

Ringgold Elementary School South
Weekly Update
9-25-26

Mr. Berry-Principal

Principal's Message:

As we continue our positive progression at our building, several of our classes participated in beneficial social-emotional and safety-related training this week. On Monday and Tuesday, all grade levels met with Officer Dana, who utilized a book and whole class conversations to discuss what to do in an emergency situation in our building. Throughout these presentations, our students were actively engaged, asking insightful, relevant questions, and we appreciate Officer Dana for helping make this training meaningful for our students.

Our Kindergarten and First Grade students met with our Guidance Counselor Ms. Bricker and Social Worker Mr. Moore to learn about how these individuals can help support their social, emotional, and academic needs throughout the year. This duo utilized the classic toys, Mr. And Mrs. Potato Head, to actively engage students in this presentation.

In an effort to promote civic-mindedness, as well as to learn more about our country's history, our students participated in a number of activities focusing on our United States Constitution last week. Through writing, discussion, and crafts, students were able to understand how this document impacts their lives.

As always, we appreciate your continued support and collaboration in helping make R-E-S-S a great place for our students.

Sincerely,

R-E-S-S Administration and Staff



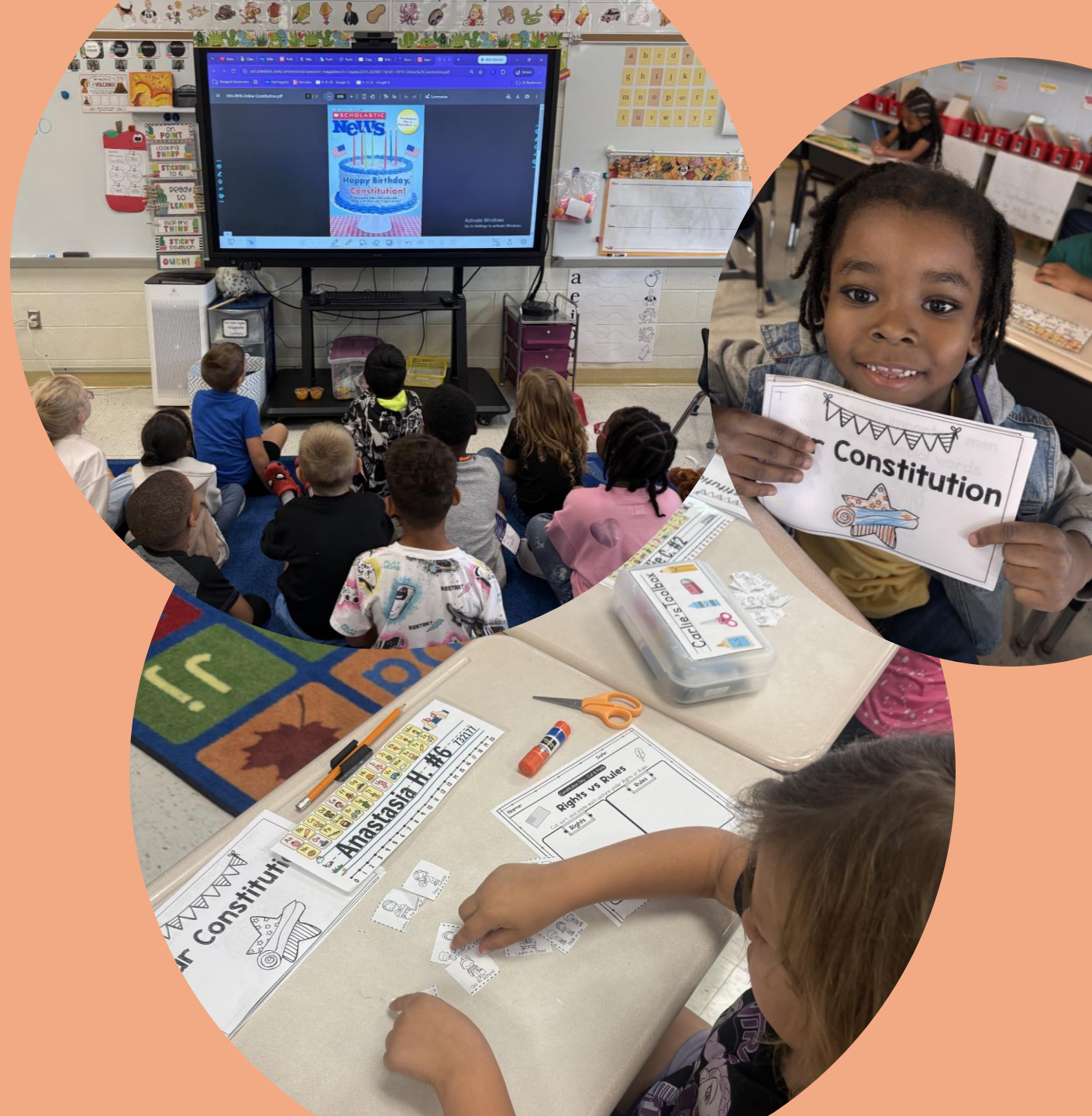
Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been working on counting and beginning sounds. We also learned about Constitution Day. We had some special visitors to review school expectations and how to be a Ram!



