



# Ridge Road Reporter

## October 2016



Dear Parents,

Happy October Everyone!

Wow! What an amazing turnout for our Open House, the Ridge Road Fall Festival and the Rockin' Fun Run this past week! It was truly wonderful to see so many students, staff, parents and family members having a great time together at Ridge Road's back to school events. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank all of you for joining us at these family events and for being such a positive supporter of your child's school experience. A big thank you to all of our PTO members, parents and Ridge Road staff volunteers that donate so many hours planning and organizing behind the scenes to make these terrific events for our students happen.

Our Character Education virtue for the month of October is **Responsibility**. We will be focusing on the following in school:

- Do what you are expected to do
- Persevere; keep on trying
- Always try to do your best
- Use self-control; be self-disciplined
- Think before you act; consider the consequences
- Be accountable for your choices/actions

Please help support our focus on Responsibility by also discussing this trait with the students at home.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Bailey*

Anne-Marie Manikowski-Bailey  
Ridge Road Principal

### SMILE

Please mark your calendars! The Ridge Road Fall Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

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**No School for Students - October 10th and 21st**

On **Monday October 10<sup>th</sup>**, the school will be closed to observe Columbus Day. On **Friday October 21<sup>st</sup>** school will be closed for Staff Conference Day.

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**MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY**

**Calling All Horseheads Raiders in grades Pre K-12!**

Bring your family and friends to help our community on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> for the first ever district-wide **Make a Difference Day**. Let's show how much Raider Nation cares!

There are six different activities and locations to choose from that day. All but one take place from 9 to 11am. We ask each participant to volunteer at least two hours. Working together, we'll make a positive impact in the community, create memories, and have fun.

If you need another sign-up form, please call the Ridge Road office. **Let's have Ridge Road be the school with the highest number of participants helping out in our community!**

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**Fire Prevention**

The Ridge Road students will be participating in a fire prevention assembly on **Friday, October 14, 2016**. As part of this assembly, members from the Horseheads Fire Department will review fire safety and demonstrate how to exit their home should an emergency situation ever happen. Please help support our fire safety focus by reviewing your individual safety plans with your child at home. Also, please remember to change your batteries in the smoke alarms at your homes.

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**District-wide Unity Day**  
**Wear Orange!**

During this past month we have been reviewing the Character Education Traits with all of the students and discussing anti-bullying! On October 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Unity Day. We are asking all students and staff to wear Orange to show our support against bullying.

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**PTO Family Dance Night**  
**(Halloween Theme)**

Pick out that Halloween costume and put on your dancing shoes! On **Friday, October 28th**, Ridge Road PTO will be hosting a Family Dance Night from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. This event always proves to be a huge success! This year’s dance should continue our awesome tradition of fun for the kids and all family members! We will have the dance in the gym and a food/resting area in the cafeteria.

Please join us in your favorite costume to celebrate Halloween and dance to the Macarena, Cha Cha Slide, Thriller and Calling All the Monsters.

There will be no admission for the dance. Popcorn, nachos and drinks will be available for purchase. Students must have a parent/guardian attend the event with them. As always, parents are invited to dress up also!

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**Ridge Road Halloween Parade**

The Halloween Parade will be on **Friday, October 28th at 1:00**. All parents are invited to join us for the parade. If the weather is cooperating, we will have the students walk through the rooms and around the outside of the school. We ask that all spectators stand in front of the school near the flag pole area. The students will walk from the 4<sup>th</sup> grade area along the front of the building to the primary entrance.

**Please make sure that your child’s costume is appropriate for our very young students to see and that it does not have any type of toy weapons as a prop.** Also, we plan to run a normal morning schedule that is focused on academics. Please do not allow your child to come to school dressed in costume or with make-up on. All students will have an opportunity to change into their costumes prior to the parade. For safety reasons, we ask that adults not go to the rooms prior to the parade. **If you need to help dress your child, please make sure you have arranged this with your child’s teacher prior to the day of the parade.**

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**PTO Fall Clothing Sale**

The PTO Fall Clothing Sale will run from October 14<sup>th</sup> through October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016. If you want your clothing item to be a gift, please let the office know so we hold them for your pick-up.

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**Appropriate Clothing for Fall Weather**

As the cooler weather starts approaching, please remember to send in clothing for your child to participate in recess. Be sure they have a warm sweater/jacket, hat or scarf, and warm shoes. Please remind your child that they need to bring sneakers for gym and recess each day.

