

RIDGEDALE LOCAL SCHOOLS

HOME OF THE ROCKETS

SUMMER 2021



ROBERT BRITTON
Superintendent

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Wow, what a school year. With the beginning of the pandemic in March of 2020, who knew what was in store for our students and community. This group of students, parents, and teachers have faced a school year unlike any other. Beginning in a hybrid learning situation, coming back in October 5 days/week only to have a spike in cases and forcing our Jr/Sr High to go remote for the month of December through the end of the first semester. Dealing with limited or no spectators at events, either during or after school hours, and being forced to close our doors to volunteers and visitors. For a while it looked as though our 2021 senior class would suffer the same fate as the class of 2020 and not have an in-person prom, end of year events or in person graduation. However, with the decrease in the weekly number of Covid-19 cases we were able to bring school life back to a somewhat sense of normalcy. I am very happy and proud of our students, parents, staff and community on how we all handled this adversity. Decision were made throughout the year that were not always popular with one group or another, but when push came to shove, we all dug in and made this a successful year for our students.

Looking ahead to next school year, I will be recommending to the Board of Education that we return to classes in the fall with no restrictions in place for our students or staff. There will still be the opportunity for one to wear face coverings/masks if that is their choice. We will also be providing an online opportunity for those families that wish to remain at home. We have contracted with Future Ed Solutions to be our online provider for educational content grades K-12. If you would like to explore this option please contact the Ridgedale Board Office, or your child's respective building office. This is also an option that we will be providing our community school students that would like to return to Ridgedale and continue their education as a Rocket.

Looking into November, the Ridgedale Board of Education will be discussing the need to place an Emergency Levy Renewal on the general election ballot. This levy was initially passed in 1991 and will collect \$575,034.00/year for a period of 5 years beginning with tax collection year 2023. This is not a new levy, it is a renewal that the District has relied on for the past 30 years with no increase to the voter's property tax. If you have any questions regarding this levy please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

As we end this tumultuous school year I urge all of you to take some time to unplug, unwind and recharge during these summer months. I would like to assure everyone, that we will continue following our current cleaning and disinfecting protocols that we established over the past 14 months in dealing with this pandemic, and in the fall, our buildings will be ready for the safe return of all students. For the most up to date information please log onto our website www.ridgedaleschools.org. If you should have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact me at the Ridgedale Board Office, 740-382-6065 ext 101 or by email at rbritton@ridgedaleschools.org and we can set up a time to meet. Remember we will get through this together. Wishing you all a great summer break!

Sincerely,

Robert A. Britton

Superintendent, Ridgedale Local Schools



RIDGEDALE FFA



Ridgedale FFA members planted pumpkins and sweet corn in the POET Community Garden. The event was organized by Thadd Sherer from POET. Mr. Rossman and Mrs. Guthrie assisted the students in making the mounds for the pumpkins.



Ridgedale FFA members assisted Jill Ralph to plant the flower gardens at Westbrook Assisted Living and Memory Care gardens.

RIDGEDALE FFA OFFICER 2021-2022



Ridgedale FFA held a Chapter Recognition instead of a banquet. Receiving the Star Greenhand Award were Renee Fremont and Hannah Cook.



President: Cailtyn Thiel • Vice President: Hannah Cook
Secretary: Renee Fremont • Treasurer: Noah Cook
Reporter: Lilly Ruth • Sentinel: Nathan Thiel



Officers planning out the next year, setting goals and gearing up for Marion Co Fair. Come and visit us at the fair, livestock shows and FFA building

