be teaching the students what it takes for a bill to become a law!!

Fall Festival – Oct 10th

Donations Needed:

- *Gift Certificates or items for silent auction baskets from your place of business
- *Pumpkins
- *Popcorn Machine Rental
- *Cotton Candy Machine Rental
- *Hot Dog Warmer Rental
- *Inflatable Bouncing Toy Rentals
- *Dunk Tank Rental

If you have access to any of the above donations we can provide you with a tax ID number for tax donation purposes. Please let us know you want to donate by e-mailing Tausha Petersen at tpetersen@theranchesacademy.com.