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**Backpack Reminder from Mrs. Tenbus**

Dear Parents,

As the school year gets into full swing, I just want to send a reminder on correct backpack use. Improper use of a backpack can cause injuries to children with back pain that may continue into adulthood. Backpacks should be less than 15% of your child’s body weight according to most experts. Please remind your children to wear both straps, empty out the unnecessary items from the backpack and that the straps are adjusted properly to allow for proper fit. Please remind your child to let you know if they are experiencing back, shoulder, or neck pain after carrying their backpack. I have included 2 websites for you to obtain additional information: <http://www.apta.org/Media/Releases/Consumer/2009/4/14/> and <https://www.uhs.uga.edu/documents/PT-backpack.pdf>

In health and wellness,

Alisha Marie Owen Tenbus, DPT

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## RIDGE ROAD “ROCK STARS”

Congratulations to the following students for the month of September that have been selected as the Ridge Road “Rock Stars” for being **Responsible, Optimistic, Compassionate, Kind, Successful, Trustworthy, Admirable and Respectful Students.**

### Mrs. Nelson

Torin Duart  
Parker Sempler

### Miss Beeman

MJ Carro  
Lily Horton

### Mrs. Conklin

Liam Arnold  
Annabelle Fitzpatrick

### Mrs. Pronti

Hailey Earl  
Lacey Titsworth

### Mrs. Romanski

Noah Cady  
Emma Drake

### Mrs. Alexander

Kate Howard  
Anthony Caporiccio

### Mrs. Bower

Sarah Materne  
Keegan Duart

### Mrs. Cady

Ashley Giammichele  
Kingston Inthanongsak

### Mrs. Benton

Teagan Sullivan  
Sydney Ryan

### Mrs. Ford

Ava Wing  
Morris Babcock

### Mrs. Murray

Aiden Andrews  
Peyton Butts  
Bryce Ensign

### Ms Stickler

Essanna Marks  
Donovon Tice

### Mrs. Wolf

Aubrey Howe  
Hunter Matkosky

### Mrs. Fullmer

Andrew Hollenbeck  
Mia Richardson  
Maeve Wheeler

### Specials

Riley Abernathy  
Erica Bancroft  
Callum Bednarek  
Ginny Blake  
Peyton Butts  
Noah Cady  
Addison Cook  
Emma Drake  
Hailey Earl

Specials cont.

Aleyris Echevarria  
Hunter Ellis  
Madelyn Ellis  
Peighton Ellison  
Emily Green  
Emma Guzylak  
Sam Hartman  
Megan Hawley  
Kingston Inthanongsak  
Laela Inthanongsak  
Gabby Janeski  
Alexander King  
Allison Laughlin  
Brady Lunger  
Sayde Marcoccia  
Nathan Matthews  
Skyler Maynard  
Essanna Marks  
Sarah Materne  
Danika Morehouse  
Drew Parsons  
Nolan Parsons  
Sophia Polise  
Jemma Randall  
Kylee Rybak  
Parker Sempler  
Sydney Smith  
Devin Sullivan  
Aliyah Teets  
Lacey Titsworth  
Lillian Walton  
Leighton Weber  
Megan Wolf



# OCTOBER 2016

## Ridge Road Students' Six Day Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5 Day 3 <b>Reisinger's Apple Farm—1st Gr.</b>	6 Day 4 <b>3rd -Clemens Center Field Trip</b>	7 Day 5	8
9	10 <b>NO SCHOOL Columbus Day</b>	11 Day 6 <b>PTO Mtg. 6:30– Library CIDS Screening Day</b>	12 Day 1 2:35 Faculty Mtg.  <b><u>Picture Day!</u></b>	13 Day 2 <b>K– Clemens Center Field Trip</b>  CIM 12-3	14 Day 3 <b>PTO Fall Clothing Sale Fire Safety - 9:15-3rd and 4th 10:15– Pre K- 2nd</b>	15
16 <b>Dance Practice for all students for the Halloween Dance in the GYM from Oct. 19th - Oct 28th 7:45-8:15 am</b>	17 Day 4  <b>2:30- Site Team Mtg.</b>	18 Day 5	19 Day 6 <b>District-wide Unit Day Anti Bullying Wear Orange!</b>	20 Day 1	21 <b>No School for Students– Conference Day</b>	22 <b>Make a Difference Day!</b>
23 <b>Dance Practice for all students for the Halloween Dance in the GYM from Oct. 19th -Oct 28th 7:45-8:15 am</b>	24 Day 2	25 Day 3	26 Day 4  2:35 -Faculty Mtg.	27 Day 5 <b>CIM 12—3</b>	28 Day 6 <b>Halloween Parade 1:00 PTO Halloween Dance 6:30-8:00 pm</b>	29
30	31 Day 1  <b>Happy Halloween</b>					