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### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Riley Parents' Association for all of their hard work and dedication to our school. The RPA recently completed its Walk-a-thon Fundraiser. Thank you to all who participated and worked to support the school and make this fundraising effort successful.

I hope to see our K-5<sup>th</sup> grade families at their next event, The Hall of Harvest later in the month. (See the RPA page for more details.) Without all of their hard work, many of the extra opportunities our students enjoy wouldn't be available to enhance our students' educational experience here at Riley. Again, I thank you and look forward to working with all of you throughout the year.

### **FIRE PREVENTION:**

In preparation for Fire Prevention Week October 9-13, Grades K-2 will have a safety demonstration by the Marengo Fire Department.

### **MAP TESTING:**



We have completed our MAP testing. This is the universal assessment for our Response to Intervention Program. It will be administered three times throughout the school year. Through this assessment we will be indentifying students that may be in need of extra assistance in the area of reading and math. These students will receive additional instruction in the area targeted by the

MAP testing. This assistance will occur during the school day here at Riley and is referred to as an intervention. You will receive a letter notifying you if your child has been identified in need of this extra assistance. The length of time for the intervention is determined by the student's progress in the program. It can be a short-term or long-term intervention. Response to Intervention is a federally mandated program that all schools in Illinois must participate. We have included a pamphlet on Response to Intervention with these NEWSNOTES. If you have any questions about Response to Intervention or the assessment process, feel free to contact your child's teacher or me.



## LUNCH PROGRAM & GRADE MONITORING:



Parents can easily track student lunch account balances and grades at TeacherEase.com.

Welcome emails were sent earlier in the quarter with instructions on how to access your account. Emails will also be sent out to notify you of low lunch balances, so please be sure to check your email account periodically for these notices. Students may only charge twice before their account is deactivated. Payment can be made by sending money to the school office or through a credit card purchase online. If you don't have an email account on file in the office, please contact us and we can easily add it to your information.

## FLU SEASON:



We are quickly approaching flu season. Our best defense here at school is for students to wash their hands

frequently. If your child is exhibiting flu-like symptoms, please keep them home until they are fever free. This will help stop the spread of flu among our students and staff.

## HALL OF HARVEST:

Friday, October 20<sup>TH</sup> for students in grades K-5. This is an evening event that allows students to participate in a safe Halloween celebration. Times will be from 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

**\*\*\*Just a reminder that Halloween costumes are NOT to be worn during the day at school.\*\*\***

## RED RIBBON WEEK:



October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> we will be observing Red Ribbon Week (Campaign to inform students' why it is important to stay drug free).

The theme this year is "Your Future is Key, So Be Drug Free". We will be celebrating with a variety of events each day of the week as follows:

**Monday Oct. 23:** "Your Future is Key, So Be Drug Free" - Wear all red.

**Tuesday Oct. 24:** "Our School Has S.W.A.G. (Students Who Achieve Goals)" – Wear Sunglasses



**Wednesday Oct. 25:** "Be the Change You Wish to See – Live Drug Free!" – Wear Tie Dye.

**Thursday Oct. 26:** "I'm too Bright for Drugs!" – Wear Neon

**Friday Oct. 27:** "Smarties Choose to be Drug Free!" – Dress up for Your Future Career

## CONFERENCES:



Conferences will be held this year on October 24<sup>th</sup> and October 26<sup>th</sup>. Students will have a full day of school on October 24<sup>th</sup>, and conferences will be held 5:00-8:30 P.M. Students will be dismissed early on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30, and conferences will be held 1:00-8:30 P.M.

with a dinner break from 4:30-5:30 P.M. Notes will come later this month regarding conference schedules. We look forward to meeting with all parents and discussing your child/rens progress.

## VETERAN'S DAY:



Veteran's Day falls on a Saturday this year. We will commemorate this event on Friday, November 10, 2017. We will be participating in an assembly to honor our veterans with the other local districts. This will take place at Marengo Community High School at 9:00 A.M. Students in grades 3-8 will be transported to the high school by bus.

All area veterans are invited. If you need more information to attend, please contact Marengo Community High School at 815-568-6511.

## UNLICENSED MOTORIZED VEHICLES:

Unlicensed motorized vehicles are not permitted on school grounds. Students and adults should not be returning for after school activities on these vehicles. They pose a safety and liability risk. Thank you for your cooperation.

## VISITORS:

A reminder that all adults will be asked to sign in and sign out at the office if they enter the building in the morning to drop off students. This allows us to monitor guests in our building. If you would like to meet with a teacher, you need to check in the office to see if the teacher is available or an appointment may be arranged.

## FIRST GRADE FIELDTRIP:



## Mrs. Mallegni's Class:

On Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, the first grade classes

went to Royal Oak Apple Orchard. This is what they wrote about their experiences:

The 1st Grade's Trip to Royal Oaks Apple Orchard

Ruby – I liked the tractor ride and the alpacas.

