

The Wolves Den

The first semester of the year for Uwharrie Ridge has come to a close, and many students are taking the time to reflect on the year that they've had. For the Ridge, it's been a busy and exciting year. An emphasis at Uwharrie Ridge has been placed in the combination of academics with the interest of the student body. To accommodate this mission, the students of the Ridge have been involved with several field trips throughout the semester to engage their creative minds and give perspective on how to

make their aspirations motivational and useful in the job force. Mrs.



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Reese's Theater Arts class was treated to a trip to the Community Theater of Greensboro, where they watched the annual performance of The Wizard of Oz. Mr. Lawson's Advanced Art class traveled to UNCG for the Creative Futures Symposium. For a day, the students were able to partake in several university level classes, including manipulation in light, branding and three-dimensional digital modeling. None of the field trips at the Ridge have disappointed,

and the passion of the students at them shows how enjoyable each event was.

Homecoming and the Winter Ball were also highlights of the Uwharrie first semester. The Homecoming court was announced the night of the festivities, crowning Sarah Lavway as 'Queen,' with Shawn Barr as 'King.' Justin Davis and Kenya Ruffin were crowned Homecoming 'Prince and Princess.' Although Homecoming was widely anticipated, the excitement almost pales in comparison to that of Junior Prom. The student body collectively decided on a carnival theme for the 2020 prom, and the committee and student government are

already in collaboration on how to best execute lighting, food and the games that will be a part of the dance. It's causing quite a buzz in the school community. While students at the Ridge look back fondly on the Bonfire and Homecoming, the Junior Prom alludes to much enthusiasm to be found in the second semester.

While the first semester presented much entertainment, it was also great inside the academics themselves. Teachers have worked hard to engage constructive thinking and instil motivation into students. Mrs. Smith's classroom featured a construction of gingerbread 'storybook houses,' which were

themed after different short stories that the students were asked to write in accompaniment to their houses. Mrs. Moore's class used what they had learned in the semester to ultimately ponder the question, "Could we make chicken nuggets on Mars?" The 6th-grade class was tasked with building 3-D models of what the chicken pens on Mars would look like, ultimately using what they had learned to further the answer of questioning whether or not poultry could survive on Mars.

All in all, it has been a very eventful first semester at Uwharrie Ridge. The school was able to pull plentiful donations towards

charities: the UR Service Club collected items to donate to the Randolph County Animal Shelter, and the Service Club also accompanied the UR 6-12 Girl's Basketball team to the local nursing home, where they took part in the community by brightening the days of others. The second semester has begun, and students are excited to see what their new classes at Uwharrie Ridge have to offer.

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