

Ranger Roars

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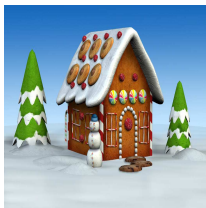
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Happy Holidays

The Ranger School Staff would like to extend our best wishes for a Happy, Safe, and Healthy Holiday Season to all the members of our wonderful school community.



Holiday Celebrations

Our students will be participating in several holiday activities next week. Each class will work on a craft project provided by our PTO. Next Wednesday, December 23rd, grades 1 thru 4 will travel to Tiverton High School for the annual Christmas Concert.



No Food during Craft Making or Holiday Celebrations

Continuing the tradition of food free activities and celebrations, **we are requesting that parents do not send in any edible items during days in which students are making crafts or Holiday Celebrations are being conducted..** The main reason for this is the fact we have several students with food allergies. We have also found it goes smoothly when students are able to concentrate solely on their craft making. In the past, problems have arisen including stained clothes, spills on classroom rugs, and a great deal of waste. Again, **cooperation is appreciated!!**



Feinstein Community Fund

We have Stop and Shop gift cards available to all families of Ranger School students who need assistance purchasing Holiday turkeys and fixings. Please contact the school. All inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

School Cancellation and Closing Announcements

Cancellations, late starts, and early dismissals are determined by the Superintendent of Schools who works in conjunction with the bus company and highway department. **The school district utilizes an automated system that will be calling all parents notifying them of early dismissals, late starts, and cancellations. Please inform the school if you change your phone number at any time during the school year.**

Early dismissal times are a best scenario approximation. The elementary schools are picked up after the high and middle and times are often later than indicated. This is usually the result of roads becoming more difficult to safely travel over. With this in mind, parents are encouraged to pick up students whenever possible on early dismissal days. Students who are not picked up on early dismissal days are transported to their normal stops and all regular procedures are followed. Numerous calls are also received regarding decisions to cancel, dismiss early, delay the start of school, etc. This creates long waits and frustration for those unable to contact the school immediately. Parents can also utilize the following means to obtain this information: WJAR Channel 10 TV— Providence, WSAR Fall River—1480 AM radio dial, On Line @ Turnto10.com, On Line @ www.tivertonschools.org.

- A.M. Kindergarten will not be in session on late start days, P.M. Kindergarten will not be in session on early release days.
- If no announcement is made on bad weather days, school meets at regular times

November STAR Students

Congratulations to the following November STAR students who exhibited an ability to follow safety rules:

1Petrarca: Eddie Rishmany, Abigail Simmons, and Sean Tappen

1Reimels/Kraus: Kyle Donahue, and Mariah Ramos

2DelDeo: Colby Belanger, Jasmine Paiva, and Talia Vicente

2Frazier: Kyle Fernandes, Kevin Medeiros, and Michelle Umehara

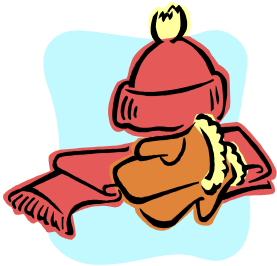
2Ronan/Butera: Liam Amaral, Rylie Maitland, and Maisie McQueen

3Truver/Tavares: Addison Cox, Will Kiser, and Kamrin Pratt

3Souza: Drew Germain, Zoe Magrath, and Amelia Peterson

4Azevedo: Mason Farias, Maxwell Kauffman, Brandon Medeiros, and Kelly Medeiros

4Curtis/Rapoza: Parker Golding, Simon Hallman, and Taylor Rego



Outdoor Recess

We have found that our students perform best on days when they have the opportunity to go out for recess. As such, we go out whenever possible. There are several factors that do prohibit this. One is the temperature. We do not go out when it is below 22 degrees. Wind Chill is also factored as well as the condition of the schoolyard. . Accordingly, parents are urged to continue sending students with gloves, hats, etc. to insure that they are properly dressed.

All students have two 15 minute recess periods each day. On inclement days the recesses are held in classrooms.

Note: We can always use extra winter coats for students who occasionally comes with only sweatshirts. Please send in or drop off coats you no longer have a use for.

Elementary Food Committee Meets

The Ranger School Elementary School Committee members met recently with representatives of Chartwells, our food service provider, School Committee Vice-Chairperson Sally Black, and Business Manager, Doug Fiore. They did an outstanding job expressing the views of their classmates and suggesting changes to improve the lunch program. Members include: Paige Elias, Amy Sylvia, Will Brigham, Holden DeFreitas, Taylor Rego, Bennett Flanagan, Brennen Tappen, and Alan Toste.

Holiday Fun Day

Our Holiday Fun Day provided numerous activities for all who attended including photos with Santa, Arts and Craft tables, Holiday Cookie sale, and breakfast. Thanks go out to Mrs. Carlisle, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Levesque, Mrs. Klusak, and their committee members for their efforts in organizing the events. Thanks also go out to Arruda's Dairy Farm for their donation of milk.

Student Dress Down Day Raises \$447.00

We are pleased to announce that \$447.00 was raised during Student Dress Down Day on December 11th. The money was donated to the "Fidelity Charitable Gift Trust." As stated previously, Mr. Feinstein will be tripling that total and sending the school a check to be used for our Feinstein Community Fund. **Thanks to all for your donations to this wonderful charity.**

Grange Donates Dictionaries to Grade 3 Students

All grade 3 students in the school system received dictionaries from the Nannaquaket Grange. Grange officials, John and Jeannette Kenyon, spearheaded the effort and Mrs. Kenyon made the presentations to students. Thanks to all Grange members for their continuing efforts to assist our students.

PTO THANKS VOLUNTEERS

The Holiday Craft Parties will be overseen by a slew of parent-volunteers who are always cheerful, patient and ready-to-roll with whatever needs to be done. Despite busy work schedules, the cold & flu season, and family responsibilities, many parents come to Ranger to assist with class work & activities. Others express their willingness to help in *some* way and are truly creative about finding ways to pitch in! Ranger's parents have shown an admirable understanding of their important roles as partners in this process. **Thank you for all you do!!!**



Clothing Needed

Ranger School is in need of pants or shirts to let children wear if they have an accident at school or get wet playing outside during recess. Sizes ranging from size 6 to size 10 are needed. Sweat pants and t-shirts are best so a boy or girl can wear them. If you have any sweat pants, pants, or t-shirts in good condition that you would like to donate to the school, please drop them off in the Nurse's Office. We are also accepting slightly used mittens or gloves for recess for the children who forgot theirs at home. No hats please. Thank you for your help.

Lost and Found is Overflowing

The Lost and Found containers, located in the main foyer, are overflowing with jackets, hats, gloves, sweatshirts, etc. Parents of students who have items missing are encouraged to visit the area.



January Calendar of Events

- 4th School in Session
Evaluation Team Meeting @
1:00
- 6th Grade 3+ 4 Dibbels Training
- 11th Teaching and Learning meet-
ing @ 3:30
- 12th to 15th Grade 1 Teachers at
District Math Training
- 13th Building Literacy Team meet-
ing @ 3:30
PTO and SIT meeting @ 6:30
- 18th **No School - Martin Luther
King Day**
- 19th Map Maker in 4th Grades
- 21st Grade 3 Squid Di-section Day