

River Ridge Middle School Student Council

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

6TH, 7TH, 8TH GRADES 120 STUDENTS

ADVISOR: ELISSA GUNNING

WILDCATS

BLUE AND GRAY

The River Ridge student council helps with a lot of school and community activities, such as craft fair parking, obstacle course at Mallardfest, concessions, decorating hallways, dances, and more. One thing we focused on this year is school spirit. We do team building activities with the whole middle school every Wednesday during study hall.

One of the best and funniest of all is Red Ribbon Week. This again helps with school spirit. Red Ribbon Week showed that we have a lot of spirit and taught us not to do drugs. We dressed up every day of the week. Monday we dressed in red for "Too smart to start drugs". On Tuesday we dressed all mismatched for "Don't get mixed up in drugs". Wednesday we wore ties for "Don't get tied up in drugs." Thursday we incorporated an anti-bully day and we wore blue for "Don't let a bully make you blue." Friday everyone wore boots or crazy socks for "Give drugs the boot." We had a lot of spirit on Red Ribbon Week.

We participate in Mallardfest. Mallardfest is a festival in our town that highlights the Mallard duck. Every year we rent a giant inflatable obstacle course. This is a big hit with the kids. We charge to go on it and profit goes towards a community project. One year the money went to the local historic preservation group to install historically accurate lamp posts in town.

For Valentine's Day we deliver Fanta pop ("Someone thinks you are **FANT**Astic") and carnations to our students to give to someone they think is special. We charge \$2 for each Fanta and carnation. The money we make from this goes to the state service project.

We assist our local PTO with parking lot control the weekend of their big Craft fair. Every member must work at least one shift on one of the two days of the Craft Fair.

Some other school spirit things that we do are door decorations. We go around to the middle school hallway and put stickers on the windows to make the hallways more cheerful. We also hang up many other decorations. Right now we even have a big paper chain hung up. The Middle School had contest between teams to see which team could make the longest paper chain. Strips for the chain were 3 for \$.25. The winning team was to receive an ice cream sundae party. We were so successful, that every team received ice cream with the winners having sundaes, our chain, made up of strips of navy and gray paper (our school colors) looped all the way down our hallway and half way back. We have a contest around Christmas time to see who has the best Christmas spirit and whoever's door looks the best will be the winner. During the year we have various scavenger hunts. The purpose of the scavenger hunts is for students to having a fun conversation with a teacher or administrator. After you go to talk to a school employee they give you a prize.

We also do a “best lips” contest we have this around Valentine’s Day and split it up by grades and boys and girls. We have each student put lipstick on then kiss a card. We then hang the cards in the hallway and have people vote for which one they think is the “best lips”. No one knows the owner of the lips they are voting for.

We celebrate Mardi Gras and Chinese New Year’s, too. On Mardi Gras we hand out beads in the morning for kids to wear for the day and our cafeteria staff makes King’s Cake for dessert. For Chinese New Year we handed out fortune cookies to everyone.

We also do activities to show our teachers that we appreciate them We serve them breakfast during Teacher Appreciation Week, as well as sponsor an activity that allows them to win prizes that we get donated from local businesses. We also provide “chocolate” for any Middle School Teacher that might need it anytime during the year, At Christmas we make a gift for all the teachers,

Our student council meets on Mondays during lunch in our adviser’s room. We discuss any upcoming events that we help with. Our board discusses everything we need to know while our secretary types all of the information that we need to remember for the next meeting. We are grateful to be in the IAJHSC membership. It gives us the opportunity to meet new people at convention and workshops. We also get to have meetings with the other student councils in our districts and find new activities to try. In student council we learn how to be a better leader.

As a student council we strive to get all of our students involved with the many different activities we do. One activity that we focus on the whole year is B.U.G. Out. B.U.G. Out stands for brings up grades. The purpose of this is to encourage students to keep their grades up. At the end of each quarter we have a B.U.G. out party where the student council provides

pizza for the qualifying students. We recognize each Middle School student's birthday with a birthday sticker on our hallway activity calendar, which we also create. Something else that we do is dances. We have four dances a year. We have dance because it provides a fun environment for kids who want to have fun.

We wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank You,

THE MEMBERS OF THE RIVER RIDGE

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