



# Ranger Roars

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## Kindness / Good Deeds Tree

Ranger Elementary School has a *Kindness / Good Deeds tree* in the foyer. Mrs. Tobin put up a paper Christmas tree on the board near the office after Thanksgiving. She will be passing out decorations that look like Christmas lights. It will say, "Light Up Someone's Day with Kindness". This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.....( This will also be our star student theme for December.) If you see someone acting kind and having their light shine, please write their name on a light and allow them to decorate it. I will also be decorating a box under it for food donations. They can receive a light for bringing something in.

#### Hello from the Ranger PTO!

As we enter The Holiday Season, we're feeling grateful for an incredibly successful Fall Book Fair with sales totaling at a whopping \$6,949.59. This translates into roughly \$3,400 in Scholastic Bucks that will enable us to give back to the Ranger Community by purchasing new books and materials for the classrooms. Thank you to our families, teachers and volunteers for helping to make it happen! And speaking of giving back, we're thrilled to announce that we're introducing our Holiday Gift Card Event again this season to help fellow Ranger families who are in need. Simply purchase a gift card in any amount to a place of your choosing and send it into school with your student care of Mr. Cabral. Gift cards will be distributed through out the year as needs arise within our Ranger community.

Before we share our seasonal well-wishes and say goodbye to 2022, we'll be celebrating the final days of school before winter break with a Holiday Spirit Week. We're looking forward to seeing your festive looks and holiday cheer in the halls! Finally, a kind reminder that there is NO PTO Meeting this month for a holiday hibernation and we'll have our first meeting of 2023 on Thursday, January 5th . Wishing you all a safe and happy Holiday Season!!

12/16-Tiger Pride Friday

12/19-12/23-Holiday Spirit Week \*email reminder and flyer will be sent home\* Mon-Wear your reddest plaid or festive flannel shirt.

Tues-Get Grinchy! Wear your best Grinch inspired look or the color green.

Weds-Winter Wonderland Day-Wear your best winter inspired look or blue, white or sliver.

Thurs-Holiday Cheer Day-Wear your Santa hat, deer antlers, holiday inspired looks or red and green.

Friday-Pajama Day \*please make sure pajamas are school appropriate.

\*Please save the date for our first PTO Meeting of 2023 on Thursday, January 5th at

6:30pm at The Tiverton Library in The Learning Center in the rear of the building near the Children's Room\*

## Jump Rope for Heart Event

We had a record setting year for the Kids Heart Challenge (Jump Rope for Heart event). For the 2021-2022 school year, Walter E. Ranger School raised a total of \$12,160.92 for the American Heart Association. Almost \$5,000 more than our previous year. I'm happy to announce that Ranger School was selected as a **Heart of Gold Top School** for the second year in a row because of last year's efforts. As well as collecting donations students learned about different ways to take care of their hearts. Whether it's exercising each day, choosing water over sugary drinks, getting enough sleep, or eating healthy snacks.

I am extremely proud of the students here at Ranger, they showed a great deal of enthusiasm and generosity. I would also like to thank all of the parents, families, the community, and again the students in their efforts in collecting donations for the event. The contributions collected will be utilized in trying to find a cure for heart disease and stroke.

We will again participate in the Kids Heart Challenge for the 2021-2022 school year. I will get the information out to the students sometime in January. Looking forward to it!!

Thanks again Mr. Del Deo Phys. Ed. and Health



**Heart of Gold Top School** 

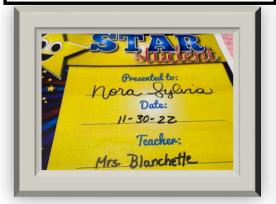
## STAR Student of the Month





Aleah Giraitis, Liam Maisen, Nora Silvia, Greyson Vicuna

Front Row—Macie Daluz, Anna Palumbo, Aiden Bowen, Triston Hahn Back Row -Jayden Borges, Lorelei Fermino, Samantha Cribbs, Nora Sylvia( not pictured).



