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FROM PRINCIPAL
CONKLING'S DESK



OUTDOOR RECESS

Our students are outdoors for 20 minutes every day unless the mid-day wind chill is 0 degrees Fahrenheit or colder. Students do not have an option to stay in for recess. Please be sure that children have warm clothes including hats and gloves. Junior high students tend to forget these things and are not prepared for the cold temperatures. We have already been experiencing some very cold temperatures and students have been wearing hooded sweat shirts only. Once the wind is blowing, this will not be adequate. As we start

experiencing snow, Elementary students will be required to wear boots in order to leave the blacktop and play in the snow. Cold, wet feet make for a miserable afternoon.



SCHOOL CLOSINGS

We will be using the School Messenger automated phone system to send out notification calls in the event of an emergency school closing due to weather conditions. The system will leave you a message if you are not home to answer the call. If you DID NOT receive a message that usually means your answering machine message is too long. If you have a cell phone listed as a primary number and you have music that plays before the caller can leave a message the system will not work. If you do not get a message and suspect there is no school you can check Star

105.5 radio station and at schoolclosings.com. Hopefully, we won't have to use the system often, but we feel it will really help us communicate more effectively with our families. If there is a change in the telephone numbers, please let us know so we may update our records. All primary contacts will be receiving calls.

Thank you for your cooperation in listening to the messages before calling the school.



VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY

On November 10th our school participated in a joint Veteran's Day celebration at Marengo Community High School. It was a wonderful tribute to all veterans in attendance. The

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coordination of the five area schools allowed all to play a part in this event honoring past and present military personnel. We would like to thank the high school staff and students for their work in coordinating this event, and we hope to be included as part of any such celebrations in the future.

Testing

Please do not disturb.
Thank you! 

PARCC TESTING

The Illinois standardized testing again this year is the PARCC test. Remember these tests have a much longer administration testing window. The testing window will be April 3, 2018 through April 20, 2018. Testing will take place after Spring Break. As you plan vacations, please keep these dates in mind. These tests are very important to the district as our school's academic progress is monitored through their results. Students that miss portions of the testing schedule must make up these tests. It is very difficult for them to do so. Students are pulled from their regular classes to take make-up

tests and do not benefit from the whole classroom testing format. As a result, they are also missing classroom instruction and work time. This might cause them to fall behind in their regular school work. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

8TH GRADE PSAT TESTING

The Marengo Community High School counselors will be in the building on December 14, 2017, to administer the PSAT placement testing to our 8th grade students. It is very important that each 8th grade student be in attendance that day.



RILEY VIKING AWARD WINNERS

Viking award winners for the month of October were eighth graders Lauren Snelgrove and Matthew Gajewski. At the November 15, 2017 meeting of the Board of Education, these two students were recognized for their accomplishments.

OCTOBER CAUGHT BEING GOOD WINNERS

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



K: Mason Kamminga
1st: Camila Lopez
2nd: Kenley Elliott
3rd: Adele Kane
4th: ---
5th: Ava Witwicki
6th: ---
7th: Jose Herrera
8th: Carson Vandello

EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

Dance the night away!
The 8th grade class held a dance on November 10th after school. The students had a great time, and we would like to thank the following parents for helping out: Mrs. Aubry, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Coffman, Mrs. Quatroke, Mrs. Snelgrove, and a big thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Miceli for ALL the pizzas!!!

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8th Grade Pie Sale Update!

Congratulations to the top three 8th graders who sold the following amount of pies: Sam Montgomery 46 pies, Ruby Escorza 25 pies, and Bryanna Corral 20 pies. The 8th grade class made a profit of \$1295 that will go toward their Springfield Trip in May. Thank you to all who purchased pies this year.

A BIG thank you goes out to Mrs. Aubry for coordinating all the pie sales and Mrs. Snelgrove for assisting in sorting!

Angel Week



From Mrs. Lagerstrom and the 8th grade class:

We would like to thank all of the wonderful angels here at Riley for participating in our Annual Angel Week! Your generosity was so deeply appreciated. It amazes me how much we collect in such a short amount of time. All participants were very giving during this

Thanksgiving season. As a school we brought in just under 800 items along with \$858.30 donated in two days for our coat and accessory purchases. We were able to buy 18 coats for children and adults for the M.O.R.E. Center. You should be very proud of yourselves!!!

Congratulations to my class for winning the pizza party with 82 items. Also, congratulations to Mrs. Wisted's class for bringing in the highest donation at \$182.20. They will receive a breakfast treat! Happy Holidays to all Riley Families!

