



GOODNEWS FROM THE RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RHS SPEECH & DEBATE won at the state championships! Tyler Bieber brought home first place in "Student Congress" and Nathan Jenkins won for "Humorous Interpretation." Both qualified for the National Championship.

MARCH 14 IS PI Day every year. Why? Because $March\ 14 = 3-14 = 3.14$, the first digits of the geometric value of pi used for calculating circumference and diameter of circles and more. Students at South Ridge and Union Ridge Elementary Schools celebrated pi day by participating in math games and activities.

14 BRAND-NEW LED MICROSCOPES are now part of South Ridge Elementary School's science curriculum. Previously, students shared 4 microscopes in a class. The LED light used by the new microscopes won't kill live specimens unlike older microscopes. Generous donations from the South Ridge PTA and Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation enabled the purchase.

"DANCING WITH THE STAFF" was an event developed by RHS' Leadership Class. Based on the "Dancing with the Stars" television show, teachers volunteered to dance (and be judged) at an assembly. Asst. Principal Nathan Plummer and teacher Julie Burghard won first place.

5TH-GRADE UNION RIDGE ELEMENTARY team won first place in the team competition of the annual "Math is Cool" event with the South Ridge Elementary team coming in a close second! Teams will be moving to the masters competition at Moses Lake on May 21. Here are the individual results:

- ❖ **1ST:** Noah Mossman (SR)
- ❖ **2ND:** Colin Stone (SR)
- ❖ **4TH:** Franzen Villavicencio (UR)
- ❖ **7TH:** Brendan Shroyer (SR)
- ❖ **8TH:** Zane Paganelli (UR)
- ❖ **9TH:** John Bauer (UR)



Students Make A Stand

THREE WOODSHOP STUDENTS AT View Ridge Middle School made a podium as a cross-curriculum class project for language arts teacher, Mrs. Mary Ford. From left to right: Justin Stay, Grant Mersinger, and Cody Blue designed and constructed the podium to Mrs. Ford's specifications.

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Story or event suggestions?
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MAKING ICE CREAM TEACHES students the changes of state that matter can go through in Union Ridge Elementary School's first grade classes. Part of the Solids and Liquids unit in science, first graders recognize the differences between solids and liquids. Sixth grade volunteers provided leadership and assistance during the lesson.

CHRISTOPHERSON AWARDED GRANT FROM iQ Credit Union. Union Ridge Kindergarten teacher Randi Christopherson will use the \$75 grant to give each of her students a free book to encourage them to develop their reading skills.

SOUTH RIDGE ELEMENTARY CHOIR students participated in two honor choirs. Sarah Whetsell, a 5th grader, participated in a 150-voice Washington State Youth Honor Chorus in February. Kevelyn St John, 6th grader, and Hannah Farley, 5th grader, were both selected for the Local Honor Choir that will be in Washougal at the end of April.



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Upcoming Events

- ❏ **APR 12-JUNE 30:** Ongoing Kindergarten Registration (UR/SR)
- ❏ **MAY 3:** All-District Jazz Concert (7pm @ RHS)
- ❏ **MAY 5-7:** *Guys & Dolls* play (7pm each night @ RHS)
- ❏ **MAY 9-14:** Missoula Children's Theater (Comm Ed sponsored)
- ❏ **MAY 14:** *Princess and the Pea* play (Comm Ed sponsored)
- ❏ **MAY 19:** K/1 Vocal Concert (7pm @ UR)
- ❏ **MAY 24:** 5/6 Band Concert (7pm @ UR)
- ❏ **MAY 30:** Memorial Day (No School)

Detailed event information available online: www.ridge.k12.wa.us