

# RHS selects its SPUDS winners

THROUGHOUT THE MONTHS of each semester, one boy and one girl from each grade of Ridgefield High are selected for being an example of the best qualities of Spudders. SPUDS stands for: **Spudder Pride; Polite, Kind and Courteous; Understanding Toward Others; Dedicated to Excellence; and Smart as Einstein.**

Winners were treated to a BBQ for themselves and their families sponsored by the Ridgefield Boosters. The administration and staff worked the event, serving up burgers to all who attended.



### Spudder Pride — September

- 9th grade: Taylor Konkright, Katelyn Clem
- 10th grade: Juan Valenica, Mani Wanderer
- 11th grade: Ty Estes, Jessica Eussen
- 12th grade: Matt Burton, Lauren Landerholm

### Polite, Kind and Courteous — October

- 9th grade: Morgan Divine, Marissa Bruno
- 10th grade: Nick Holden, Randy Siebert
- 11th grade: Michael Oman, Damaris Pickett
- 12th grade: Chandler Webb, Amanda Scott

### Understanding Toward Others — November

- 9th grade: Daniel Palomaki, Mckinzee Pacht
- 10th grade: Zach Anderson, Sarah Davis
- 11th grade: Luis Jaquez, Heather Stovall
- 12th grade: Chris DeVore, Crystal Van LaLaeken

### Dedicated to Excellence — December

- 9th grade: Austin Strader, Katherine Vance
- 10th grade: Craig Horne, Heather Abella
- 11th grade: Kevin Roberts, Kylie Zebrun
- 12th grade: Jason Carter, Lacy Williams

### Smart as Einstein — January

- 9th grade: John Allegri, Crista Zuniga
- 10th grade: William Koopman, Karlee Kammer
- 11th grade: Alexander Demyanik, Allie Tissot
- 12th grade: Evan Rumble, Patricia Jimenez

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# RIDGEGRAM



## Come register your incoming kindergartener on Saturday, May 2nd!

RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT is holding a district-wide kindergarten registration on Saturday, May 2nd at Ridgefield High School. To be enrolled in kindergarten, students must be age five on or before Aug. 31, 2009. This is an open event and parents may come at any time between 9AM and Noon to register and get information on the district's Kindergarten program.

Parents with children entering kindergarten in fall 2009 need to bring current immunization information and proof of date-of-birth in order to register their new student. This registration opportunity is for parents to complete the registration process and receive information about the kindergarten program.

New kindergarten students will have the opportunity to meet the teachers at a later date.

Staff will be on-hand to assist parents with the registration forms and teachers will be providing brief information sessions covering the details of the kindergarten program. If you are unable to attend, you can still register your student at their neighborhood school after May 2nd.

Please contact Tonia Rice, Secretary/Registrar for Union Ridge at 750-7601 (tonia.rice@ridge.k12.wa.us) or Jodi Rust, Secretary/Registrar for South Ridge at 619-1501 (jodi.rust@ridge.k12.wa.us) for more information.

## [ Committee Position ]

Community members interested in a position on the Mary Christian Jones Scholarship Committee, please contact the district @ 619-1302.

## Green Eggs and Ham Day is a family affair at Union Ridge and South Ridge!

IN CELEBRATION OF Dr. Seuss' birthday on Tuesday, February 24, Beaches Restaurant served up green eggs and ham for first-grade students and their parents. Everyone gathered in the cafeteria where volunteers from Beaches prepared the food.

Every student received a hat in the style of Seuss' Cat in the Hat, and the principals read the book Green Eggs and Ham to students while they ate. Beaches Restaurant celebrates Dr. Seuss' birthday with schools around Southwest Washington every year, and has been doing so for 14 years.

Three of the Beaches employees serving up lunches are members of the same family. Mindy Dyer and her daughters Lindsey and Melissa have been doing this for years.

"We've fed over 7,500 people in this one week," said Mindy Dyer, an employee at Beaches who has been helping with Green Eggs & Ham Day for the entire nine years she's worked there. "It's a great seeing the faces of the kids, and it helps promote the fun of reading."



## Students celebrate President's Day at South Ridge



ON PRESIDENT'S DAY, South Ridge's ASB gathered students for an assembly celebrating presidents throughout the years. The band performed "America, The Beautiful," and students watched video clips of Martin Luther King, Jr., Barack Obama, and a short documentary about Abraham Lincoln.