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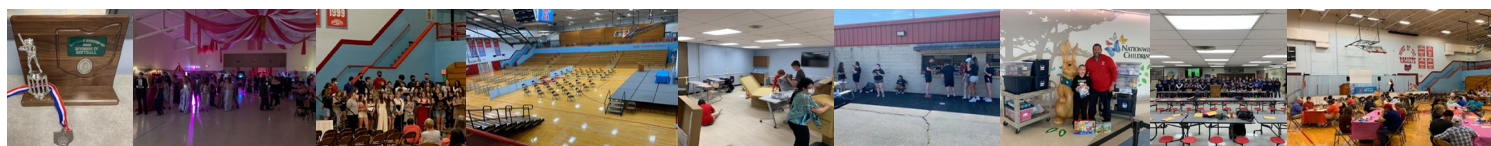


GREG ROSSMAN

Junior/Senior High School Principal

Congratulations class of 2021, our 38 seniors are off on their own path, good luck with all of your endeavors and pursuits throughout life. The end of the year was a great success with many events, which included: State assessments and end of course exams, senior activities, FFA Food for America, RES field days, RHS Prom at the Meeker Hall, Senior awards, in-person graduation, and 8th grade breakfast with junior high awards. We also had a central district runner-up in varsity softball and Collin Stephens made the state track and field meet in the 400meters. Grade cards have been sent home for the school year,

student schedules for school year 21-22 are being finalized and we look forward to the return of all of our students this fall. In August we will pass out schedules, and host 6th grade orientation on Tuesday August 17 at 6:00pm in the RHS cafeteria. Teacher workdays will be August 20 and 23, with a K-12 open house 5:30-7:30 for all families to visit the buildings and staff the night of the 23rd. Our first school day in the fall will be August 24, 2021. Welcome to the Rocket staff, Mr. Brad Gerfen as head girls' basketball coach and Mr. Tokia Fant as head football coach. Everyone have a great summer; I will see you on campus in August.



FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,
What a year we have had! I am so proud of all that our students and staff have accomplished throughout the year and the way everyone has been able to adapt to our ever changing situations. As we reflect on the lessons we've learned this year, it is much more than just the content standards in each grade level. We better appreciate the value of being together, physically learning together, and being able to see the smiles on each other's faces. Thank you to each and every one of you for all you have done this year to support your student/s and our staff as we continue to learn and grow. We look forward to a more normal year in the fall!

As I write this, we have 124 students that have signed up to participate

in our Summer iReady Learning Challenge! These students will be working on their individualized learning pathways in iReady to sharpen and strengthen their skills going into next school year. If they meet their goal in minutes working each week, they will be entered into drawings for prizes at the end of June and July. If you are interested in having your student/s participate, please contact me and we will get them started!

We are eagerly awaiting state test results for our students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. This information will help prepare our teachers for where to work with students when we start back in the fall. This is also the first glimpse in over a year of how our students are doing in comparison to other students across the state. I am anxious to see all that our students

have achieved since the last time they took a state assessment.

As we are already looking forward to the fall and the new school year, take time this summer to celebrate the accomplishments from this year and to relax and recharge. Take advantage of the programs and reading challenge that is being offered by the Marion Public Library, and enjoy time together as a family. We look forward to educating your child/ren in the coming year!

Sincerely,

Jessica Parthemore, ED.S.

Principal
Ridgedale Elementary School

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The Ridgedale Chapter of the National Honor Society finished the year in a flurry of activity! New members were inducted in February and the fun began! We hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for the junior and senior high school students. Members hid over 300 eggs in the building for students to find. Each egg found was worth a piece of candy if it was turned in. We also hid golden eggs that earned the finder a gift card. It was fun to see kids looking in the strangest places to find the eggs!

The next project, and the most important one to all of us, was a joint venture with the Jr High and Sr High Student Councils. Together we planned and executed a toy drive for Nationwide Children's Hospital. We collected well over 500 items that were donated in honor of Lincoln Rossman. The best part was seeing Mr. Rossman's face when the presentation was made! He was so surprised and appreciative of the efforts of all of our students from RES and RHS.

