



# GOODNEWS FROM THE RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## STUDENT ART TAKES CENTER STAGE

On January 6, the Alcove Art Gallery held a gallery opening for a second-annual exhibit of student art called "Focus on the Future." The exhibit shows artwork from students at all four of Ridgefield's schools. The work will be on display until January 28. Alcove Art Gallery is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10-5 at 328 Pioneer St. in downtown Ridgefield.

## DRIVING FOOD DONATIONS

South Ridge Elementary School, View Ridge Middle School, and Ridgefield High School held food drives in December. SRES collected 2,141 food items totaling 1,870 pounds. VRMS collected 695 items totaling 720 pounds. RHS collected 4,150 items at 2,020 pounds. Each year, Kalama and Ridgefield compete to collect cans, and, this year, Ridgefield won, collecting over 1,500 more cans! Assistant Principal Nathan Plummer cut his hair to "Rock a Mohawk" as a reward for the students.

## GRANTING A ROCKING FIELD TRIP

Angie Wiseman, second grade teacher at Union Ridge Elementary School, won a Target Grant for \$700 to fund a field trip for second graders at Union Ridge to visit the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals this spring. The field trip supports the Full Option Science System (FOSS) Kits students use to identify and learn the history of different kinds of rocks.

## LUNCH IN THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Sometimes going to the principal's office isn't a bad thing - like when it's to eat lunch with Principal Janice Sauve at South Ridge Elementary School. Starting last year, Mrs. Sauve eats lunch at least once with every student in school! "It's a great way for me to learn more about every student," she said. "In addition, students learn that there's more to a principal than getting in trouble."



## Teaching a Snail's Pace

Linda Johnson's 3rd grade class at South Ridge Elementary School learned almost all there is to know about snails. Then, they taught Dodi McCombs' kindergarten students everything they learned. "Students really retain the knowledge when they teach it to others," said Johnson.

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### RIDGEFIELD'S HOMETOWN CELEBRATION

During Ridgefield's Hometown Celebration in December, students from the elementary schools sold items at the Annual Children's Bazaar. The View Ridge Middle School choir sang carols throughout town while the VRMS band performed in the park. Students from Ridgefield High School's band and choir also performed at the community event.

### SHANNON BOYLE MAKES ALL-REGION

Shannon Boyle, a sophomore Spudder at Ridgefield High School, made the All-Region first team for volleyball, and she was recognized by *The Columbian*: "she ruled the final weeks of year, leading the Spudders to 8th place at state."

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ **JANUARY 20:** Pack the Place Dance at 8pm (RHS)
- ❖ **JANUARY 26:** Band Concert at 7pm (UR)
- ❖ **JANUARY 27:** Teacher In-Service Day (No School)
- ❖ **FEBRUARY 9:** Winter Vocal Showcase at 7pm (RHS)
- ❖ **FEBRUARY 14:** Election Day
- ❖ **FEBRUARY 17:** No School
- ❖ **FEBRUARY 20:** President's Day (No School)

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



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