

# RILEY NEWSNOTES

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### **A WORD FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT**

We want to take this opportunity to thank the following Riley CCSD 18 Board of Education members for their service: Anita Mitchell, Bryan Millard, Tammy Olsen, Dawn Northcutt, Tim Aubry, Don Coffman and Rick Nordmeyer. The leadership exemplified by board members directly impacts the school district, students, and parents, but it touches the lives of nearly every resident in one way or another.

November 15 will mark the ninth official statewide observance of School Board Members Day in Illinois. This is an opportunity for the Riley CCSD 18 and community to thank school board members for their commitment in providing

a local governance voice for your education decisions.

Board members must be tuned in to the voices of their community. They craft a vision, mission, and goals to accurately reflect the desires expressed by parents and residents. They take their positions seriously and view their roles as a way to create opportunities for all students to succeed.



When it comes to public service, school board members are some of the most selfless volunteers around. They are your coworkers, neighbors, parents, and everything in between. They are also the front-line advocates fighting for quality education for every child. They serve without the expectation of a paycheck

in a position where they act as guardians of the community's tax dollars and its most precious resource—the children.

School board members do more than just attend meetings; they devote a significant amount of their own personal time to the district. They attend extracurricular events to support schools. They participate in professional development opportunities to learn how to become better leaders. They are often involved in other local events, representing themselves, their community, and their district. Many of these activities take them away from time that could be spent with their own family. They sacrifice in order to create a better future for the students they represent.

Some people are quick to criticize school board members without understanding the details

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that went into the decision-making process. As a result, the efforts of the local board of education often go unrecognized and unrewarded. Quality education opportunities are one of the largest drivers of successful communities. High quality public schools directly equate to a thriving local economy and a growing community.

## **FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL**

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.



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.

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT SURVEY**

As a district, we are always looking for ways to involve our families in the education of our students. We are asking for your assistance in filling out a parent survey that is included at the end of this edition of the NewsNotes. In doing so, you will be assisting the district as we evaluate our programs for parental involvement. This will aid us in making decisions as we move forward in developing more inclusive programming. Please return the survey to the office by November 8, 2017. We will also be sending out a copy to any email address we have on record. Thank you in

advance for your assistance.

## **PARCC TESTING**

This year's PARCC testing window is tentatively set for April 3, 2018 through April 20, 2018. 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.



## **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 forties. 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

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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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.emergencyclosings.com) A link for this website is also located on Riley School's website [www.riley18.org](http://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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **RILEY VIKING AWARD WINNERS**

Viking award winners for the month of September were 6th grader Tess Volkens and Juan Lopez 7<sup>th</sup> grade. At the October 18, 2017 meeting of the Board of Education, these two students were recognized for their accomplishments.



## **SEPTEMBER CAUGHT BEING GOOD WINNERS**

The following students were the grand prize winners for the

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September's "Caught Being Good".

Kindergarten: Skyler Balzano

1<sup>st</sup>: Sophie Hanson

2<sup>nd</sup>: Kevin Kaczkos

3<sup>rd</sup>: Nathan Rausch

4<sup>th</sup>: Isidro Mireles

5<sup>th</sup>: Pablo Herrera

6<sup>th</sup>: Nessa Randall

7<sup>th</sup>: Brennen Kentgen

8<sup>th</sup>: Caden Pfaff



## **First Graders Learn**

### **About Pumpkins**

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 and Taylor for a job well done!!

Sarah Kate - Pumpkins can be different sizes.

Alex - You can make snacks with pumpkin.

Carson - There are pumpkins called Peanut Pumpkins.

Jackson - The white ones are White Ghost Pumpkins.

Alyza - I like the bumpy pumpkins.

Camron - Not all pumpkins are the same color.

Mia - One pumpkin was called a Knucklehead Pumpkin.

Sophie - Pumpkins are from the squash family.

Allie - You can make instruments out of gourds.

Elyse - I like all the pumpkins.

Payton - I like the pumpkin treats we made.

Clay - I liked the Pumpkin Patch Pie.

Krzysztof - The dried gourd has seeds that shake.

Rosalie - The Cinderella Pumpkin is flat.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade States and Capitals Challenge**

Every fall, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students take the 50 States and Capitals Quiz. The students worked extremely hard memorizing all of the states, their capitals, and where they go on a map. The following students received a perfect 100% score on the final test:

Leila Becovic, Derek Bibbings, Evan Elliot, Wyatt Gelly, Emily Gomez, Tyler Leiseberg, Brooke Pribyl, Lilli Townshend, Hunter Vazzano, Max Bale, Brooke Evans, Evan Halfacre, Kylee Jensen, Fernanda

Lopez, Jesus Lopez, Sophie Lund-Olas, Taylor Schumann, Ashley Spilotro, and Justin Zarate

Since they received a 100% on the test, they will receive an ice cream party put on by Mrs. Conkling and Mr. Maas. Congratulations and excellent job all of you!

## **LITERACY CORNER**

Jesse White, Secretary of State for Illinois, has designated Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 fund

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raiser 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

## HURRICANE DONATIONS

The 8th grade class and I want to thank everyone who collected and donated money for the American Red Cross for hurricane relief. Early on, the elementary classes were in the lead. However, in the last two days both 8th grade classes were neck-to-neck in their final donations. Mrs. Long's 8th grade won, beating Mrs. Lagerstrom's 8th grade by only a few dollars. It never surprises me how a small school can come together and make such a big difference. We mailed a check to the American Red Cross for \$846.95.



