

RILEY NEWSNOTES

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FROM THE DESK OF **THE SUPERINTENDENT**

As the first quarter of our school year comes to a close and we start our second quarter, I would like to recognize how hard both the students and staff have been working. We are off to a great start academically, and I encourage students to keep setting meaningful and attainable goals for the rest of our school year. As teachers continue to challenge students, these goals will help keep students focused and ready to accept those challenges.



ROOFING PROJECT

We will be undergoing some construction over the next few weeks. We are replacing the gymnasium roof and the roof on classrooms adjoining the gymnasium. A portion of the parking lot will be blocked off for materials, equipment, debris, and as a safety zone. We will also be closing off two of the building entrances for safety reasons. Please be alert as you come in and out of our parking lot.

The Riley Parents Association works very hard to support Riley School. I would like to thank them for sponsoring the annual Walk-A-Thon, Hall of Harvest and Halloween Party. We also had several junior high students that volunteered their time and helped with

the games. Your help was truly appreciated.

PARCC TESTING

This year's State PARCC testing window is tentatively set for March 4, 2019 through April 26, 2019. Our testing dates have not been set as of yet, but will probably be the entire month of April. All students will be tested on computers this year. It may take us a little longer to make sure all classes can be scheduled in that timeframe. Please keep that in mind as you plan vacations. It is very difficult for students to make up tests if they have been absent. Not only are they making up tests, but they are also missing important instructional time in the class.

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Change in Weather

We are now starting to experience drastic changes in weather and temperature. Please be sure that your child is dressed for the weather each day. We have already had days where the temperatures have dipped into the 30's. Many students came to school without coats. We go out for recess each day unless it is raining or the temperature falls below zero. We do not allow students to stay in because they think it is too cold out. They must come prepared. Dressing in layers is the best option. Students can always take off a sweater or a sweatshirt if the day gets warmer than anticipated. Gloves and hats are also recommended because on windy days the effects of the cold can be magnified by the wind chill. During the months when students might get wet from playing in the snow, students are not allowed to change into their gym clothes. If boots are not

worn by elementary students, they are not allowed off the black top area. For the elementary students it is recommended that they have an extra pair of socks.



***Just a reminder, daylight savings time starts Sunday November 4th. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour.



School Closing Due to Inclement Weather

We will be using the automated telephone system "School Messenger" to notify families of school closings this year. Be sure to update us if your telephone numbers change. They will also be announced at the following location: www.emergencyclosings.com A link for this website is also located on Riley School's website www.riley18.org



Veteran's Day Assembly

As noted in the October NEWNOTES, we will be participating in a joint Veteran's Day Assembly with the other area schools on November 12th. Students in grades 3-8 will go to the Marengo Community High School for this assembly. Permission slips will not be sent as this is a local event and extension of our school day. All area veterans are invited to attend. If you have questions, you may contact the high school directly at 815-568-6511.



School Report Card

The school report card will be posted on the Riley website once the report card has been released by the State. You should be able to access it sometime in early November. Copies will also be available in the school office if you do not have internet access. The

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school report card this year has a new format. It now shows how schools are performing in ten different indicator areas. It will also give each school a designation rating based on the school's progress towards state goals. A sheet has been attached that explains how these accountability measures are tabulated to create a school's designation. If you would like to go online to find out more about the school report cards, you can visit:

www.illinoisreportcard.com

RILEY VIKING AWARD WINNERS

Viking award winners for the month of September were 8th graders Brennen Kentgen and Fiona Kriner. At the October 17, 2018 meeting of the Board of Education, these two students were recognized for their accomplishments.



First Graders Learn About Pumpkins

Mrs. Wisted's Class - The first graders were visited

by the McHenry County Farm Bureau and given a presentation about pumpkins. They enjoyed learning about pumpkins and enjoying a special treat. Thank you Sue for a job well done!!

Skyler- A pumpkin has sprouts.

Danny - If you use seeds for teeth in your jack-o-lantern it will grow another pumpkin.

Elizabeth - They grow in the spring.

Amelia - If you leave the seeds in the pumpkin all winter, then in the spring a new pumpkin will grow.

Katrina - When you cook the seeds they won't grow pumpkins.

Sofia - They can be all different shapes. My favorite is the peanut pumpkin.

Miles - You can eat the seeds.

Gunnar - When you plant pumpkins by hand you have to dig a hole.

Mely - The sprout grows into a big vine.

Soleil - You can eat pumpkins after you cook them.

Ben - Some pumpkins are fat. Some are small. Some are green, white, or orange.

Janell - Pumpkins are good for you if you eat them.

