



Ranger Roars

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School Opening and Open House Go Well

We are pleased to report that the opening of the school year went smoothly. Our staff established routines and expectations and immediately went about their task of educating our students. Our students transitioned well into their new classes. Thanks go out to all our parents for your cooperation during this hectic period. Open House, as always, was well attended. It was a pleasure seeing so many familiar and new members of our community. This collaboration of students, parents, and staff is what makes our school such a special place. It's great to see how smoothly the integration of our newest members has taken place. Special thanks to the PTO for providing the delicious pastry and drinks.

2009-2010 NECAP Testing

Our 3rd and 4th grade students will again be participating in the annual NECAP Reading and Math testing during the second and third weeks of October. The Reading and Mathematics tests consist of three forty-five minute sessions each. The test session times are estimates. Students may have up to 45 additional minutes to finish a test if they are still working productively after the first 45 minutes.

The **Reading** sessions will be conducted on **October 6th, 7th, and 8th.**

The **Math** sessions will be conducted on **October 13th, 14th, and 15th.**

Students are tested on material covered in the prior grade. The grade 3 test, for example, will measure what a student should know and be able to do after completing second grade, the grade 4 tests will measure end of grade 3 skills. The grade 5 test will measure the end of grade 4 skills. Please note: The scores of students who are in grade 5 at the middle school are reflected on the Ranger School results as they are being tested on what they covered here.

Halloween Party Planning Meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:30

The PTO will be meeting to discuss plans for a Halloween Party. Volunteers are needed to collaborate on this project. If we find there is insufficient interest/attendance, this event will not be scheduled. NOTE: If you cannot attend but would like to join our team of volunteers, email or call Erin B. erinranger@cox.net or 624.4636 (Please leave msg.) THANKS!



E-Mails are Needed

The school is in the process of compiling an e-mail list to be used to send all communications to parents. We only have the addresses of about half of our families. Please contact the office or send in your address with your child by Friday, September 25th.



Mr. Feinstein Asks for Help

Mr. Alan Shawn Feinstein is asking all Rhode Island schools to raise money to assist in his fight against hunger. He informed us that for every \$1.00 we raise he will give the school matching funds for its own use. Our participation will begin immediately and continue until Mr. Feinstein's annual Fall visit. At this time, we will present him with a check for the total raised. We will receive a check in November matching our donation. This will be used in conjunction with our Feinstein Community Fund. The Community Fund is used to sponsor scholarships to our after-school programs, to send students to the Fall River Boys and Girls Club Camp each summer, and to provide assistance to families of Ranger School students at Holidays and times of need. Mr. Feinstein has asked that we share the fact that every dollar he receives is used to assist agencies in fighting hunger. No fees or expenses of any kind are taken out of the money raised. Participation is strictly optional. Money can be sent in at any time and no records will be kept of who donated. Checks should be made out to "Ranger School Feinstein Community Fund."

Students Donate Earnings

Thanks go out to Maree Feld, Cherilyn De-Freitas, and Gregory Petrarca who donated \$44.00 to the schools Feinstein Community Fund . The money was raised by conducting lemonade stands. In addition, Mr. Feinstein will match their efforts and donate an additional \$44.00 to the fund.. Great job !!!

September Calendar of Events

22-24, Mrs. DelDeo, Mrs. Ronan, Mrs. Butera, Mrs. Kraus, and Mrs. Sheehan at Project Read training

23 PTO Halloween meeting @ 6:30

28 RTI Meeting @ 3:30

30 Bus Evacuation Drills

SIT Meeting @ 3:30

October Calendar of Events

6 School Picture Day

PTO Budget meeting @ 6:30

After School Programs to Begin

Our first session of after school programs will begin on Monday, September 28th. The schedule is as follows:

Mondays	Team Sports for Grades 3 + 4 Puppet making for Grades 1 + 2
Tuesdays	Drama for Grades 3 + 4 Regal Reptiles for Grades 1 thru 4
Wednesdays	Karate for Grades 1 + 2
Thursdays	Team Sports for Grades 1+ 2
Fridays	Mask Making for Grades 3 + 4



All classes run for 4 weeks, except drama which is an 8 week program

Note: Feinstein funds are available to provide scholarships. Please contact the office. All in-
quiries are confidential

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE



With all the different things that can make you sick spreading through the schools, your homes, and your workplaces I would like to remind everyone that **hand washing** is the best way to prevent the spread of diseases. Our hands do many things for us; one of the worst things is spreading disease. Please be sure to wash your hands for 20 seconds, the time it takes to sing the Happy Birthday song twice. Also make sure that you change your towels frequently. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Sweeney at the nurse's office

Absenteeism Calls

Parents are requested to notify the school after 8:00 on days when their children will be absent due to illness, appointments, etc. Homework requests can be made at this time. Note: Parents are encouraged to bring students in late on days they have early appointments; have them come in and leave for late appointments; or come in, leave, and return depending on the time of the appointment. Please keep in mind that students are welcome at any time. Time spent in the building is educational and in students best interest to be here.