



Ridge Road Reporter

October 2022



Happy October Everyone!

Thank you to all our Ridge Road staff, PTO, and parents that helped with planning, setting up, and chaperoning events at the Fun Run and Fall Festival on September 24th. What a wonderful day and fun celebration of being back at school for our students.

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 your child at home.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bailey

Anne-Marie Manikowski-Bailey



SMILE

The Ridge Road Fall Picture Day is Thursday, October 6th!

Early Dismissal Practice Drill

On **Thursday, October 6th**, all K-4th grade students will participate in a drill at 2:00 pm to practice for an emergency early dismissal. Please note that this drill will take about 15 minutes. All students will board the busses that are marked for their emergency dismissal. The bus drivers will take a quick headcount for the number of students designated to be on that emergency bus. As soon as the count is finished, all the students will exit these busses and go back to their classrooms before starting the regular dismissal. **(No students will be sent home on the emergency bus.)**

All K- 4th grade students will dismiss for their normal end of the day routine at 2:25. ****No one will be allowed in the building during the drill from about 2:00-2:20.** We will open the doors for parents to come in for dismissal as soon as the drill has been completed.

Because of the practice drill- Pre-K students will be dismissed at 1:40 on Thursday.



No School for Students – Friday, October 7th and Monday, October 10th

School will not be in session on Friday, October 7th for students, as all staff will be participating in trainings and meetings for the Superintendent's Conference Day. Also, on Monday, October 10th, all Horseheads Schools will be closed in honor of Columbus Day.



Fire Prevention Month

Members of the Horseheads Fire Department will be joining us at Ridge Road on Tuesday, October 11th for Fire Safety Assemblies.

Please help to 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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Halloween Parade

Our Halloween Parade will start at **1:15 on Friday, October 28th**. **If it is not raining, parents may attend the outside part of our parade.** Please know that no parents will be allowed in the school building. You will need to park in the back lot and walk around the school to the front lawn.

Parents are invited to stand along the front of the school from the flagpole area down toward the art room and up toward the primary playground. We will have the students start inside at 1:15 and they will go through the school to pick-up each class and go out the door near the south end of the building. It will be around 1:20 before they start outside the building. The students will walk along the front of the school and re-enter the building at the north end.

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 weapon as a prop. 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.

We want to make sure dismissal will be safe and go smoothly, **we respectfully ask that all students follow their normal dismissal procedures for the 28th and that parents do not request to pick them up early.**

Halloween Dance- Friday Night October 28, 2022, from 6:30-8:00 pm.

All Ridge Road students and family members are welcome to join us back at school on Friday evening for the Halloween Dance. This is always one of the favorite events for the students. Parents are also welcomed to dress in costume and join the kiddos on the dance floor!



PTO Meeting on Wednesday, October 12th

The Ridge Road PTO will be hosting a meeting on **Wednesday, October 12th, at 6:30 pm in the Ridge Road library**. All parents are invited to attend the meeting and be a part of our PTO. So, if you can volunteer just a little or really want to be highly involved, we would love for you to be a part of the Ridge Road PTO!

Educational Programs

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender (including gender identity and expression). Inquiries regarding this notice may be made to Caitlin DeFilippo Title IX and DASA Coordinator, or Kelly Squires, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.

HORSEHEADS MISSION STATEMENT

Horseheads Central School District sets the standard of educational excellence by fostering innovative thinking, curiosity, and a passion for learning to maximize the potential of each individual. We engage with our local and global communities to provide a student-centered, nurturing environment.

EXPLORE

EMPOWER

EXCEL

Dignity Act Coordinator

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for Ridge Road is Anne-Marie Bailey. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Anne-Marie Bailey at 607-739-6351 x 7600. The Dignity Act Coordinator for the Horseheads Central School District is Caitlin DeFilippo. Mrs. DeFilippo may be reached at One Raider Lane, horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601 x 4211.



Swimming Lessons 2022-2023

Registration for swimming lessons for students in Kindergarten through Sixth grade will be on Saturday, October 22, 2022. The registration will occur from 9:00am – 12:00pm in the hallway outside of the Horseheads High School pool. **We will not be testing out children but will move them to appropriate levels if the level you sign up for is not meeting their needs.**

The registration fee is **\$30 for each session**. We accept cash or check. Checks can be made out to "Horseheads Central School District". All information will be on our district website <http://horseheadsdistrict.com/pool.cfm> You can also go to our district website **horseheadsdistrict.com** and go to the community tab and our schedule is there. Also, cancelations will be posted on the district Facebook page: *search Horseheads Central School District*. If you can't make the date(s) for registration you may register the next class. Please do not call to register your son or daughter because we cannot register via phone.