Idris - You can dig the dirt, put in the seed, and in a couple months you have a pumpkin.

Callan - They can grow small or big.

Abby - I didn't know that they have pulp inside.

Mrs. Wojcik's Class - The Farm Bureau came to Riley School and did a presentation on pumpkins for our First Grade students. Here is what my class learned and/or liked the best:

Callaway: There are different kinds of pumpkins. I like the pumpkin pie.

Maya: The Baby Boo oo pumpkin is cute. There are different kinds of pumpkins.

Cooper: I liked the pumpkin pie treat. I the liked the Blue Moon pumpkin.

Adrian: I like the pumpkin pie and the Baby Boo pumpkin.

Sinai: I liked the pumpkin pie. I learned about carving pumpkins.

Ruby: I like the treat. I liked the Cinderella, Ghost, and the Baby Boo pumpkins.

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Kimberly: I liked the pie. My favorite was the Cinderella pumpkin.

Gage: I liked the Blue Moon pumpkin. I like the Cinderella one too.

Sophia: I liked the pie. The green pumpkins can turn blue.

Serenity: I liked Baby Boo pumpkins. I liked the cinnamon and graham crackers in our pie.

Mati: I liked the pie. I liked Baby Boo and the Blue Moon pumpkins.

Raiden: I liked the pie. I liked the Baby Boo and the Blue Moon pumpkins.

Hayden: I liked the pie. The Ghost pumpkin was my favorite.

Evie: I liked the pie. The Cinderella pumpkin was my favorite.

Mason: I liked the Baby Boo and the Blue Moon pumpkins. I liked the pie.

LITERACY CORNER

Jesse White, Secretary of State for Illinois, has designated Thursday, November 15th, as "Family Reading Night." Each family in Illinois is encouraged to spend quality time reading together. This may be silent reading or the sharing of stories together.

Children model their behavior after the adults in their life. By seeing adults reading, children have a positive reading model. If that Thursday is not convenient, choose a different night to turn the TV off and have some fun reading as a family!

ART TO REMEMBER

The art department would like to thank everyone who purchased a treasure from *Art to Remember* this year. This is the only fundraiser the art department does and it raises money for those extra special projects like pottery, Sculpty, t-shirts and on and on. Your children not only appreciate the keepsakes but also the upscale art supplies the funds buy. Your items should arrive sometime before Thanksgiving break. Thank you again for your participation!

Ms. Moore



PUMPKIN RUN- GREAT EFFORTS, GREAT TIMES

Thursday, October 11 was a great day for the 39th Annual Pumpkin Run. The weather was a little chilly in the morning but ended up being perfect for running. The students had been practicing, set personal goals and were ready to challenge themselves. The kindergarteners ran a fun run, first and second grade students ran a ¼ mile, the 3rd and 4th grade students push hard for a half mile. The 5th through 8th grade students paced themselves for a full mile. The students worked hard to achieve their personal goals. A BIG THANK YOU to Hubbs Nursery for generously donating all the pumpkins for the event this year. Also thank you to all the parents that helped at the finish line and prepared the ribbons. Without you, the Pumpkin Run would not be so successful. It was also great to see all the parents, relatives, and friends that came out to cheer on their favorite



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runner. A great big shout out goes to Mrs. Snelgrove for all the wonderful pictures she took during the runs! The following are the results for each grade's top four:

Pumpkin Run Results

1ST GRADE (1/4) MILE

Boys

1. Mason Kamminga
2. Daniel Kaczkos
3. Idris Becovic
4. Hayden Vandello

Girls

1. Sophia Alvarez
2. Katrina Stritzel
3. Sofia Iovinelli
4. Janell Furtado

2ND GRADE (1/4) MILE

Boys

1. Julian Randall
2. Camron Sumling
3. Jackson Brady
4. Ryker Schubert

Girls

1. Sophia Hanson
2. Camila Lopez
3. Allie Tucker
4. Sarah Volkers



3RD GRADE (1/2) MILE

Boys

- | | <u>Time</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. Xander Schueler | 3:25 |
| 2. Dominic Iovinelli | 3:33 |
| 3. Hunter Jurczyk | 3:45 |
| 4. Nathaniel Jurczyk | 3:47 |

Girls

- | | <u>Time</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. Leah Koelper | 3:48 |
| 2. Cristal Sanchez | 3:52 |
| 3. Sofie Anthony | 4:06 |
| 4. Kaitlin Stolz | 4:11 |

4TH GRADE (1/2) MILE

Boys

- | | <u>Time</u> |
|------------------|-------------|
| 1. Sam Tucker | 3:13 |
| 2. Parker Weadge | 3:22 |
| 3. Tristan Allen | 3:44 |
| 4. Sam Vandello | 3:50 |

