

From Your Ridgecrest Counselors

Another school year has flown by at Ridgecrest! It feels like just yesterday our sixth graders participated in Camp Ridgecrest, and now they are no longer RIS novices. Our seventh graders are officially going to be the leaders at school when they return in the fall. Let's not forget about the eighth graders, promoting to high school and ready for new campuses, curriculums, and experiences.

Keep in mind this summer that there are many ways to stay engaged and connected with RIS over the summer. Follow us on Twitter to stay up to date on summer happenings throughout the PVPUSD. Also, if your student is enrolled in summer school or the summer bridge program, it will begin June 20 at 8:15am. Depending on what class your student is taking, location may vary.

Oh, the Things We've Accomplished This Year!

- 8th grade students designed and created amazing Pumpkin Chunkin catapults
- All of our students participated in Science Fair
- 7th grade Science students were a part of Mission Eagles Nest
- 6th grade scientists created multi-media presentations on material and energy resources
- Engineering students displayed projects at the District STEM Symposium
- Leadership classes helped raise over \$9,000 for various charities
- 7th grade students hosted Poetry Café
- 8th grade students were passionate about their persuasive speeches when presenting to classmates and school staff
- The All Star girls soccer team went undefeated
- 6th grade students in Mrs. Kraake's Social Studies class created 20time passion projects

Counseling Reflection

The Counseling Team had a great year supporting students in a variety of ways. This year students participated in Red, Green and Yellow Ribbon Weeks as well as a College Week and 8th Grade Career Day. Many students also benefited from various groups and individual counseling sessions. We initiated a new scheduling process using both paper and online formats (let us know what you thought of the changes via this survey link: <http://goo.gl/forms/oMVnD78deF>). As a reminder, our doors are always open to help students and families – whether it be academic, social, or emotional, we are here to help. We also feel fortunate to have had counseling intern, Ms. Simon-Meyer with us this school year. We wish her luck on her future endeavors as a school counselor!

Thank You

To all our Student Ambassadors, STUCO members, and Leadership students – thank you for your hard work this year! Without your time and efforts, so many of the fun lunchtime activities and meaningful fundraisers would not have happened. Kudos to you for your energy and commitment to being leaders and change makers at RIS.

Summer Reading Suggestions

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/2015%20Summer%20Reading%20List%206th%20to%208th%20grade.pdf>

http://www.scholastic.com/parents/sites/default/files/field_file/2016-src-book-list-all-ages.pdf

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