Sincerely,

Jared Zembek
HHSD Pool Director
jzembek@horseheadsdistrict.com

Dates for Lessons:

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Oct. 29	Jan. 21	Mar. 18
Nov. 5	Jan. 28	Mar. 25
Nov. 19	Feb. 4	Apr. 15
Dec. 3	Feb. 11	Apr. 22
Dec. 10	Feb. 18	Apr. 29
Dec. 17	Feb. 25	May 6
Jan. 7	Mar. 4	May 13
Jan. 14	Mar. 11	May 20

Time Slots (Levels I – VI)

9:00-9:35am
9:40-10:15am
10:20-10:55am
11:00-11:35am
11:40am-12:15pm
12:20-12:55pm

*Jan. 14 and March 11 are sign up days but there are lessons that day.



Digital Citizen News

September 2022

YEAR 6

BACK TO SCHOOL
BE COOL!

DIGITAL CITIZENS

WELCOME THE
NEW SCHOOL YEAR
AS A CHANCE TO
LEARN A NEW
THING AND TO . . .

We all live in
a Digital World!

We are all Digital Citizens!



HELP ME! I FEEL TEACHING DIGITAL
CITIZENSHIP IS IMPORTANT BUT I DON'T
KNOW WHERE TO START. CAN YOU GIVE
ME A CLUE?

CLUELESS IN THE SOUTHERN TIER

Dear Clueless,

We are here to help you! Here are a few things that you
can do right now.

1. **Read our newsletter.** We send this out each month with information about Digital Citizenship (DC), links to websites you can explore, and activities that you can try with your students. The newsletter has items for beginners and for developing DC teachers looking for intermediate and advanced content.
2. **Visit our website.** Click this link (go.gstric.org/dc-site).
3. **Start by downloading our DC Pledge** (go.gstric.org/dc-pledge). It has a series of "I" statements about DC topics. Discuss it with you students.

DC Editor (The Boss)

The DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

I will keep myself **SAFE** on the

I will keep my information **PRIVATE**
SECURE

I value my **IDENTITY**

I will develop a good **REPUTATION**

I will **COMMUNICATE** respect

I am not a **CYBERBULLY**

I am digital technology

I will go digital to others

I am digital technology

I am digital technology

I am digital technology



GROW !

This monthly newsletter is created as part of **GST BOCES Digital Citizenship Initiative**. We are now in Year Six of our initiative and we invite you to join us. We enjoy hearing from our readers and welcome your feedback. Send your comments, questions, and suggestions to dc@gstboces.org. Visit our website: <http://www.gstric.org/digital-citizenship>.

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

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"Good citizenship in person needs to flow over into good citizenship online. It has a lot of the same principles: respect, being kind and meeting expectations."

Jill Felty

Technology Integration Facilitator
Paradise Valley School District (pvschools.net)

TWO SITES THAT WE LOVE

VISIT THE SITES
EXPLORE THE RESOURCES



The International Society for Technology in Education has identified Digital Citizenship as one of five focus areas.

ISTE's DC Information promotes five competencies for Digital Citizens to work on. Last year we looked at each competency in the issues of our news from October 2021 to February 2022.

1 BEING INCLUSIVE

2 BEING INFORMED

3 BEING ENGAGED

4 BEING BALANCED

5 BEING ALERT

<http://go.gstric.org/601-dc-iste>

<http://go.gstric.org/dc-news>

GET ALL 5



Common Sense Media's section devoted to Digital Citizens includes lots of lesson plans, videos and resources.

Complete information sections for Educators, Parents, and Advocates.

Sample article:

10 Fun Digital Citizenship Videos for K-5 Classrooms

<http://go.gstric.org/601-cs-video>



<http://go.gstric.org/601-commonsense>

Digital Footprint & Identity

Privacy & Security

Cyberbullying, Digital Drama & Hate Speech

Relationships & Communication

Media Balance & Well-Being

News & Media Literacy

Digital Citizenship News

September 2022



FOR INDIVIDUALS STARTING THEIR DIG CIT JOURNEY

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS SCHOOL YEAR



NATIONAL SUMMIT ON K-12 SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY

The National Summit on K-12 School Safety and Security, hosted by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), brings federal, state, and local school leaders together to share actionable recommendations that enhance safe and supportive learning environments in kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) schools.

The Summit, held virtually over three days in November, will consist of a two-hour session centered around the themes of **violence prevention** (Day 1); **cybersecurity and online safety** (Day 2); and **physical security** (Day 3).

Additional event details include:

Dates: November 1-3, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET each day

Location: Held virtually via Microsoft Teams

Registration Information: The Summit is open to all interested parties and there is no cost to attend. Registration is required for planning purposes.