First Grade

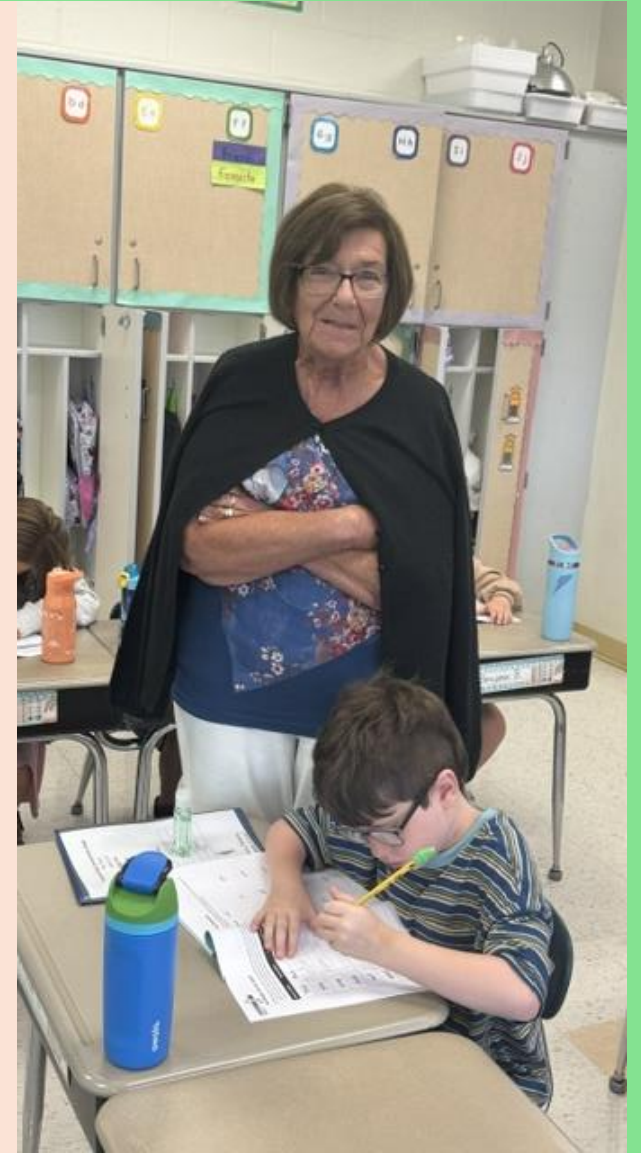
Our first graders learned about Constitution Day and why the Constitution is important. We learned the difference between “rights” and “rules” and how the Constitution helps make our country a special place to live. Students enjoyed learning through fun activities, stories, and classroom discussions!





