

# RILEY NEWSNOTES

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### FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

As March comes to an end, we are preparing for a well deserved spring break. Students worked very hard this month as they completed the annual ISAT testing. Thank you to all the parents for supporting your children and their teachers during this time. It is truly appreciated. Test dates for next year are set by the state for March 4<sup>th</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please keep these in mind as you plan for vacations next year.

We are starting our final quarter of the school year. This is truly hard to believe! Even though testing is over, there is still a great deal to accomplish this year. Help remind your child/ren that school is not over yet, and we still have many skills to learn. Remaining focused in this last quarter can sometimes be challenging; however, our students are very capable. Let us continue to do our best as we close out our school year.

#### Concert and Recital

I would like to acknowledge the extra effort our students and Miss Burns put in as they got ready for the junior high solo and ensemble concert. March is a very busy month, and they

accomplished what they set out to do even under time constraints. We have some incredible talent in our student body, and I am always impressed by their performances. Special congratulations to those students who went through the try-out process and performed as soloists and/or in small ensemble groups. I applaud your courage and determination. I am anticipating another great performance at our final concert in May. Hope to see you there.

#### Spring Break Office Hours

The office hours during spring break, which is March 26<sup>th</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup>, will be 7:30AM – 11:30AM Monday through Thursday. We will be closed on Friday, March 30, 2012.



#### Teacher Web Pages

Our teaching staff has created teacher web pages where they can post class information, up-coming events, and assignments. To access these pages, go to the Riley website at riley18.org. Click on the "links" category on the left-hand side of our home page. The first link on the top of the page will be

School Notes. Once you click on that you can search for your child's teacher by name or you can search by our school district and school name. The content of each teacher's page will vary. Students should still continue to rely on their assignment notebooks as each teacher will use their page differently.

### RILEY VIKING AWARD WINNERS

Viking Award winners for the month of February were sixth graders Elise Brevik and Konner Northcutt. At the March 21, 2012 meeting of the Board of Education, these two students were recognized for their accomplishments.

### FEBRUARY CAUGHT BEING GOOD WINNERS

The following students were the grand prize winners for February's "Caught Being Good".

Kindergarten: Shavonna Cusick AM  
Emily White PM  
1st: Zanfina Ljumanjani  
2nd: Collin Aubry  
3rd: William Fischer  
4th: Irma Verdin  
5th: Brianna Cottone  
6th: Elizabeth Tautges  
7th: Cameron McNamee  
8th: Madyson Peters

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## REGIONAL SPELLING BEE

We want to congratulate Kelsey Paprocki on her 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up placement in the Regional Spelling Bee at McHenry County College, March 7, 2012. We are very proud to have her as a student at Riley School. Great job, Kelsey!

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2012/13

If someone you know, a friend or neighbor might have a child of kindergarten age, please have them contact Riley School.

Deadline for Kindergarten Kamp sign-up is April 16, 2012.

## YOUNG AUTHORS

The Young Authors Assembly for Kindergarten through fifth grades was held on March 23, 2012. Every student who participated by writing and illustrating a book received a ribbon. Top winners were chosen from each grade level in the writing area and in the art area. Judges from outside the Riley area were used to select the winners.



Congratulations!

The following students placed in the artistic content area:

### KINDERGARTEN

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lilian Lentini
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kaitlyn Fischer
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Madelyn Miceli
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grant Aubry

### FIRST GRADE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sophya Anbar
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gianna Jaronik
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Liliana Delgado
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Snelgrove

### SECOND GRADE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Morgan Coffman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel Montgomery
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Eric Wiley
- 4<sup>th</sup> Joseph Miceli

### THIRD GRADE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kiley Christopher
- 2<sup>nd</sup> William Fischer
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chloe Alejandre
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kelly Karczewski

### FOURTH GRADE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wyatt Voss
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dawson LoBianco
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rodrigo Perez
- 4<sup>th</sup> Justin Peters

### FIFTH GRADE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mason LoBianco
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Derek Clavey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Faith Parchutz
- 4<sup>th</sup> Adara Winkowski

### OVERALL ARTISTIC WINNER

- 4<sup>th</sup> grader: Wyatt Voss

The following students placed in the written content area:

### KINDERGARTEN

- 1<sup>st</sup> Billy Felks
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kadence Felks
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lilian Lentini
- 4<sup>th</sup> Madison Evans

### FIRST GRADE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Alexis Siehoff
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Bloom
- 3<sup>rd</sup> George Hasselmann
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jose Herrera

### SECOND GRADE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lauren Snelgrove
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jaqueline Zarate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lauren Austin
- 4<sup>th</sup> Carson Vandello

### THIRD GRADE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rebecca Millard
- Fatimah Becovic
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kelly Karczewski
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Daniel Antonson
- 4<sup>th</sup> Gina Spilotro

### FOURTH GRADE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wyatt Voss
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Olivia Evans
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dawson LoBianco
- 4<sup>th</sup> Justin Peters
- Carlie Seemann

### FIFTH GRADE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Faith Parchutz
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mason LoBianco
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Riley Mitchell
- 4<sup>th</sup> Cassidy Colby

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## **OVERALL WRITTEN CONTENT WINNER**

3<sup>rd</sup> grader: Rebecca Millard  
Fatimah Becovic

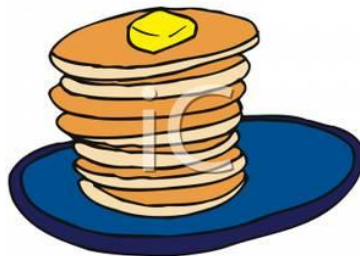
Riley School would like to take this opportunity to thank the Riley Parent's Association for funding this event. RPA purchased the books and the awards to make this all possible.

