

**MARTIN J. RYERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
RINGWOOD, NJ**

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2011

Friday, October 14

- ◆ “Pink was the color of the day” for a school-wide fundraiser held by the Student Council for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Students and faculty wore pink shirts and pink ribbons which were sold at lunch times to help raise awareness and money. Two hundred and fifty dollars was raised for a donation to the foundation.

Mon. – Fri., October 3 - 7

- ◆ The week of October 3rd is designated as “Respect Week” by the state of New Jersey in concert with the new bullying Bill of Rights. Here at Ryerson we called the week of October 3rd “Extra Respect Week”. In every classroom prominently displayed was a poster, EXTRA RESPECT WEEK, BE MORE RESPECTFUL TO EACH OTHER. All Social Studies teachers presented a lesson, Recognizing Passive, Aggressive and Assertive Behavior. All Language Arts teachers had their students write a journal response to “Why do you think the State of New Jersey created a new anti-bullying law that is the toughest bullying law in all 50 states?”

Monday, October 17

- ◆ Is designated as “School Violence Awareness Week”. During the week, Mr. Scutti showed You Tube videos during all three lunch time periods. The sixth, seventh and eighth grade students were made aware of how incidents of bullying and harassment can create various violent acts and negative behaviors at school. All three grade levels were very receptive to the messages brought forth in each video.

Tuesday, October 18

- ◆ The 6th grade Gifted & Talented students traveled to Prospect Park School #1, accompanied by Mrs. Kudlacik, to participate in a Quiz Bowl sponsored by the Passaic County G & T Consortium. Seven teams participated in the Quiz Bowl.

Thursday, October 20

- ◆ A district wide bus evacuation drill was held.

Monday, October 24

- ◆ The 7/8th grade Gifted & Talented program, organized by Mrs. Kudlacik, traveled to Little Falls School #3 for a Quiz Bowl sponsored by the Passaic County Gifted & Talented Consortium. Out of seven teams, Ryerson came in 3rd place.

Wednesday & Thursday, October 26 & 27

- ◆ The 8th grade “Explore Test” as required by Lakeland Regional High School was held. The Explore Test results are used to help with high school academic placements for our eighth grade students.

Thursday, October 27

- ◆ The Student Council Halloween Dance was well attended by over 300 Ryerson students. The dance featured a DJ provided by Absolutely Entertaining, cotton candy, popcorn, dance contests and a prize for the best costume. A fun time was had by all!