*"We are all so proud of Allie."*

~ Monica DeShazer, RHS counselor



Allie Tissot with Representative Ed Orcutt

### High School Junior picked for page program

ALLIE TISSOT, a junior at Ridgefield High School, was selected to serve as a page for Representative Ed Orcutt from February 1-6.

"Being selected to be a student page is a great honor," said Monica DeShazer, a counselor at Ridgefield High School. "We are all so proud of Allie." Students must have written recommendations from their school principal plus a teacher or counselor. The student must also be sponsored by a current member of the House of Representatives.

Student pages perform tasks including ceremonial tasks such as presenting the flags during the legislative session and operational tasks like distributing amendments to the representatives.

Pages attend a two-hour page orientation on the Sunday preceding the scheduled week, then work as a page through the following Friday. Each day begins at 7:45 a.m. and typically lasts until 5:00 p.m. Each day, pages spend two hours in a classroom setting learning about the legislative process. Students have time outside of the program to do school assignments from their home.

## Ridgefield Schools Prepare and Plan for the Future

APPROXIMATELY 140 CITIZENS gathered at the Ridgefield Community Center on Wednesday, January 21, to discuss the future of Ridgefield schools and to hear the results of recent stakeholder interviews.

Twenty-four stakeholders from around Ridgefield were interviewed to get a sense of what direction the district should take when it comes to handling the current economic crisis as well as looking at potential growth.

"It's time for us to stop looking in the rearview mirror and start looking to the future of our schools," said Art Edgerly, Superintendent of Ridgefield School District. "We are fortunate to live in a community that cares so deeply about our schools, and we will continue to be more transparent in order for the public to have a guiding voice."

Citizens attending the meeting participated in an open house with stakeholders on-hand to explain the process of discussions on four different topics: Education & Programs, Facility Needs & Economics, Process & Communications and Partnerships & Community Involvement. Following the open house, the stakeholders, Board members and Edgerly formally presented ideas from the group discussions followed by questions from the community.

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~ Art Edgerly, Superintendent

Wendi Morris, Vice President of Ridgefield School Board, responded to an audience member's question about the Board's open-door policy, "Our meetings have always been open to the public, and we encourage anyone who is interested to attend any of them – we need input from our staff and community."

The next step for the district is the development of "critical path" decisions that will address the immediate needs of Ridgefield schools as well as lay the groundwork for the growth to come. "The administrative team, our teachers and myself — we work for you," Edgerly told the audience. "Right now, we're trying to gather information and we need your help."

The Board will discuss their tentative plan at a public hearing on Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Commons. The plan will guide implementation of the topics discussed on January 21.

### Ridgefield School District Board of Directors redraw Director District Boundaries

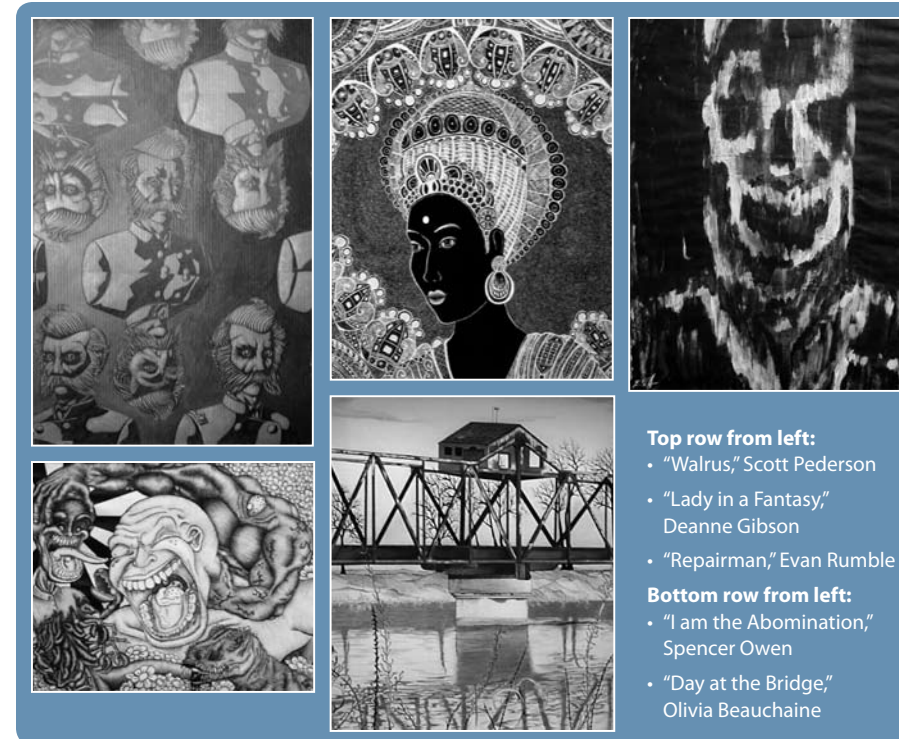
THE BOARD OF Directors reviewed the director district boundaries, and accepted a proposal for new boundaries that more accurately represent the current population sizes as well as to accommodate for future growth.

