

RHS Weekly View

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

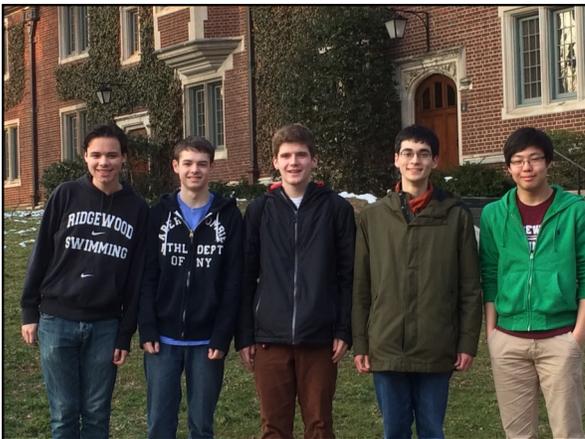
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Ridgewood Kakehasi Project

During the summer a select group of Ridgewood students was given the opportunity to travel to Japan, and on March 23 those students were given the opportunity to give the same cultural exchange to twenty-three students from the Takamatso school in Japan.

As part of the Kakehasi exchange project, Japanese students arrived in Ridgewood to attend classes, observe American student life, and sightsee around the New York area. The exchange students stayed for three nights with Ridgewood host families.

The Japanese students also toured Seattle and San Francisco before heading back home.



Tristan Kane, Peter Goodman, Thomas Cleary, Ben Bechtold, and Minha An pose during the Princeton History Bowl on March 21. Three teams have qualified for the national championship tournament, which will be held next month in Arlington, Virginia.

FAST FACTS...

If alcohol is heavily consumed in adolescence, the part of the brain responsible for learning and memory can shrink by about ten percent.



Students from the Takamatsu school pose on top of the Empire State Building, during their day in New York City.

Excellence in Theater Education

Dr. Margaret Schaefer, Ridgewood High School Grade Advisor and head of the New Players Theater Company, was recently nominated for the Tony Award's Theater Education Award.

The award is given to teachers who have helped to inspire and nurture a love of theater in students. The winning teacher will receive the inaugural Excellence in Theatre Education Award at 2015 Tony Awards on June 7.



Dr. Margaret Schaefer poses with Jeff Nyhuis, Elizabeth O'Brien, Meredith Yannone, Dr. Thomas Gorman, and Dr. Daniel Fishbein.

Upcoming

March 29:
Jazz Masters in Concert; 2:00 pm;
Little Theater

March 30 to April 3:
SCHOOL CLOSED

April 3:
Good Friday

April 4:
Passover Begins

April 5:
Easter

April 7:
HSA Meeting; 7:30 pm;
Library

April 9:
Maroon & White;
3:15 pm; Library

April 10:
Bands Spring Concert;
8:00 pm; West Side
Presbyterian Church.

WIFFLE FOR CANCER

The 11th annual Wiffle for Cancer tournament will be held on June 7, 2015 at Ridgewood High School. Wiffle for Cancer is sponsored by the Currey family in honor of their son, Nick, who lost his life in 2005.

You can register your team by clicking this [link](#).

A maximum of 64 teams will be allowed to register.

You can also donate to the cause by clicking [here](#).

College Club Book Fair

The College Club of Ridgewood sponsors a mammoth book sale each year. It is held in the playroom/cafeteria of Somerville School, and helps to raise money for the scholarships and loans that are offered every year to college students from Ridgewood and neighboring communities as well as Paterson.

Sale Hours:

April 1 Wednesday 10:00 am—8:00 pm
April 2 Thursday 10:00 am—5:00 pm
April 4 Saturday 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Come peruse the wide variety of books children's books, cooking, gardening and craft books, large print books, special first editions, signed books and more.

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Cc-Curricular Highlight: Homework Helpers



Students of the Ridgewood High School Homework Helpers club sit in the library at Ridge School and offer guidance to an elementary student working on his homework. The Homework Helpers Club volunteers at Ridge School twice a week to help students struggling with their homework. The Ridgewood High School volunteers connect with the elementary students and act as role models as well as an extra source of academic help and learning. One of the club's goals is to encourage the RHS students to form strong bonds with the children, in order to inspire the younger students to work harder and achieve more.

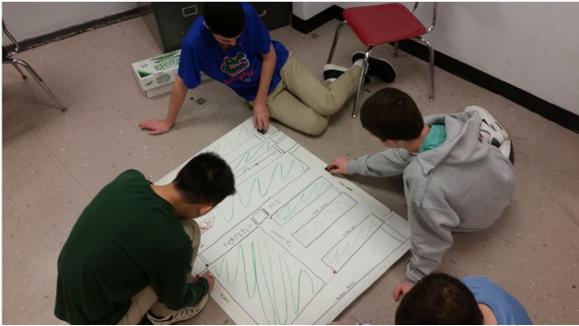
The club was started this year by sophomore Julia Stuart, and hold meetings once a month in addition to the weekly help offered at Ridge School. The Homework Helpers are advised by RHS teacher, Katherine Pinches.

RHS POLICY CORNER: Tardiness

Students are always admitted to class regardless of the time they arrive. They should not be sent to the office in cases of individual tardiness. Tardiness that exceeds ten (10) minutes will be treated as an absence; the usual rules regarding absences will then apply.

Tardiness to class is disruptive and, therefore, infringes on the rights of other students. If a student is tardy to a class, the tardy will be recorded. Four (4) instances of tardiness in a class will result in an absence to be recorded in the student's attendance for that class. These absences will accumulate with regular class absences. An afterschool detention may be assigned when a student reaches the fourth tardy in a class.

A Window Into Ridgewood High School



Students Kelly Bomzer's wellness class created maps of Ridgewood and "drove" cars around them in order to identify road and safety hazards.



RHS student, Sandy Salta, volunteered at a Senior Citizen Luncheon and Life-Mapping workshop at Village Hall.



Brian Quirk explains Project Adventure to visiting Japanese students before giving them a chance to take part in the RHS rope course.

Earth Day in Ridgewood



The Village of Ridgewood will be holding an Earth Day Fair to celebrate the town's environmental initiatives, including sustainability, education, and environmental awareness.

Ridgewood's Earth Day 2015 is scheduled for Sunday, April 19, between the hours of 11:00 am and 3:00 pm, and will be held in Memorial Park at Van Neste Square on Ridgewood Avenue.

This year the event is partnering with the Ridgewood Conservancy for Public Lands in order to put together an expanded fair that will include the Conservancy's Daffodil Festival.



Members of the Ridgewood High School High Times Newspaper pose in front of the library at Columbia University on March 20. The students attended the annual Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Spring Conference and, despite the snow, the students learned new and innovative student journalism techniques that they will be applying to their work on the High Times.

QUOTE TO REMEMBER...

"Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground." -Theodore Roosevelt



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