<http://go.gstric.org/school-safety-summit>

Succeeding through

**Southern Tier
ConnectEd Conference**

March 20, 2023

Watkins Glen High School

Interested in Presenting at the conference?
The RFP is now Open!

<http://go.gstric.org/510-presenters-rfp>





* OUR TOP ITEMS TO KEEP IN MIND

WE WITNESSED MANY ATTEMPTS IN JUNE AND OVER THE SUMMER TO ATTACK OUR SYSTEMS USING THESE TECHNIQUES OR EXPLOITS

PHISHING

Phishing is a cybercrime in which a target is contacted by email, telephone or text message by trying to trick the target into providing sensitive data such as personally identifiable information, banking and credit card details, and passwords. The information is then used to access important accounts and can result in identity theft and financial loss.



<http://go.gstric.org/601-phishing>

BUSINESS EMAIL COMPROMISE (BEC)

Business email compromise (BEC) is a growing type of email cyber crime scam where the attacker uses an account that has been compromised at a company to send fraudulent requests for payment to be made to the attackers bank accounts. These attacks are difficult to detect and prevent because they seem to come from legitimate, trusted sources.



<http://go.gstric.org/601-BEC>

RANSOMWARE

Ransomware is a type of malicious software, or malware, that prevents you from accessing your computer files, systems, or networks and demands you pay a ransom for their return. Ransomware attacks can cause costly disruptions to operations and the loss of critical information and data.



<http://go.gstric.org/601-ransomware>

OUR TOP TIPS FOR AVOIDING THESE EXPLOITS

1. **Be skeptical** of any emails or phone calls that you receive asking for certain kinds of information. **Be more skeptical** of email inquiries that you didn't initiate or request.
2. **Be suspicious** of any requests that seem to require you act immediately.
3. **Be wary** of any attachments from sources that you don't know or that you didn't request.
4. Even if you know the source, you may want to **call and verify** that something is legitimate before you act on it. **Take your time.** Don't be caught in one of these traps. Ask for Help from IT.

DIGITAL CITIZEN WEEK IS OCT. 17-21, 2022



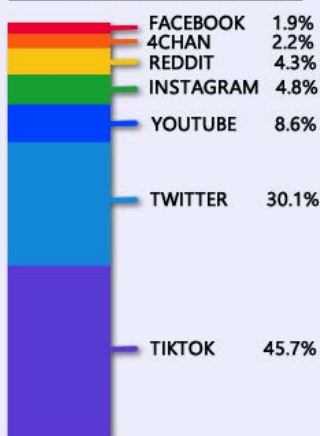
IN THE "MEME" TIME...

meme: an amusing or interesting item (such as a captioned picture) that is spread widely online especially through social media



<http://go.gstric.org/601-safe-memes>

MEME STATISTICS FOR 2022



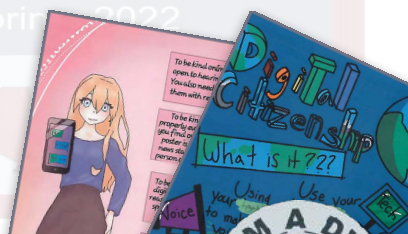
Sites where memes originate in 2022

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP POSTER ART

CREATED BY STUDENTS IN GST SCHOOL DISTRICTS

During the last school year we ran a contest for students to create original posters about DC topics. We choose 10 winners and included small "thumbnail" images of the posters in our June 2022 newsletter <http://go.gstric.org/june2022>

We have included two of the posters on the last two pages of this issue. Print them and post them around your school.



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To be kind online, you need to be open to hearing other's opinions. You also need to communicate to them with respect and empathy.

To be kind online you need to properly evaluate information that you find online. Make sure that the poster is a valid source, such as a news station and not just a single person on a social media platform.

To be kind online you need to use digital media platforms for kind reasons. Such as, to solve problems, spread positivity, and to engage positively with others.

To be kind online you need to make informed choices especially on how you manage your time online.