On their regular February 24 meeting, the Ridgefield School Board accepted the new boundaries after reviewing an analysis of the current population as well as 20-year projections for growth in Ridgefield and its student enrollment numbers. The district used estimates derived from the Washington State Office of Financial Management, district and city-UGA estimates, and the current Ridgefield School District student roster.

"The current district boundaries don't reflect the populations living within them," said Julie Olson, President of the Ridgefield School Board. "In order to properly represent Ridgefield, the district boundaries needed to be adjusted."

The new boundaries will go into effect starting in the spring of 2009.

**[ Health & Wellness Fair ]** At Union Ridge from 4:00-6:30 p.m. on May 20. Vendors like Kaiser Permanente will be on-hand with tips for a healthy lifestyle. Keep checking the district website for more details.



**Top row from left:**  
 • "Walrus," Scott Pederson  
 • "Lady in a Fantasy," Deanne Gibson  
 • "Repairman," Evan Rumble  
**Bottom row from left:**  
 • "I am the Abomination," Spencer Owen  
 • "Day at the Bridge," Olivia Beauchaine

### RHS takes art show honors

SEVERAL HIGH SCHOOL art students from Ridgefield were recognized at the opening reception of 2009 Southwest Washington Regional High School Art Show on March 11.

Teachers, students, parents and art lovers gathered at Educational Service District 112 to view more than 170 art pieces from all over the region.

Ten students from Debby Potter's art classes at RHS entered the art show, and five received awards.

This year's event also featured an educational panel about careers in the arts. Professionals in fine art, animation, illustration and design shared their experience and advice with the students.

"The experience of entering the show

and going to the panel really opened up their eyes to a lot of different possibilities in the field," Potter said.

The following students received awards:

- ESD 112 Awards**
- Deanne Gibson, "Lady in a Fantasy"
  - Scott Pederson, "Walrus"
  - Evan Rumble, "Repairman"

- Honorable Mention Awards**
- Olivia Beauchaine, "Day at the Bridge"
  - Spencer Owen, "I am the Abomination"

Yuriy Bogdanov, Brittany Mohr, V Huynh, Paige VanArnam and Alex Vigue also had entries in the art show.

### The Weatherbug infests South Ridge Elementary

SOUTH RIDGE'S PTA has elected to make South Ridge a Weatherbug station. By the end of the 2008-09 school year, Weatherbug users and KOIN-TV viewers will see pictures and weather forecasts collected from South Ridge Elementary. Mobile phone users will be able to select South Ridge Elementary as their weather station in Weatherbug mobile applications. Fifth-graders at South Ridge will maintain the station, checking on its data and equipment daily.



### SADD students clean up View Ridge Middle School

STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS (SADD) sponsored a clean-up project at View Ridge Middle School. Students picked up litter and trash. Four lucky students found a piece of magic scrap that won them a free pizza party at Papa Pete's!

### Take part in the future of Ridgefield schools

RIDGEFIELD CITIZENS ARE invited to attend a public hearing on Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Commons to discuss possible scenarios for the future of Ridgefield schools. Four tentative scenarios, the current Capital Facilities Plan and more are available on the website at [www.ridge.k12.wa.us](http://www.ridge.k12.wa.us).



### [ The Booster Club Golf Tournament ]

At the Tri-Mountain Golf Course in Ridgefield April 25, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. For more information, call Dan Nielsen at 727-3009