Girls

- | | <u>Time</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. Megan Kaczkos | 3:29 |
| 2. Autumn Schueler | 3:34 |
| 3. Maggie Hanson | 3:38 |
| 4. Kiley Brady | 3:39 |

5TH GRADE (1) MILE

Boys

- | | <u>Time</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. Ryan Grismer | 7:17 |
| 2. Lexavier Bahena | 7:20 |
| 3. Beckett Kriner | 7:28 |
| 4. Dane Kowalski | 7:45 |

Girls

- | | <u>Time</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. Gabby Christopher | 8:18 |
| 2. Alexia Hasselmann | 8:19 |
| 3. Zoe Kapouranis | 9:38 |
| 4. Gabriela Tierney | 9:56 |

6TH GRADE (1) MILE

Boys

- | | <u>Time</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|
| 1. Ty Felks | 6:48 |
| 2. Brice Brettman | 6:59 |
| 3. Hunter Vazzano | 7:22 |
| 4. Evan Halfacre | 8:03 |

Girls

- | | <u>Time</u> |
|------------------|-------------|
| 1. Brook Pribyl | 7:28 |
| 2. Kylee Jensen | 7:59 |
| 3. Leila Becovic | 8:02 |
| 4. Jenna Holsker | 8:16 |

7TH GRADE (1) MILE

Boys

- | | <u>Time</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. Drew Johnson | 6:18 |
| 2. Andrew Johnson | 7:15 |
| 3. Maverick Quatroke | 7:18 |
| 4. Eldarion Sobusiak | 7:30 |

Girls

- | | <u>Time</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. Kay Felks | 6:46 |
| 2. Natalia Castro | 7:52 |
| 3. Madalyn Mardock | 7:59 |
| 4. Perla Lopez | 8:02 |

8TH GRADE (1) MILE

Boys

- | | <u>Time</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Drew Palanos | 6:26 |
| Juan Lopez | 6:45 |
| George Hasselmann | 6:48 |
| Jonathan Snelgrove | 7:19 |

Girls

- | | |
|-----------------|------|
| Addie Johnson | 7:41 |
| Alexa Calbow | 8:06 |
| Jessica Minogue | 8:18 |
| Valeria Rivera | 8:19 |



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8TH GRADE NEWS

Can you dance?

The 8th grade class will be hosting a junior high dance on Friday, November 9th from 3:15 pm to 5:00 pm. Students in 6th grade through 8th grade are invited. Parents must sign the permission slip for students to attend and return it to Mrs. Lagerstrom. Cost will be \$5.00. The dance will begin at 3:15 and will conclude at 5 pm. **A student may not receive a behavioral detention the week of November 5th.** Come and join in the fun and show us how you groove.....

8th grade students are being asked to bring in a treat for 12 students. A note will be coming on November 5th.

8th grade Parents

I am in need of 8th grade parents to help chaperone the dance on Friday, November 9th. Please call me at Riley School, or email me (lagerstrom@riley18.org) if you are able to chaperone.



8TH GRADE PIE SALES

Reminder to parents: You will need to pick up your child's pie order on Wednesday, November 14th from 3:00 pm -4:00 pm at Riley Town Hall. **There is no freezer space at Riley School.** Please make appropriate arrangements so that pies will be picked up on time as well as delivered to the customer. Stay tuned to the December NewsNotes to see who the top 3 sellers were.



Are there any Angels out there?

The 8th grade class will be promoting "Angel Week" at Riley School during the week of November 5th-9th. Angel week will be a little different this year participation this year will be specific items and money donations that the M.O.R.E. Center has requested. Also, on our last day of the week, we will have a Patriotic Pride

Day where students dress up in Red, White, and Blue to show their Patriotic Spirit as we go to the high school for the Veteran's Day Assembly.

The homeroom class that brings in the most items will receive a doughnut party and the class that brings in the most money will receive a pizza party.

Let's see how many wonderful ANGELS we have at Riley School! The schedule for items to be brought in will be as follows:

Monday, November 5th
Paper towels, Toilet paper, Kleenex

Tuesday, November 6th
Soup and Meals in a can: Spaghettios, Chef Boyardee, and stew

Wednesday, November 7th

Canned vegetables and condiments

Thursday, November 8th
Cash donations

Friday, November 9th
Cash donations
Cash donations will be used to purchase mittens, hats and coats.

SPIRIT DAYS

This year the 8th grade officers have decided to plan Spirit Wear Days on

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the 1st Tuesday of each month:

November 6th
December 4th
January 8th (exception)
February 5th
March 5th
April 2nd



“FOUR!!!”

