



From the Principal's Desk

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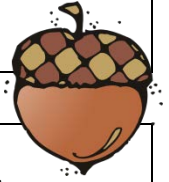
November is a great time to reflect on all the things we are thankful for! At Ridgewood, we are very thankful for the incredible support all of you give to your children, our teachers, and our school.

Ridgewood is a great place to be thanks to all of you!

We hope you all enjoy this month and have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

Food Drive

Our Annual Food Drive is October 30th - November 10th. Please review the items for your child's grade level and contribute. We want all of our Ridgewood Families to have a plentiful Thanksgiving!



Reflections Contest

Reflections is a great time for your child to showcase their creativity!

Entries are due Thursday, November 30th!

The theme is "Within Reach!"



The Importance of Giving

With Thanksgiving among us, this is a great month to spend some time with your children modeling the importance of giving. Research shows that kids who volunteer are more likely to have a greater respect for others, leadership skills, and an understanding of citizenship that can carry over into adulthood.



Here are some ways to show your child how to give:

- Pick up leaves out of a neighbors yard
- Bake cookies or a treat for a neighbor that lives alone
- Pay for the person behind you in the drive through
 - As a family, pick a place to volunteer
 - Donate clothing that no longer fits
 - Give old blankets to the animal shelter
- Organize a lemonade stand or bake sale and donate the proceeds to charity

Be sure to ask and reflect on questions like these:

How did it feel to give? Do you think you'd like to give again? What did you like about giving? Do you have any ideas on how we could help someone else?

Upcoming Dates

October 30th - November 10th - RW Food Drive

November 2nd - 2nd Grade Program - 6:00 p.m. at PNE Auditorium

November 3rd - 2nd Six Weeks Ends

November 6th - 2nd Grade Program for Veteran's at 9:00 a.m. at RW Cafeteria

November 7th - Fall Photo Booth - \$5

November 10th - Report Cards go home

November 14th - PTA Meeting - 8:15 - Cafeteria

November 20th - 24th - Thanksgiving Holidays

November 29th - 1st Graders go to Babes in Toyland