8th Grade Girls vs. Boys Basketball Fundraiser

As a lot of you may already know the Riley 8th grade student body hosted our first annual 8th Grade Guys vs. Girls basketball fundraiser on Thursday, October 19, 2017. We had many auctions and prizes that day. Although this fundraiser was a success we couldn't have done it without all the people who contributed to this project. At this time we would like to thank all of the following: Mrs. Campanelli and Mrs. Zont who were our team coaches, Mrs. Klopfenstein and Ms. Arvanitis who

helped keep the score in the game, Mrs. Mortimer and Ms. Marsh for letting us use the gym for this event, also a big thank you to Mr. Warren and our special guest Mr. Stimes for reffing this game, and Mr. Hostetler for bringing along the pep band. We would also like to thank Mrs. Dawn Snelgrove for putting together the beautiful baskets that were auctioned off in this game and Mrs. Michele Webster for donating a grill that was also auctioned off. And we can't forget about Mr. and Mrs. Toby, who donated a three night stay at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Thank you to the following students who participated in this event: Collin Aubry, Drew Bradley, Kyle Clavey, Morgan Coffman, Ruby Escorza, Bryanna Corral, Matthew Gajewski, Ashley Juarez, Joey Miceli, Glenda Mireles, Sam Montgomery, Alexis Mortimer, Caden Pfaff, Joe Pribyl, Mitch Pederson, Corbin Randall, Michael Rios, Gage Shacklee, Lauren Snelgrove, Niki Sobusiak, Dylan Stolz, Ben Toby, Carson Vandello, Jennifer Verdin, Beth Webster and Eric Wiley. And a special thanks to everyone who came to this game and our

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8th grade sponsor Mrs. Lagerstrom! Without you we wouldn't have been able to raise \$987.50 dollars. Thank you from the 8th Grade Class!!!



MUSIC NOTES

ALL K-4 GRADES: will be involved in our holiday music program on **Thursday, December 7th at 7:00pm!** If for some reason your **child will not be able to participate** in this program, please write a note to Mr. Hostetler and send it with your student to school or send him an email so we can plan accordingly.

WHAT TO WEAR:

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades – Please dress nicely with holiday colors (Reds, Greens, and Whites) if possible. 3rd and 4th grade students will dress up like elves (I will provide the outfits).

ARRIVAL TIMES:

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade families should have their students meet in their classrooms by 6:45pm with their teacher. 3rd and 4th grade students

should meet in the Music Mobile by 6:30pm to do a final run through.

4th Grade Parents: If your child has lines, please help them memorize their line(s) from now until the program. Your child will also be playing a recorder song. Please encourage them to practice their parts at home for the big event. Some of the students will need to supply an outfit to match their part in the play. **Jack and Jill Frost:**

Dress in whites and blues to look like snow and ice. Feel free to use face paint and white/silver hair spray.

Mayor Holly Berry:

Dress nicely with a Mayor sash.

Mrs. Claus: Wear red and whites with glasses and a white wig (or white hair spray).

3rd Grade Parents:

Please have your child bring in a toy to use as a prop. Make sure there are no accessories or small parts that could be lost (no legos or small bits). 3rd grade is playing the part of Santa's Helpers by building toys in the background.



BAND and CHOIR CONCERT

Performance: **Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00pm.**

Band Arrival Time:

6:00pm

Beginning Band:

6:25pm

Choir Arrival Time:

6:40pm

Attire for ALL students: Please wear nice shoes--**no sneakers, please! No denim** either--not even black! Ladies, if you wear a skirt, also wear nylons (leggings). Clarinet players, if you wear a skirt, please make sure that it is longer than knee-length!

You may accessorize with holiday colors if you so desire (e.g. a ribbon for girls, or a tie for boys). Please do NOT go overboard, and keep it tasteful. **No Santa hats, please.**



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6th-8th band & choir: **Any combination of black & white!** This can be all black, white with black stripes...anything black and white!

5th band: **Please dress up!** No specific colors are required. Nice slacks and skirts. See above for guidelines.



Turkey Shoot

Riley's 34th Annual Turkey Shoot took place on Tuesday, November 21.

First grade through fourth grade students made as many baskets as they could in one minute. Fifth grade through eighth grade scored points by making baskets from hot spots marked on the floor. The first place boy and girl from each grade received a family pass to a Marengo High School basketball game. The second place student received a season pass to Riley's basketball games. Competition was top notch this year as many finals were won by only a point or two. In the preliminaries Maggie Hanson shattered the third grade record, making 17 baskets in one minute. The previous record was 13 set by Monica Abramavicius,

'91, Brittany Dunke, '95, Beth Peterson, '95, and Jessica Villie, '03.

The first place finishers

were: Payton Streit, Camron Sumling, Sofie Anthony, Josh Underwood, Autumn Schueler, Sam Vandello, Gabby Christopher, Alex Johnson, Kylee Jensen, Derek Bibbings, Shavonna Cusick, Maverick Quatroke, Bianca Mireles, Brennen Kentgen, Ruby Escorza, Carson Vandello.

