



GOOD NEWS FROM THE RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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GARDENING TO LEARN MATH

Tim Dickinson's 3rd grade class from Union Ridge Elementary learn math by helping out at the Sargeant Street Community Garden. They used applied measurement and perimeter skills to measure out planter beds with stakes and twine.

ART "OSSIE" OSMUNDSON HONORED

Art "Ossie" Osmundson coached Ridgefield High School baseball for 33 years. In honor of his retirement, he was invited to throw the first pitch at May 3rd's double-header.

TEACHER WINS FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP

Mindy Morris, 4th grade teacher at Union Ridge Elementary, won a scholarship from the Clark County Farm Forestry Association to go on a 3-day Forestry Tour this summer. She will incorporate what she learns into her students' units on science, reading, math, and writing, adding practical experience to her teaching.

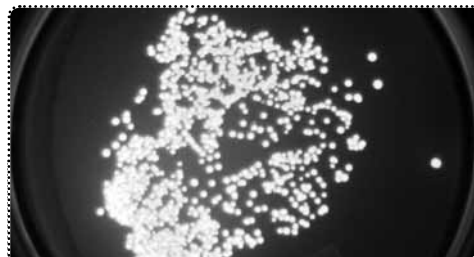
ATHLETES KNOW THEIR ACADEMICS

Erin Bate, won the District 4 Scholarship for athletic, academic, and community service achievements. In addition, the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association recognized the Boys and Girls Track, Boys Soccer, and Girls Golf teams as Outstanding. The Girls Tennis and Softball teams were recognized as Distinguished.

STUDENTS WIN DRAFTING COMPETITION

Ridgefield Advanced Drafting students won four out of five beginning and intermediate awards at the Clark Public Utilities Fair. Thomas Spencer and Daniel Palomaki won beginning events while Brady Williams and Ashley Moditz won at intermediate. Ed Greer, an experienced civil engineer and community member, volunteers with Gary Dietderich's CTE class to help students prepare for the competition.

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Grad Creates Glowing E. coli

RHS GRADUATE, HANNAH MAUL ('09), sequenced jellyfish DNA to identify the gene that makes them glow. Then, she used that gene to make E. coli bacteria glow. Her research is part of her major in biochemistry at Gonzaga University.

For more, visit: <http://bit.ly/ecoliDNA>

Story or event suggestions?
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FUNDRAISING \$2,386.59 FOR JAPAN

South Ridge Elementary School students held a Coin Drive to raise \$1,651.49 to help victims of the recent earthquakes and tsunami in Japan. At Union Ridge Elementary School, students folded 1,000 origami paper cranes and raised \$735.10 through their Cranes for a Cause fundraiser. Donations were made to SW Washington Red Cross and the Comfort for Kids program by Mercy Corps.

GRANT BUYS NEW DICTIONARIES

Justin Nelson, a language arts teacher at View Ridge Middle School, received a Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation mini-grant to buy new dictionaries with new features including sections on word usage, sentence structure, and more. New legislation permitting students to use dictionaries on the MSP assessment motivated Nelson and his department to apply.



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Upcoming Events

- ❏ **JUNE 2:** Senior Awards & Tea (6pm, RHS)
- ❏ **JUNE 2:** SR Band Concert (7pm, SR)
- ❏ **JUNE 6:** VRMS Band Concert (7pm, VRMS)
- ❏ **JUNE 7:** RHS Band Concert (7pm, RHS)
- ❏ **JUNE 9:** VRMS/RHS Choir Concert (7pm, RHS)
- ❏ **JUNE 10:** High School Graduation (7pm, RHS)
- ❏ **JUNE 20:** Last Day of School
- ❏ **ENDS JUNE 30:** Ongoing Kindergarten Registration (UR/SR)

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