

RANGER RECORD

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THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ

By: Aaliyah Espinosa Moore and Isaac Sanchez Cabello

Theater enthusiasts at our school were in for a magical treat as Ms. O'Connell and her talented team brought the beloved classic *The Wizard of Oz* to life on stage. This year's school play was nothing short of spectacular, captivating the audience with its charm, humor, and heart from the very first scene to the final curtain call. The students poured their hearts into their roles, embodying the spirit of their characters with incredible energy and enthusiasm. Dorothy, played by Gretel Pineda, showed her courage. The Scarecrow, played by Samantha Williams, showed their wit. The Tin Man, played by Hunter Korn, showed their heart. Finally, the Cowardly Lion, played by Ariana Maldonado, showed their humor. The whole crew drew both laughter and heartfelt cheers from the crowd.

The set design and costumes were nothing less than breathtaking, transforming the stage into the vibrant and whimsical world of Oz. From the sparkling Emerald City, to the eerie woods of the Wicked Witch, every detail transported the audience into a realm of magic and adventure. The bright colors and imaginative designs kept everyone spellbound.

The production was a true showcase of teamwork and creativity. Whether it was the hardworking crew behind the scenes, the musicians in the pit, or the cast members on stage, everyone played a vital role in creating a memorable experience. This year's play wasn't just a performance; it was a celebration of the arts and a reminder of the power of storytelling. Kudos to Ms. O'Connell and the entire cast and crew for putting on a show that left the audience with smiles, applause, and a little bit of Oz in their hearts!

Ranger Basketball

By: Jackie Reyna, Max Quintero, and Lauren Blocker



In the first week, our 8th-grade girls' and boys' basketball teams kicked off their season with intense matchups, but both teams fell short of securing a win in their season openers. Despite the losses, the players showed determination and teamwork that promised exciting seasons ahead.

Girls' Basketball Recap:

The girls' team faced a tough opponent and fought hard through all four quarters. Despite not securing a win, the players showcased outstanding defense and unwavering determination on the court. This team has great potential, and this loss is just a stepping stone toward growth and success. Kyleigh Harrison stood out with 16 points and exceptional hustle on defense, keeping the team competitive. Coach Walton added, "It was a great team effort, and they are improving with each game." When asked what the team learned from the experience, Aaliyah Espinoza Moore from the 8th Grade A team reflected, "We needed to communicate more. We did okay for our first game."

Boys' Basketball Recap:

The boys' team played a thrilling game, with a nail-biting finish that kept fans on the edge of their seats. Despite their efforts, they fell short in the final moments. Coach Navarro reflected, "It's the first game of the season, and it's a learning experience. I'm proud of the effort and energy our team brought."

Javari Nelson stood out as a leader on the court, contributing significant points and making key assists to support his teammates.

When asked how the team plans to bounce back, Maximilian Quintero from the B team said, "By practicing more, taking it seriously, and running more plays. It was pretty tough, but we're going to bounce back and try our hardest in the next game."

Both teams are gearing up for their next matchups, focused on improving and turning these early lessons into victories. Come out and support the basketball teams at their next home game!

Red Ribbon Week

By: Lauren Blocker, Jackie Reyna, Isaac Sanchez Cabello, Max Quintero, Aaliyah Espinosa Moore, Ameriee Santos, and Jacob Zavala



Red Ribbon Week brought an incredible wave of school spirit and important reminders about staying drug-free here at Rudder Middle School. The themed dress-up days added extra fun to the week, with everyone showing off their creativity!

- Team Up Against Drugs had students sporting their favorite jerseys to show that teamwork beats drugs.
- Lei Off Drugs brought tropical vibes with Hawaiian shirts.
- Students Dressed as Teachers and Teachers Dressed as Students created plenty of double-takes around campus.
- Halloween Costumes on Halloween let everyone get spooky while staying safe.
- Twin Day paired up students and teachers for double the fun!

A big shout out to the winners of our Red Ribbon Week Door Decorating Contest:

- 🏆 Mrs. Shelton's 8th Grade History Class
- 🏆 Mrs. Ruiz's 6th Grade Science Class
- 🏆 Mrs. Lujan's 6th Grade Science Class

Rudder Clubs Update

By: Ameriee Santos and Jacob Zavala

Clubs are the lifeblood of any school, offering students a chance to connect, learn and grow beyond the classroom. Have you ever thought about playing guitar, singing or learning more about music? If so these clubs would be perfect for you!

Starting with the Ranger Guitar Club, led by our sponsor, Mr. Ozuna, meetings are held in Room 202 every Wednesday from 4pm to 5pm, creating a space where students can explore their passion for music. We asked Mr. Ozuna about what happens in Guitar Club, and he told us "In Guitar Club, students come together to learn how to play the guitar, talk about their favorite songs, and try new things! Even if you do not know how to play the guitar, we can teach you basic skills that you can practice to become a better player." Mr. Ozuna and his Guitar Club students agreed that the best part of Guitar Club is, "getting to hang out with new people and learn something new".

Choir Leadership Council, led by Mrs. Dunckel, is another musical organization that empowers its members to gain leadership experience in choir. Meetings are held every Wednesday morning in the choir room, and is made up of several students that take initiative in choir. "This is a brand new club", said Mrs. Dunckel, "and students are able to have small teaching responsibilities in class." This organization gives students the unique opportunity to grow their skills as a leader and connect with other students. Interested to hear more? Stop by the choir room to hear all about it from Mrs. Dunckel and her students.

Still looking for the right fit? With so many opportunities to get involved, there's no better time to dive into your passions and make the most of your school experience!

Join a Club Today!

- Gardening Club
- Anime Club
- Book Club
- Competitive Esports
- Cricket Club
- D&D Club
- Guitar Club
- Henna Club
- Choir Leadership Council
- NJHS
- Robotics Club
- Student Council
- Solar Cars
- Spanish Club
- Video Game Club