The second place

finishers were: Sophie Hanson, Julian Randall, Leah Koelper, Xander Schueler, Maggie Hanson, Parker Weadge, Paige Aubry, Brady Kentgen, Brooke Pribyl, Brice Brettman, Maddie Cannon, Drew Johnson, Addie Johnson, Caden Vogt, Jennifer Verdin, Collin Aubry.

In a close battle between the top shooters and Ms. Marsh and Mr. Warren, Ruby and Carson beat the teachers.

A big thank you to the volunteers that helped score the preliminaries:

Mrs. Snelgrove, Mrs. Coffman, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Oine, Mrs. Maniates, Mrs. Schueler, Mrs. Biewer,

Mrs. Quatroke, Mrs. Kentgen, and Mrs. White.

Thank you to the Hazek family for donating a turkey. Josh Underwood's name was drawn for the turkey.



Riley Runners Run the Dasher Dash 5K

On Saturday, November 25 nearly 50 Riley Runners along with about 25 parents ran the Dasher Dash 5K (3.1 miles) in Rockford. The weather was nearly perfect for running at 40 degrees and sunny. B103 provided music both at the start and at the finish. Some Riley Runners were even interviewed at the starting line prior to the race. The course was great as we passed through historic parts of Rockford and over four bridges. Carolers were heard near the beginning of the course.

Along the way we were cheered on by the Grinch, Frosty, and of course Santa! At the finish each runner received a finisher's

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medal and then enjoyed some hot chocolate and cookies.

All the runners had their own goals, some to set personal records and others just to finish. It's safe to say all their goals were met and some even exceeded.

Shout out to Mr. Warren for taking the top Male Master's award.

Congratulations Mr. Warren! Some of the Riley Runners placed in their age groups as noted below.

Placing was no easy feat as there were nearly 900 runners of all ages participating.

Third grade finishers:

Henry Abramavicius, Tristan Allen, Jayna Biewer, Alexis Boorsma, Mia Brackman, Julian Grimaldo(3rd place medal), Katie Hanson, Maggie Hanson, Gianna Iovinelli (3rd place medal), Adele Kane, Megan Kaczkos, Charlotte Mears, Anthony Muscolino, Autumn Schueler, Sam Tucker (2nd place medal), Parker Weadge.

Fourth grade finishers:

Gabby Christopher (1st place medal), Ryan Grismer, Alexia Hasselmann, Alex Johnson, Brayden Kentgen, Dane Kowalski, Ava Maniates, Daschle

Mardock. Braden Minard, Ariana Rodriguez, Gabi Tierney.

Fifth grade finishers:

Leila Becovic (2nd place medal), Emily Gomez, Elayna Goode, Pablo Herrera, Brooke Pribyl, Ashley Spilotro, Lillith Townshend.

Junior High finishers:

EB Becovic, Rachel Grismer, Andrew Johnson, Zanfina Ljumani, Perla Lopez, Evan Maniates, Jonathan Snelgrove, Lauren Snelgrove, Drew Palanos (3rd place medal).

Other Participants:

Hope Kowalski, Andrew Millard, Aiden Schueler, Xander Schueler, along with many parents.



The runners also enjoyed all the support from the many parents that came to cheer them on!



LIBRARY NEWS



It's that time of year again when the weather may keep you inside. That will give you a great opportunity to read. The 360 min. Read to Succeed and Magic Waters reading logs will be coming home before Winter Break. Reading during winter break will easily give you enough time to complete the reading logs if you are interested in receiving a free ticket to these parks. You only need to read a total of the 360 min. but you need to record the time on both sheets if you would like a ticket to each park. The directions will be on the reading log sheets and they will need to be returned back to your teacher no later than January 29, 2018.



Happy Reading, and think of warm summer weather and fun at Great America and/or Magic Waters.

FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY



We have noticed when students come to the office to use the phone that many of them do not know how to dial a land line phone and do not know their phone number. Because of the ever changing technology and cell phones, many of our youth have forgotten their phone numbers because of them being programmed into their cell phones or how to dial a land line phone because they are looking for the send button. Please take a moment to help your child/ren learn your phone number and how to dial on a land line phone in the event that they are unable to use a cell phone. If your child/ren were in an emergency situation it would be important for him/her to be able to give emergency responders his/her phone number in order to make a parent contact.



Missing Mittens

Oh, where, oh, where
did my mittens go?

Oh, where, oh, where
Can they be?

Oh, I have looked high
And I have looked low.

Oh, where, oh, where
Can they be?

**Have you checked our
Lost & Found !?!**

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