

RILEY NEWSNOTES

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

PARCC Testing

We would like to remind parents that PARCC testing begins the week of April 3rd and continues through April 20th for students in third through eighth grade. We have 3 weeks available as our testing window. This allows us to insure there is plenty of time to schedule all computer based testing sessions. We hope to have the majority of tests completed by April 13th. Extra time may be needed beyond this for make-up testing sessions. All tests must be completed by April 20th. Please encourage your child to work to the best of their ability during the testing process.

Attendance is extremely important during this time, but students who are too ill to attend school should remain home in order to recover. Proper rest and nutrition play a vital part in a student's ability to focus and concentrate. Please assist your child by ensuring that they have had adequate sleep and a balanced breakfast.



2017/18 REGIONAL SPELLING BEE
Sophya Anbar, who represented Riley School at the Regional Bee was First Runner Up. She will now move on to the County Spelling Bee on March 7th at McHenry County College at 7PM. We'd like to wish her luck and we're proud to have her representing Riley School at the County Bee!!



Spring Break

Just a reminder that Spring Break begins on March 26th through April 2nd and all students will return to school on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2018/19

Kindergarten registration will be Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 9AM to 3:30PM. Please bring your child's original birth certificate (or an official copy from the county in which your child was born) and two forms of proof of address to Riley School. Mrs. Dunker will be conducting a one day Kindergarten Kamp Friday, May 11th

from 1:00-2:30. It will be a "mini-view" of kindergarten. Registration forms are available at Kindergarten registration or upon request. The deadline for Kindergarten Kamp sign-up is April 16, 2018. If you have any questions, or are unable to register at the above time, please call Riley School at 815-568-8637.

For the 2018-2019 school year, we will again be offering all-day kindergarten. Students attending all-day kindergarten will be transported to and from school on the regular bus routes in the morning and afternoon. They will also remain at school during the lunch period and have the opportunity to either order hot lunch or bring a cold lunch with them. Parents do have the option of sending their children for half-day attendance in kindergarten. Those students will attend the morning only, from 8:10-11:00 A.M. Those students will ride the bus in the morning on the regular bus routes, however, transportation **will not** be provided at 11:00 for the trip home. Parents will be responsible for transporting half-day students home. Lunch will not be available for half-day students.



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

RILEY VIKING AWARD WINNERS

Viking award winners for the month of January were 8th grader Ashley Juarez and 6th grader Grant Aubry. At the February 21, 2018 meeting of the Board of Education, these two students were recognized for their accomplishments.



JANUARY CAUGHT BEING GOOD WINNERS

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

- Kindergarten: Callaway Raffaele
- 1st: Camron Sumling
- 2nd: Kaitlin Stolz
- 3rd:
- 4th: Payton Coffman
- 5th: Jenna Holsker
- 6th: Rune Boyd
- 7th: Emily Pedroza
- 8th: Eric Wiley

8th GRADE SPRINGFIELD TRIP



The 8th grade Springfield trip will be May 18th. Mark your calendars.



7th Grade Butter Braid Fundraiser

7th graders: Orders were due February 21st! This is a reminder that Butter Braids will be delivered on Friday, March 16th at the Town Hall Building next to Riley School from 3 PM to 4 PM. If any questions, please contact me at 815-568-8637. Mrs. Lagerstrom

WAY TO GO RILEY STUDENTS!

Students Raise Most Ever for American Heart Association...

Riley students jumped all over heart disease and stroke by raising more than ever before, \$13,426 during the Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart events. The students worked hard collecting donations for the American Heart Association, which funds research, programs and education to fight heart disease and stroke, our nation's number 1 and number 5 killers. The third grade raised \$2,525, the most ever by one

grade. Two other grades, first and fourth, also raised over \$2,000, all three beating the previous high of \$1,905. The kindergarten and second grades each worked hard to raise over \$1,500. The junior high stepped up once again and contributed more than \$2,000. Our top fundraiser was Lincoln Shear who raised \$585. Payton Coffman, Sarah Kate Volkens and Payton Streit each raised over \$300. We had many students that raised over \$200. It was a school wide effort, as over 200 students contributed to our total. On Thursday, February 22, our Jump Rope for Heart representative stopped by the school to personally thank the students. A large 4 foot Disco monster has been making the rounds to all the schools participating in the Jump Rope for Heart events. She surprised the Riley students by telling them that Riley was chosen to keep Disco as a thank you for all the students' hard work.