Joe - I enjoyed the apples, the teepee, eating lunch, feeding the goats and the alpacas.

Miranda - The petting zoo was fun at the apple orchard.

Peyton - We did this at the apple orchard-scream and run around, play with friends, pick apples, see the petting zoo, climb on the truck and have lunch.

Emily - I loved the petting zoo, the apples, seeing eggs, having lunch, and the animals.

Diana - I liked the playground and my mom because the sun is out.

Camila - I like to pick apples, it is the best.

Natalia - To pick the apples is the best!



Sophia - I love the houses.

Herlish - I liked to swing. I like to eat apples, run around, play in the house, and the train and the the truck on the playground, and the bus ride. The end.

Levi - I liked the house, the playground, the truck, and enjoyed the apples.

Mia K. - I liked the teepee



Julian - I liked to pick apples from the trees.

Kali - It was fun to play in the house, go to the petting barn and see the camel, and go on the tractor ride to pick apples.

### **Mrs. Wisted's Class:**

The first grades had a great day at Royal Oaks Apple Orchard. The weather was cool, but a fun time was had by all. They learned some exciting things about apples.

Clay - When you pick an apple you twist it three times.

Carson - I learned little apples are crab apples.  
Payton - I learned there were green spots on the apples.

Sarah Kate - However many bees come, that's how many seeds are in the apple.

Jackson - Washington has the best apples.

Rosalie - If you twist the apple in your hand and hear a squeak that means it is fresh.

Alex - The more seeds it has, the bigger the apple.

Allie - If you pull off the branch when you pick your apple, there won't be an apple there next year.

Alyza - Apples have vitamins in them.

Camron - There are LOTS of different kinds of apples.

Sophie - Apples are different colors.

Mia - Apples are different sizes.

Elyse - The queen bee stays in the beehive.



## **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE UPDATE**

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to this year's 2017-18 Riley School Class Officers:

### **Class Officers**

**President:** Lauren Snelgrove

**Vice-President:** Kyle Clavey

**Treasurer:** Mitch Pederson



### **MARKET DAY PIE SALES:**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class will be selling the original Market Day pies from the past. Pies vary from \$15 to \$20. If every student sells 12 pies, their cost of the Springfield trip will be covered.

### **THIS IS OUR ONLY FUNDRAISER FOR**

**SPRINGFIELD!** Pie sales will begin on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pie orders are due on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Delivery of the pies will be Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Riley Town Hall Building from 3:00-4:00 PM. Please plan accordingly for pies to be

picked up in a timely manner as Riley will not have freezer space to store pies. Additional information will be in student's selling envelope on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lagerstrom at (815) 568-8637.

## **JUNIOR HIGH DANCE:**

The first junior high dance will be Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:15 pm to 5:00 pm. Look for information to come home the week of November 6<sup>th</sup>.



## **37<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PUMPKIN RUN OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>:**

All parents are invited to come and watch the run. We also need volunteers to help record times, write out ribbons, and pass out orange drinks. Elementary classes run in the afternoon during their PE time. The junior high classes and 5<sup>th</sup> grade run in the morning during their PE time.

## **BASKETBALL NEWS:**

### **Boys Basketball to Begin October 16<sup>th</sup>**

The 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball season will begin on Monday, October 16th. Practice will begin right after school and end at 4:45.

Permission slips will be handed out in early October through the physical education class. To be eligible to play basketball a student must:

- A) have an up-to-date physical on file in the office
  - B) pay the activity fee (\$100) before the first game
  - C) remain in good academic standing (no U's or having fewer than 3 D's)
- There will be a player-parent-coach meeting on Tuesday, October 17th from 4:40-5:00. Practice and game schedules, bus pick-up times and other information will be distributed at the meeting.

This year there will be no 6th grade basketball team. Eighth grade players are on the 8th grade team. Seventh grade players are on the 7th grade team. If there are fewer than ten players on the 8th grade team, 7th grade players may be moved up as long as skills are adequate for the 8th grade level. Sixth grade players may be asked to try out if fewer

than ten players go out for the 7th grade team.

Neither team will have more than 15 players. Mr. Johnson-7th Grade Basketball Coach

Mr. Warren-8th Grade Basketball Coach

## **ART TO REMEMBER:**



Keep your eyes open for the **Art to Remember** packet in your child's backpack in the next few weeks. The money from this fund raiser is used to buy those little extras that the art budget doesn't cover like, dream weaver rings, sculpty clay, beads and weaving boards. As always the students appreciate any funds that are raised during this time. Remember, even if your child doesn't order anything they will get their original art work back (I get a lot of calls on that)!

Thanks so much for your continued support of the Arts at Riley!