Front Row— Quinn Mahon, AJ Medeiros, Colton Williams, Elizabeth Sanford Back Row—Dax Michaud, Alexis Goncalo, Mackenzie Grenier, Aubrey Mendes,



#### **AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE**

#### During December Ranger's Guidance Program will focus on teaching children to have an "Attitude of Gratitude."

This December our students will learn about Gratitude. Did you know that gratitude is good for your health? Research conducted at Harvard University shows that grateful people are healthier people who also live longer.

In today's world, it is hard bringing up children who are grateful for—rather than entitled to-what they have. Most families want to raise children who appreciate what they have, show responsibility, have a healthy perspective on material possessions, are generous, and empathize with those in need. So what can families do to help encourage gratitude?

Here are some ideas.....

Pointing out the difference between needs, and wants, is important.

Learning to give, even when it is a little hard. Perhaps donating some toys.

Giving a small set percent of gift money to charity.

Sharing the gift of time with an elderly friend or neighbor by doing chores or visiting.

Bake or make a treat for someone just to show you care.

Say NO to things that are not necessary. Pets, expensive toys, phones, and treats. No need to go into family finances. A simple. "Right now you do not need that." Or, "That is not in our family budget right now." (I may have enough cash to pay for a pool, but I should use that money for a much needed, new roof). Needs and wants.

Point out others in the world who do not have what they are lucky to have. Things like a house, plumbing, heat, transportation, clean water, schools.

List the things that they do have that might be considered luxuries for some. Things like phones, TV, cars, computers even books!

Remember to send thank you cards and appreciate what people give you. People owe us nothing, yet they shared.

The above also teaches kids to deal with larger disappointments in life and accept that we don't always get what we want. I recently learned that Alen Shawn Feinstein does not have a summer house, a boat, camper or huge house. He drives a 25 year old car with his rear view mirror taped on. He says sharing kindness is all the wealth he needs.

#### Ranger's Kind Kids Tree

Ranger Elementary School is looking for KIND KIDS! As part of the Ranger school's Feinstein Good Deeds Program, the teachers and staff at Ranger are looking for acts of kindness to share on our school's kindness tree, for all to see. If someone catches a student being kind, they will present them with a small gift box with their name and kind act on it. These boxes will be hung on our tree in the main hallway throughout the month of December.

We also will be collecting food for our friends in need. If your child brings in a food donation between now and Dec. 20 th, they also will receive a kind kids award to hang on the tree. Food will be distributed to local families who may need our help.

We can make a difference.....

#### **December ... Student of the Month**

Our Student of the Month program is now off and running. As you may know already, this December, we are looking for students with the personal attribute of Kindness. Kindness is not just shown in one or two random kind acts, but also shown in our everyday actions in life.

Are you allowing others to listen and learn? Are you cleaning up after yourself? Are you following directions so you are not wasting other's time? Do you NOT interrupt others, push ahead of them in line, or grab the best item for yourself? Do you share kind words, compliments, and words of encouragement? If you do these things on a regular basis, you might be selected as the Student of the Month for your class.

#### **December Calendar of Events**

1st Evaluation Team Meeting @ 1:00 Ad Council – Mr. Cabral @ 3:00 PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm - Tiverton Library - Community Room Aspen Gradebook Opens 2nd Fire Prevention Assembly End of Trimester 1 5th 6th Faculty Meeting @ 3:45 RICAS Data Analysis – ELA – Grade 3-9:10 to 10:40; 7th Grade 4 - 11:00 to 12:30Elementary Instructional Leads @ 3:45 8th Picture Day – Retakes 12th Teacher PD / DL Teacher Advisory Council @ 2:45 13th Parent Advisory Council @ 9:30 School Committee Meeting @ 7:00 14th RICAS Data Analysis – Math – Grade 3-9:10 to 10:40; Grade 4 – 11:00 to 12:30 Aspen Gradebook Closes 15th Evaluation Team Meeting @ 1:00 **Print Report Cards** Send Report Cards home 16th 23rd Early Release Day – 12:00

Dec. 26th – January 2nd Winter Recess

### Feinstein Community Fund

We will have Stop and Shop gift cards available until December 20th to all families of Ranger School students who need assistance purchasing Holiday turkeys and fixings. Please contact the school. All inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

