



# GOODNEWS FROM THE RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WITH GREAT RESULTS! | MARCH 2011

**MATH IS COOL** at Ridgefield's elementary schools. Each year, teams of students participate in the Math is Cool contest. The hugely competitive contest pits teams from all over Washington against each other, battling to determine which team can answer challenging math questions first. So far, 6th grade was the first to compete. Congratulations to the following winners who placed in the individual category:

- ✦ **2ND:** Tamarick Mendoza (UR)
- ✦ **3RD:** Kayla Besel (SR)
- ✦ **7TH:** Andrew Goaring (SR)
- ✦ **10TH:** Brandon Lehto (SR)

**JOSETTE BISBEE, JUNIOR**, won a \$1,000 scholarship in the Constitutional Speech Contest. Competitors deliver two speeches: an assigned topic and a competitor's selection.

**FBLA MEMBERS EXCELLED** at the SW Leadership Conference where Tamara Gage and Annum Soomro, sophomores, placed in several events. Gage took first place in "Business Math" while Soomro took first in "Creed" and "Help Desk" followed by third in "Job Interview" and fifth in "Intro to Business."

**TWO STUDENTS' BOOKMARK** designs were selected as finalists at Fort Vancouver Regional Library's Bookmark Contest. Both students are from Union Ridge. Alex Miller is in the 4th grade and Lily Maul is a 5th grader. Their designs were selected as the best bookmark in their grade-levels. In addition, they were both recognized for submitting outstanding entries.

**RHS BASEBALL PLAYERS** help teach little leaguers more about the game through the Polar Bear Academy. The younger players learn drills that will help them improve their skills.

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## Green Eggs & Ham Day

**DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY** brings special meaning to first graders in Ridgefield, as students are treated to actual green eggs and ham, free Cat in the Hat hats and a reading of the book by their school principals. The event is sponsored by Beaches Restaurant in Vancouver.

Story or event suggestions?  
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**MATH NIGHT AT** Union Ridge was popular with parents and students taking part in math activities. Parents learned about math lessons in the new curriculum which the district adopted this year that also includes a focus on technology and its applications in mathematics.

**CERAMIC ART COMES** to South Ridge students after the PTA purchased a new kiln and volunteered to pay for electricity. Students will be able to make pots and other art to fire in the kiln. Staff, motivated by first-grade teacher Nathan Ingroup, reorganized three storage closets to make room for the kiln.

**SCALES CAN CHALLENGE** every new band student at View Ridge. There are 12 scales in total. Every Thursday, students compete to see how many scales they can play – memorized! One student has done it so far with several more giving it their best attempts each week.



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### Upcoming Events

- ❏ **APRIL 4:** Babysitting Certification (Comm Ed)
- ❏ **APRIL 4-8:** Spring Break
- ❏ **APRIL 11:** Flyers Youth Track begins (Comm Ed)
- ❏ **APRIL 20:** 5/6 Grade Youth Volleyball begins (Comm Ed)
- ❏ **APRIL 22:** Family Game Night (6:30pm @ SR)
- ❏ **APRIL 26:** All-District Band Concert (6:30pm RHS)
- ❏ **APRIL 27-29:** Guys & Dolls (7pm each night @ RHS)

Detailed event information available online: [www.ridge.k12.wa.us](http://www.ridge.k12.wa.us)