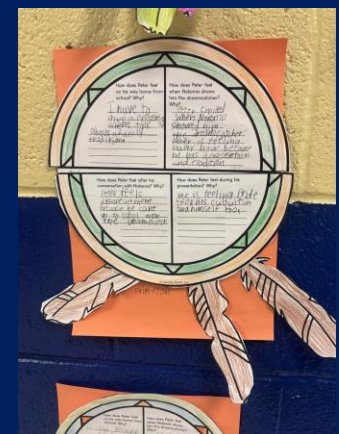
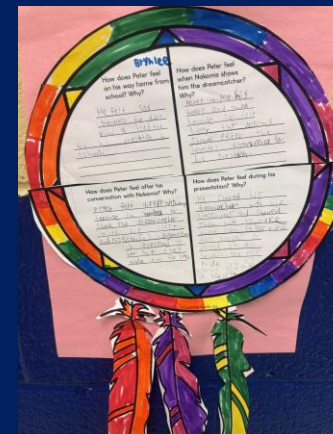
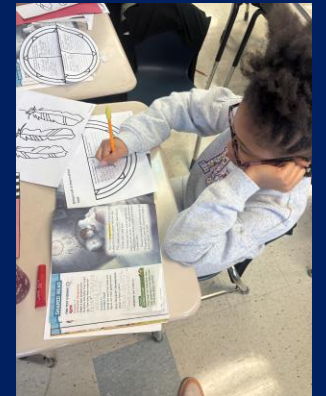
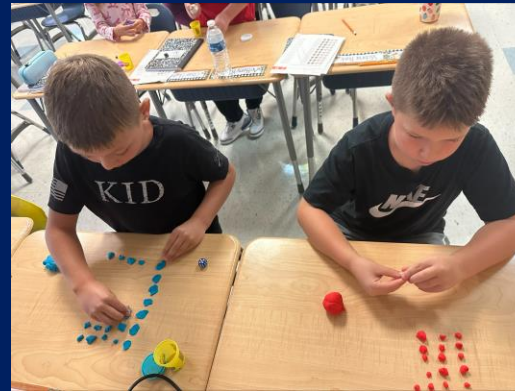
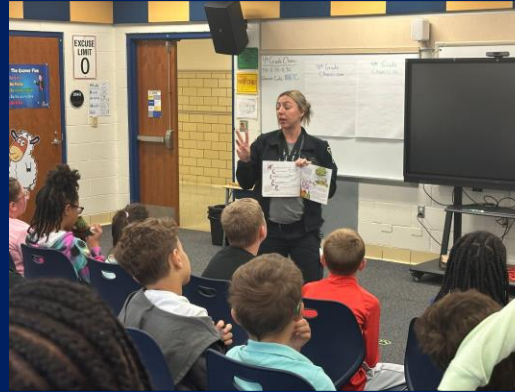
Second Grade

Ms. Pucel's room is busy working on their Phonics with Bubbie and the newest member of our team, Mr. Jacobs.



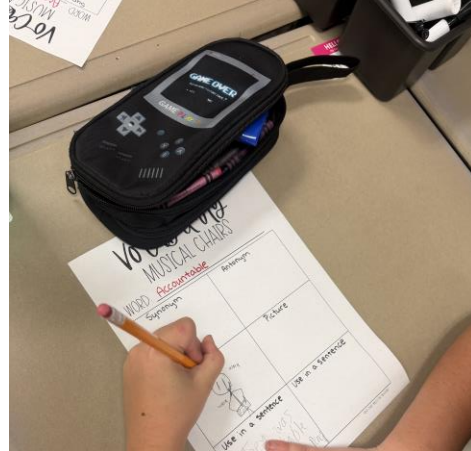
Third Grade

Students worked in math class to demonstrate how to rotate an array to represent equivalent fractions. Students also completed ALICE training to learn about school safety and emergency procedures. In Miss McLay's class, students are learning about character development by creating their own dreamcatchers based on a character's feelings and using text evidence to support their ideas.



Fourth Grade

Picture Day photos arrived, and the students looked GREAT! Their bright smiles perfectly capture all the energy and enthusiasm they bring to the classroom every day. From hands-on projects to exciting new discoveries, our fourth graders are having a blast learning and growing together.



Itinerants



4th grade
during
ALICE
training!



In Art, students are working
on fall projects!



Thank you RAM Families
for all of your donations
to our STEM Program!

GEAR Program

Students in our GEAR program are beginning initial preparation for the upcoming Math Thinking Games competition.



RINGGOLD

YOUTH BASKETBALL

TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUTS

Travel basketball tryouts are **FREE** and open to Ringgold School District students in grades 3–6.

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ:

- **ALL PLAYERS** who want to be placed on a travel basketball team **MUST** attend a tryout. There will be **NO** exceptions.
- There is **NO COST** to register for or attend tryouts. If your child is selected and placed on a travel team, payment will be collected **AFTER** team placement.
- You only need to attend **ONE** tryout session. Please choose **ONE** of the four dates below — you do not need to attend all four.