During Teacher Appreciation Week, the members wrote thank you notes for all the employees at Ridgedale. We all know it takes a village, and the NHS students wanted to acknowledge everyone's part in making our school as great as it is! Many of the members were able to assist with the RES Field Day. They had a blast working and playing with the younger kids! Lastly, we helped with the Senior Awards Assembly and with Graduation. We wish good luck to the Class of 2021!

Graduating members are: Sierra Baughman, Morgan Dutton, Jessica Fown, Alison Hunsicker, Faith Murrell, and Emma Parsell

Junior Inductees: Erin Buckley, Gracian Daugherty, Andrya Dunn, Ellishia Gaffney, Kyle Jolliff, Collin Lust, Dani Mergy, Raylynn Mullins, and Caitlyn Thiel

APRIL ARTISTS OF THE MONTH



Amirah Jones – Art I



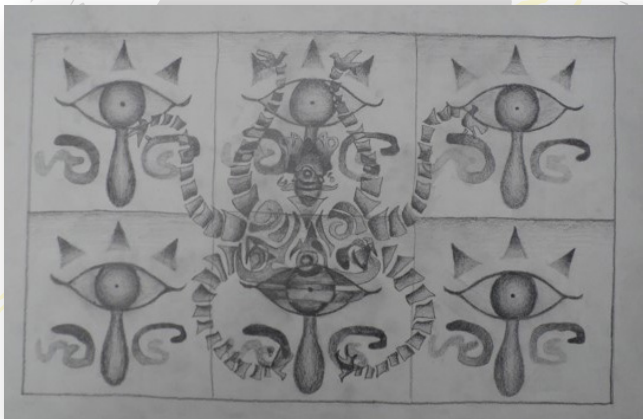
Allie Bails – Art IV



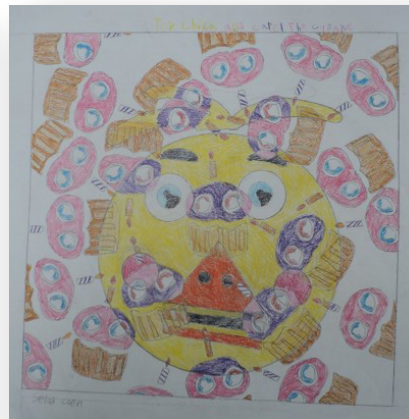
Ellishia Gaffney – Art III



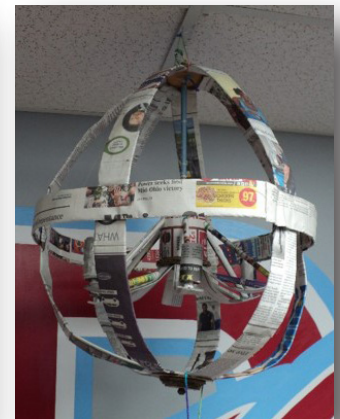
Lexi Fabian – 7th grade



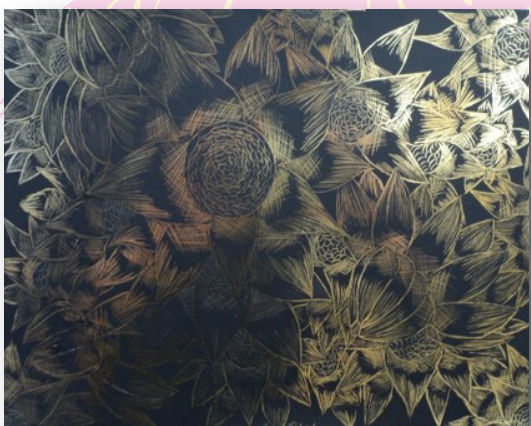
Collin Lust – Art II



Selah Coen – 6th grade



Mya Brown
Ceramics & Sculpture



Triniti Whipple – 8th grade

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ARTWORK FROM OUR FINAL END OF THE YEAR PROJECTS.

High School students were given the task of creating an original PARODY based on an "old masters work". A comedic or dramatic narrative along with style was completely up to each individual student.