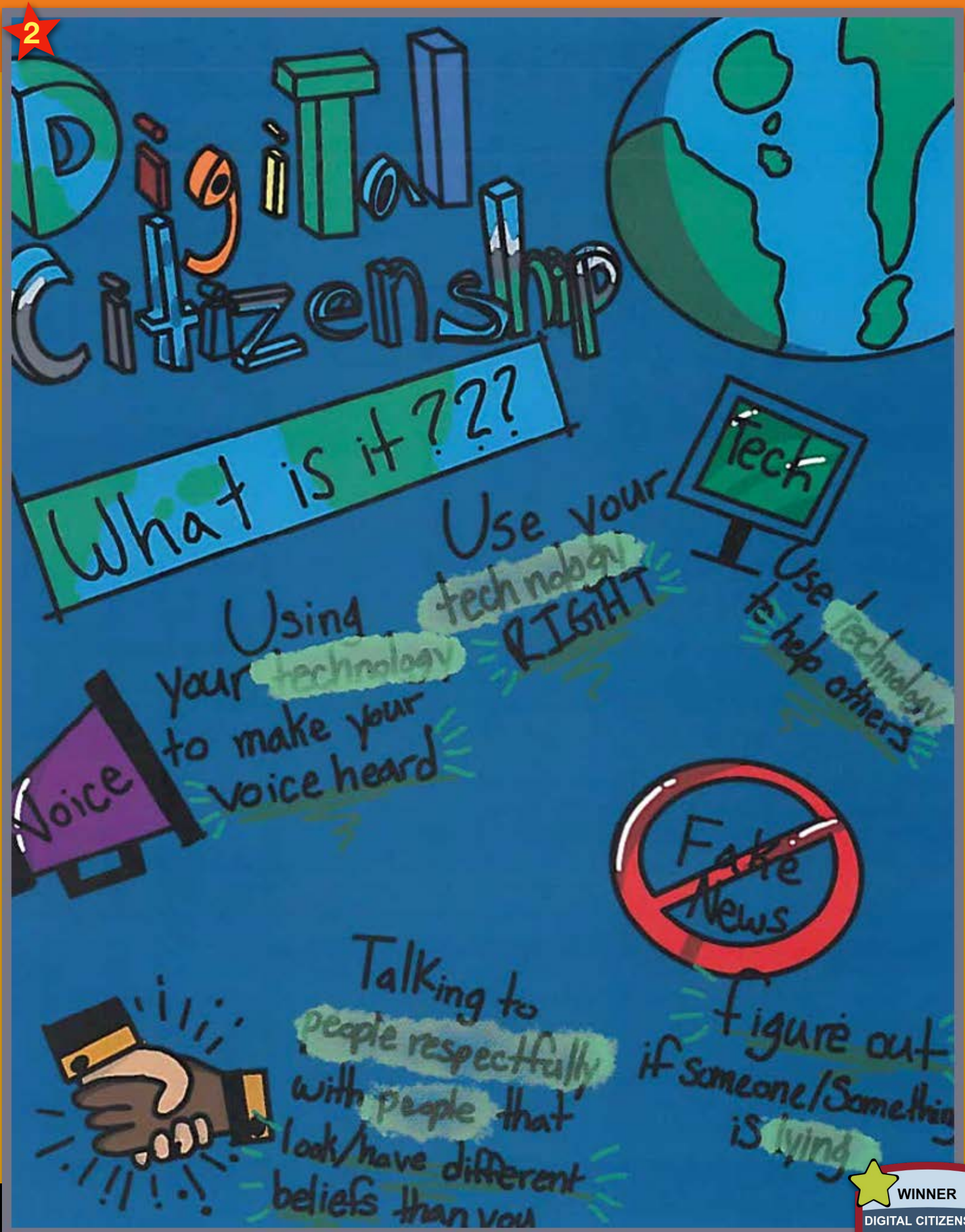
To be kind online you need to be aware of your own actions and learn how to make safe and comfortable areas for yourself and others online.

OUR POSTER WINNER
FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

"The Digital Grip" created by Elle
as an eighth grader

<http://go.gstric.org/510-winners>





OUR POSTER WINNER
FOR OCTOBER 2022

"Untitled" created by Raelee
as a seventh grader

<http://go.gstric.org/510-winners>










RIDGE ROAD STUDENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2022



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Day 2 CIM Meeting 3:00-3:30pm	4 Day 3	5 Day 4	6 Day 5 *School Picture Day *Fall Clothing Sale Begins *Early Release Practice Drill	7 CONFERENCE DAY NO SCHOOL
10 NO SCHOOL  <small>shutterstock - 485763358</small>	11 Day 6 1st Day of 4th grade swim! Fall Clothing Sale	12 Day 1 Faculty Meeting Library @ 2:35pm PTO Meeting 6:30 in RR Library	13 Day 2 CIM Meeting 2:30-3:30pm BOE MTG. 6:00pm HS MMC	14 Day 3
17 Day 4 Site Team Library @ 2:30pm Fall Clothing Sale	18 Day 5 Safety Team Planning Mtg. 2:30-3:30 Library	19 Day 6	20 Day 1	21 Day 2 Make a Difference Day(22nd)
24 Day 3	25 Day 4	26 Day 5 Faculty Meeting Library @ 2:35pm	27 Day 6 CIM Meetings Conf Room	28 Day 1 Halloween Parade 1:15 Halloween Dance 6:30-8:00pm RR Gym
31 Day 2 Happy Halloween 	1 	2 	3 	4 