TRYOUT DATES



Saturday, September 26

Ringgold Middle School Gymnasium



Sunday, September 27

Armory Gym & Events Center – Monongahela



Saturday, October 3

Ringgold Middle School Gymnasium



Sunday, October 4

Armory Gym & Events Center – Monongahela

TIMES ARE THE SAME EACH DAY

GIRLS | 10:00 – 11:00 AM

BOYS | 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

KEY INFORMATION

- Grades 3–6 only
- Ringgold School District students only
- Tryouts are **FREE**
- Pre-registration is required
- Players attend **ONE** tryout session
- Every player must try out to be placed on a travel team — no exceptions
- You do **NOT** pay when registering for tryouts
- Payment is collected after your child is placed on a team

If your child wants to play travel basketball this season, they **MUST** be registered for and attend a tryout.



Pre-register through the
Ringgold Youth Basketball website.

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Join the rest of our boys and girls learning:

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- ✓ Self Control
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- ✓ **SO MUCH MORE!!**

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registration

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PTA Updates and Information



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HELP US BUILD A “Wave of Honor”

Purchase a 4"x6" American flag for \$2 **in memory or honor of a veteran** or simply to show your support for all who have served.

Each flag will proudly be displayed throughout Ringgold Elementary School South as a tribute to our nation's veterans.

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50% OF PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE
WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

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- Orders are due by **October 23, 2026** and the flags will be included in the school's **Veterans Day Assembly!**

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SCAN HERE TO ORDER:



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Contact RESS PTA through social media or email RESSPTA@gmail.com with any questions!



RESS PTA



Together we make a difference

2026-2027
MEETINGS

LOCATION: RESS Cafeteria
TIME: 6pm

September 17	February 25
October 15	March 18
November 19	April 23
January 21	May 20



Every moment volunteered helps RESS Learn, Lead, Rise!

Please join us to stay informed and help us plan exciting events for RESS!



PARENTS AND CARERS:

Join Our PTA Today!



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PTA Updates and Information

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**RINGGOLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SOUTH PTA
FUN DAY SPONSORSHIP**

Calling all community-minded businesses!
Become a RESS Fun Day Sponsor and support an exciting year-end celebration for our students. Partner with the Ringgold Elementary School South PTA to make a positive impact!

\$100 WHITE
Entry Level Sponsor

- Shout-out on social media

\$250 SILVER
Supporting Level Sponsor

- Shout-out on social media
- Sponsorship ad in RESS 2026-2027 yearbook

\$500 BLUE
Major Sponsor

- Shout-out on social media
- Sponsorship ad in RESS 2026-2027 yearbook
- Business name displayed on Fun Day event signage

\$1,000 GOLD
Premier Sponsor

- Shout-out on social media
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- Business name displayed on Fun Day event signage
- Highlighted as premier sponsor with dedications on social media and event announcements

Sponsorship Deadline is
January 29, 2027



 RESSPTA@gmail.com

We would LOVE to have your help during school events!

All volunteers are **REQUIRED** to have a Ringgold Volunteer Badge to assist with PTA or school events!



RESS PTA

You must fill out the Position Volunteer Form. Located on district page at QR code below.



SCAN FOR VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Required documents and any questions can be emailed to: nmatthews@ringgold.org

1. Act 34 PA State Criminal Background Check
Free for Volunteers
<https://epatch.pa.gov/home>
2. Act 151 Child Abuse Clearance
Free for Volunteers
<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>
3. Act 114 FBI Fingerprint Clearance
A. Volunteer FBI Background Check
(Service Code 1KG6Y3, \$23.50 fee)
<https://uenroll.identogo.com>
B. Fingerprint Waiver - Found on Ringgold Website
As long as you have resided in PA for the past 10 years.
4. Disclosure Statement for Volunteers - which is a statement swearing or affirming the applicant has not been disqualified from service by reason of conviction of designated criminal offenses or being listed as the perpetrator in a founded report of child abuse.
5. Shall undergo a test for tuberculosis.
-TB test/results must be dated within three (3) months of the time you apply for your Position Volunteer badge.
6. ACT 126 (mandated trainer requirements) training. The district will assign the 3-hour training.