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RILEY ROLLER SKATING



The PE classes will be roller skating March 14 through March 20. Please help out by reminding your son/daughter to wear clean socks each of those days. Sometimes we get warm weather and the students wear sandals and forget to bring socks. Safety gear will be provided but students are welcome to bring their own. This includes a helmet, wrist guards, elbow pads, and knee pads.

7th grade Constitution Test



The 7th grade class took the 96 question U.S. Constitution test on Monday, February 12th. 39 7th grade students passed the test. 70% was needed to pass the test. Overall the students did a tremendous job of learning, studying, and passing the 5 page, 100 point test. The following students achieved scores of 90% or better:

(7A)

Meredith Angelo
Alexa Calbow
Grace Durkin
Fiona Kriner
Jessica Minogue
Valeria Rivera
Dasia Underwood

(7W)

Sophya Anbar
Jason Bloom
Maddy Christopher
Lily Goode
Jose Herrera
Joshua Holst
Zanfina Ljumani
Drew Palanos
Gunner Quatroke

2018 RILEY SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR



The Riley Science Fair was held Saturday, February 17th. Forty seventh grade students participated. Fourteen students earned first place awards (85 points or higher). The top three scoring students and their projects were as follows:

First place : Lily Goode - How Age Affects Memory

Second place: Grace Durkin - Which out of Five Fabrics Dries the Quickest?

Third place: Valeria Rivera - Does Colored Font Affect Memory

Ten students will represent Riley in the Illinois Junior Academy of Sciences Region 5 Science Fair on March 24th at Northern Illinois University. These students are:

Sophya Anbar, Meredith Angelo, Grace Durkin, Lily Goode, Addie Johnson, Fiona Kriner, Zanfina Ljumani, Jessica Minogue, Juan Lopez, and Ryan Seemann.

The Science Fair would not have been possible without the assistance of many individuals who gave up their Saturday morning to help our students. These individuals include all of the judges: Wendi Aubry, Kelly Haeflinger, Dawn Snelgrove, Bryan Millard, Tiffany Kriner, Katie Wojcik, Katlyn Haeflinger, Duane Dahlman, Mrs. Lagerstrom, Mrs. Hazek, Jacob Hazek, Ashley Hazek, Rob Witwicki, Lisa Quatroke, Mr. Wolf, Cheri Anbar and Mr. and Mrs. Conkling. Thanks to Mr. Anderson at the High School who recruited the high school student judges. The student judges included former Riley students: Brooke Aubry, Andrew Millard, and Elizabeth Tautges.

Finally, thank you to the RPA for purchasing the display boards and providing the cash prizes to the top three projects.

Congratulations to all our students for a job well done.

Mr. Warren

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2018 Region 5 Science Fair - Saturday, March 24, Holmes Student Center at NIU.

2018 State Science Fair - Saturday, May 5, Bradley University.

Concert Band

Please have your Trills and Thrills competition permission slips and payment turned in no later than March 12, 2018.

Solo and Ensemble 2018



The Riley Band and Choir are having an off-site Solo and Ensemble competition with the surrounding schools. The competition will take place at Marengo Community High School. Your child has expressed interest in this event and would like to attend. Please keep Saturday, April 7th open for the competition. Times for the competition will be finalized in late March before spring break. There may be a small fee to cover awards and judges. The overall fee is estimated to be less than \$5 per student. All students must have their songs picked out and rehearse/practice during select recesses or study halls. If you have any questions feel free to call the school or email me. Please let Mr. Hostetler know by March 3rd if you are able to attend.

What: Solo and Ensemble Competition

Where: Marengo Community High School

When: Saturday, April 7th. Time is TBD.

Cost: TBD - Cost will not exceed \$5

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



Spring forward on March 11, 2018.