The 8th grade class has been working on their golf skills in physical education since 5th grade. On Thursday, October 4, 2018, the eighth grade class went to Marengo Ridge Golf Course to put those skills to the test. The students golfed about two hours, getting in around 5 holes. The class did a great job as only a few balls landed in the water or the rough. The students did learn that you get a good workout through both the golfing and all the walking from hole to hole. Deciding which club to use for each distance became more important on the course compared to hitting at Riley. The class was given

two rules. Rule number one was to have fun golfing. Rule number two was respect the course. The students learned that for every divot they made they needed to fix and fill it in. A lot more work than at school!

We would like to thank our chaperones. Without their help our field trip would not have been successful. They also gave a lot of pointers as the students learned more about golf. Also, a BIG thank you goes out to Marengo Ridge Golf Course for letting us use their course.

RILEY SOCCER SEASON

The 6th-8th grade co-ed soccer season was more successful than one could imagine. The team came together during every practice and game to inch closer to success. Some may judge success by the number of victories, but this team needs to be judged by the bond that was created by the players and their coach, Steve Tolvstad. Our numbers in players to start the season were not very strong, but

that didn't keep each player from hustling and working hard at the sound of the first whistle until the clock ran out. Rune Boyd, Drew Johnson and Evan Maniates performed like coaches on the field. Their communication and positive attitude kept the team fighting throughout each game. We are very encouraged and excited to see this team grow and come together as they progress in the upcoming years at Riley School.

A huge thank you and recognition is deserved for the following student-athletes: E.B. Becovic, Rune Boyd, Drew Johnson, Evan Maniates, Eldarion Sobusiak, Leila Becovic, Derek Bibbings, Brice Brettman, Wiatt Gelly, Emily Gomez, Elayna Goode, Evan Halfacre, Pablo Herrera, Jesus Lopez, Jose Sanchez and Hunter Vazzano.

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EIGHTH GRADE VOLLEYBALL SEASON

The 8th grade girls' volleyball team had a very exciting season as they fought through many tough opponents. The team had a 'Never Give Up' attitude as they defeated Marengo, Prairie Grove, Harvard and Hiawatha. Any team who earned a victory against our Lady Vikings was forced to scratch and claw for every point. Their perseverance showed during the tournament match against Fox River Grove. Even though our girls fell short, Fox River Grove had to sweat out their home victory.

One of the goals that Riley School instills in our student-athletes is to work together as a team and learn from every opportunity. Our girls made Riley proud and represented our school during every practice, home game and especially

during away games. It truly was a fun season.

Ms. Morris led the team during her first year as head coach while she was surrounded by a group of servers, setters and hitters who are prepared to take the leap towards high school volleyball. The team was represented by: Sophya Anbar, Alexa Calbow, Leeanna Crowe, Liliana Delgado, Lily Goode, Zanfina Ljumani, Jessica Minogue, Bianca Mireles, Cadence Pedroza, Vanessa Perez, Valeria Rivera, Valeria Robles, and Wendy Villalando.

SEVENTH GRADE VOLLEYBALL SEASON

The 7th Grade Girls Volleyball Team had a wonderful season with a lot of personal growth. The team consisted of: Samantha Correa, Nessa Randall, Shavonna Cusick, Rachel Grismer, Madalyn Mardock, Maddie Miceli, Tess Volkers, Emily White, and Madison Evans. I am extremely proud to have coached a wonderful group of girls. In addition, I would like to thank all the 8th graders who ran the concession stand. Other thanks go out

to all the teachers and administration who helped run the scoreboard and the book during games. Finally, thank you to two kind and generous bus drivers: Mrs. Felde and Mrs. Karczewski who are always positive and supportive to the athletes. You Rock!



MUSIC NOTES

Choir, Band, and Beginning Band:

Popcorn Fundraiser - All popcorn orders are due on November 5th. Please make sure your orders are legible and all money has been collected. Popcorn will be delivered before we leave on Winter Break.



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Choir:

Tickets for the Rockford Icehogs will be due Monday, November 26th by 4:00pm. All choir students are required to attend. This performance is a part of your grade.

Date: December 1, 2018
Call Time: 5:30 behind the stage behind section 101
Performance Time: 5:50
What to Wear: Any Riley attire or a Jersey
Parking: \$5-\$7 (If you can please carpool to save on money).

Remember tickets will either be at Will-Call or should have been emailed to you. Feel free to contact the IceHogs if you need assistance with your ticket order.

4th Grade

Our Holiday Program is coming up. Some students have been assigned lines for the Holiday Program. Please help your child memorize their lines for the big day.