Collin Lust



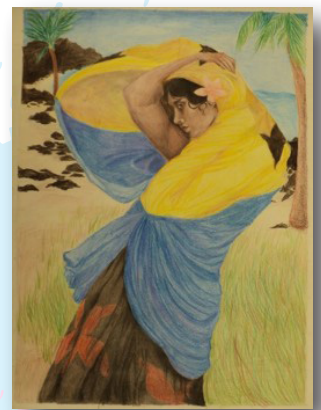
OUTSTANDING CONT.



Mya Brown



Jordan Brammer



Nya Miller

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WERE GIVEN THE TASK OF CREATING AN ORIGINAL PIECE USING THEIR CHOICE OF SUBJECT IN EITHER - PORTRAIT, ANIMAL, LANDSCAPE, OR STILL LIFE. STYLE AND USE OF MEDIUM WAS THEIR CHOICE AS WELL.



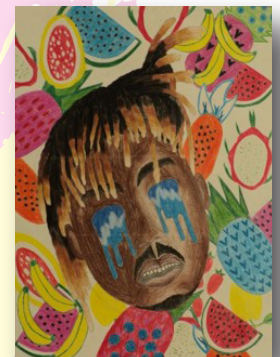
Brielle Davis



Brogan Weston



Carmen Alexander



JJ Slaughterbeck

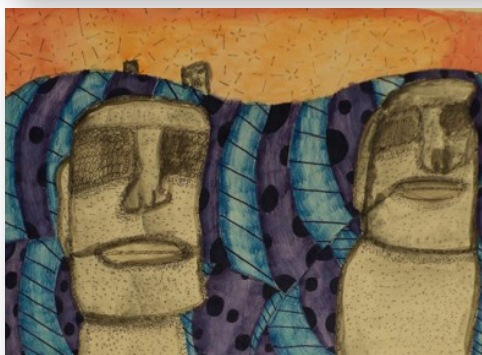
Callie Comer



Christian Elswick



Gracelynn Hunley

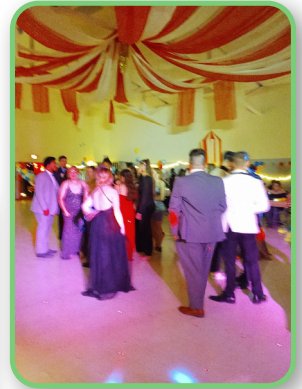


Selah Coen



PROM 2021

Congratulations to the 2021 Prom Queen Elizabeth Bennet and Prom King Adam Beard. Prom Court Tamra Lowther, Allie Bails, Braden Mawer and Michael Burns. The Carnival Themed Prom offered students lots to do including everything from popcorn, cotton candy, lemonade stand and pretzels to the duck pond, games and even the fish bowl toss with real fish. Thank-you Park Enterprise - Donated Lift, DeLille - Donated Helium, Peacock - Donated Water, Atom Thiel Electric - Donated spools and pallets. Sand Roszman - Donated the Hall. Thiels and Beards help decorate. A huge thank-you to Rebecca and Phil Ruth and Stephany and Jeff Fosnaugh for the extensive amount of help in making everything perfect. And thank you to everyone else if I missed anyone for helping create a very special night for our students. Thank-you, Ms. Studer.



CLASS PICTURES FROM END OF YEAR AWARDS



PICTURES CONT.





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PRESCHOOL PARENTS

PLEASE VISIT OUR ELEMENTARY OFFICE ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Tuesday, July 27th 8:00 - 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 28th 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

YOU WILL NEED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING ENROLLMENT INFORMATION:

Birth Certificate • Shot Records • Physical Form
Income verification: 2 pay stubs or 1st page of tax form.

*All contact information and emergency medical information filled out on Final Forms on our Ridgedale Local Schools website.

During the times listed above you will be able to visit the preschool classroom.
If you have any questions, please contact the elementary office at 740-383-2020 ext. 109.