## **2012 REGIONAL V SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS**

Ten seventh grade students represented Riley School at the Illinois Junior Academy of Science Region V Science Fair Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at Northern Illinois University. 380 projects representing 45 schools were judged with the top 102 qualifying for the State Fair. Katie Wojcik and Nick Caldwell earned "Highest Honors" and qualified for the State Fair. Emily Atchison, Jake Barton, Megan Burns, Katlyn Haeflinger, Ryan Kasch, Jimmy Leoni, Sapna Patel, and Nick Woodhouse earned "High Honors". Congratulations to all of our students for a job well done! A special thank you goes out to Bryan Millard, Michelle Hazek, Brian Kasch, Robert Woodhouse, and Robert Wojcik for volunteering to judge. Without their assistance our students would not have been able to compete. The IJAS State Science Fair will be held May 5<sup>th</sup> at the University of Illinois in Champaign. Good luck to Katie and Nick.

## **2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE ATTENDS "THE FESTIVAL OF THE SUGAR MAPLES"**

On March 9<sup>th</sup> the second graders went to Coral Woods for The Festival of the Sugar Maples. It was a chilly day, but we stayed dry and learned a lot! Our trip started with a story that shared information about how the natives used and collected sap from maples. After that, we ventured through Coral Woods and saw how they are currently collecting sap from the trees. It was a very sequential process. First, you have to know how to locate a maple tree. Once you've found your tree, you need to tap the tree by drilling a hole in it and putting a spike into the tree and hanging a bucket from the spike to collect the sap that drips out into the bucket. When the buckets are full, the sap is collected and taken to the



evaporator which boils off the water and leaves us with the maple sugar used to make maple syrup. We learned that sap is 97% water and 3% sugar, teaching us that a lot of sap is needed (40 gallons) to make one gallon of syrup! After our trip of learning how the syrup is made, we thought it would be suitable to try it out. When we got back to school we celebrated with pancakes and maple syrup. Yumm-O! Thanks so much to our pancake creators, Mr. & Mrs. Snelgroves for preparing our special

treat. Now, that is some tasty learning.

## **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MATH PLACEMENT TESTING**

All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in a 3-day algebra placement test. The test will take place in late April. This 3-day test will include basic skills and algebra concepts. Once the results of the test are tabulated, I will look at the results and look at 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> quarter grades to see if your child has qualified for algebra for the 2012-13 school year. You will be informed by letter in the mail if your child has been placed in algebra or regular 8<sup>th</sup> grade math. Letters will be mailed in late May. Mrs. Long

## **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE UPDATES GRADUATION**

8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation has been set for Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The graduation ceremony will last about one hour and will be held at the Marengo High School Auditorium. DeWane Studios will be in the cafeteria/commons area taking individual pictures beginning at 6 P.M. More information about the evening and pictures will be sent home in early May.



We are still waiting for the arrival of caps and gowns. Once they are in and the student has met the graduation

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requirements, the cap and gown will be given to the student. There is NO cost to the families for the cap and gown.

## **FOOD FOR FUN**

Thank you to our Riley Families who contributed to our First Annual "Food for Fun" week. Students enjoyed the fun dress-up days as well as giving to various families in need in the Marengo community. We collected 1,166 items. Mrs. Kunde's class won the pizza party, bringing in 174 items. Mrs. Zont's class came in second place with 96 items, and Mrs. Campanelli's class came in third place with 92 items.

A big thank you to the class officers Zac Lane, Urbano Solis, and Brett Roudabush for organizing a great service project! Also, thanks go to Heather Blum and Kendall Senior for their extra help in the project.

## **8th GRADE SPRINGFIELD TRIP**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Springfield trip is right around the corner. The dates are May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>. Students will be on a behavior contract beginning Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and will conclude on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. All students must have a C average, no U's, and have all work completed in all classes. Students also must have at least one behavior point left to attend the field trip. Contracts will be sent home April 2<sup>nd</sup>. All students have the opportunity to enjoy this 2-day trip. Please encourage your child to do their best in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

## **2012 GIRLS' BASEKTBALL**

This year was a season of many ups and downs. The girls' team was very small and consisted of only 6 girls. This was a struggle for the team, not only when playing, but also during practices. The girls worked hard and were a respectable team regardless of their size. The girls played a 10-game conference schedule and finished with a 4-6 conference record. They ended their season on a high note and brought home a school trophy for winning the conference consolation tournament. Overall it was a fun and successful year as all girls made improvements throughout the season.

Team members included:

Natalie Bullen

Rebecca MacKenzie

Kelsey Paprocki

Madyson Peters

Amber Proberts

Natalie Reed



Thank you, too, to our Team Managers, Zac Lane and Carter Paprocki.  
Coach Campanelli

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

Wow, where has the time gone? There are only 7 weeks left until the library will be closed for inventory. There are still some outstanding fines

to be paid and a couple of lost book fees to be taken care of. All books, fines and fees need to be in by May 18<sup>th</sup>. If a book is not returned by May 18<sup>th</sup> a "lost book bill" will be going home.

We are all enjoying this beautiful spring, except some books. The library lost two books in March due to damage from water bottles leaking in student backpacks. If your backpack has an outside pocket for water bottles, please use it or place the water bottle in a zip lock bag to help keep articles dry.



Thank you for your help with these two issues. Enjoy this beautiful spring!  
Mrs. Doane