## PUMPKIN RUN- GREAT EFFORTS, GREAT TIMES

Friday, October 13 was a great day for the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkin Run. The weather was perfect and the students were ready. The first and second grade students run 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 pushed themselves to reach their personal goals. A BIG THANK YOU to Hubbs Nursery and the Grismer Family 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. It was also great to see all the parents, relatives, and friends that came out to cheer on their favorite runner. The following are the results for each grade's top four:

### Pumpkin Run Results

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE (1/4) MILE

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Julian Randall	1:37
2. Camron Sumling	1:38
3. Jackson Brady	1:39
4. Levi Abramavicius	1:40

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Camila Lopez	1:35
2. Sophie Hanson	1:35.9
3. Ruby Verdin	1:41
4. Allie Tucker	1:50

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE (1/4) MILE

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Zander Schueler	1:25
2. Dominic Iovinelli	1:31
3. Nathan Jurczyk	1:32
4. Josh Underwood	1:34

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Sofie Anthony	1:33
2. Jennifer Zuniga	1:41
3. Cristal Sanchez	1:41.8
4. Leah Koelper	1:44

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE (1/2) MILE

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Sam Tucker	3:10
2. Kristian DeClercq	3:17
3. Parker Weadge	3:19.03
4. Sam Vandello	3:19.89

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Autumn Schueler	3:32
2. Megan Kaczkos	3:33
3. Kiley Brady	3:39
4. Mia Brackmann	3:40

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE (1/2) MILE

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Ryan Grismer	3:15
2. Dane Kowalski	3:27
3. Alex Johnson	3:32
4. Lexi Bahena	3:35

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Gabby Christopher	3:37
2. Alexia Hasselmann	3:39
3. Ariana Rodriquez	4:00
4. Zoe Kapouranis	4:03

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE (1) MILE

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Brice Brettman	6:57
2. Hunter Vazzano	7:11

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3. Tyler Felks	7:38
4. Evan Halfacre	7:38
<u>Girls</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Brooke Pribyl	7:27
2. Jenna Holsker	7:45
3. Sophie Lund-Olas	7:52
4. Brooke Evans	8:18



email me  
(lagerstrom@riley18.org)  
if you are able to  
chaperone.



## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE (1) MILE

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Drew Johnson	6:42
2. Grant Aubry	7:34
3. Maverick Quatroke	7:47
4. Eldarion Sobusiak	7:59
<u>Girls</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Kadence Felks	7:09
2. Nessa Randall	8:09
3. Perla Lopez	8:23
4. Madalyn Mardock	8:39

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE (1) MILE

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Drew Palanos	6:42
2. Damion Kelly	6:44
3. Dalton Hipsher	6:50
4. George Hasselmann	6:55
<u>Girls</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Maddy Christopher	7:00
2. Jessica Minogue	7:01
3. Alexa Calbow	7:13
4. Addie Johnson	7:29

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE (1) MILE

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Dylan Stolz	6:12
2. Joe Miceli	6:15
3. Collin Aubry	6:42
4. Joe Pribyl	6:42
<u>Girls</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Ruby Escorza	6:53
2. Lauren Snelgrove	7:06
3. Abby Burns	7:06
4. Niki Sobusiak	8:09

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NEWS

### Can you dance?

The 8th grade class will be hosting a junior high dance on Friday, November 10th 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 6th.** 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 6th.

### 8<sup>th</sup> grade Parents

I am in need of 8th grade parents to help chaperone the dance on Friday, November 10th. Please call me at Riley School, or

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PIE SALES

**Reminder to parents:** You will need to pick up your child's pie order on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 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 6th-10th. Angel week will be a little different this year participation this year will be specific items and

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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 and money will be given a pizza party sponsored by the 8th grade class. 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 6<sup>th</sup>**

Paper towels and Toilet paper

**Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

Soup and Meals in a can: Spaghettios or Chef Boyardee

**Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

Canned vegetables

**Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

Cash donations

**Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

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 the 2nd Wednesday of each month:

- November 8th
- December 13th
- January 10th
- February 14th
- March 14th
- April 11th
- May 9<sup>th</sup>



**“FOUR!!!”**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class has been working on their golf skills in physical education since 5<sup>th</sup> grade. On Thursday, October 19, 2017, 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 almost 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. Also, a BIG thank you goes out to Marengo Ridge Golf Course for letting us use their course.



**EIGHTH GRADE VOLLEYBALL SEASON**

The 8th grade girls' volleyball team had a tough season as they played many large, powerful teams. With just 7 girls this season, they ended with a conference record of 2-11 and a

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consolation tournament record of 1-1, beating Marengo, but falling to Westminster. The final record doesn't show how close they were in most of their games, often losing by a close score or winning just one of the match games. I'd like to thank the parents for their support, especially Mr. and Mrs. Webster and Mr. and Mrs. Coffman for their help taking down the gym after each home game. The girls were fun to work with, each gaining many skills to help them should they play in high school.

The girls on the team were:

Bryanna Corral  
Mary-Grace Reed  
Beth Webster  
Alexis Mortimer  
Morgan Coffman  
Jennifer Verdin  
Glenda Mireles

Thanks for a great season!  
Coach Mallegni

## **SEVENTH GRADE VOLLEYBALL SEASON**

The 7th Grade Girls Volleyball Team had a wonderful and successful season. The team ended the season in 2nd place in the conference. October

14th, the team played in the MNC Tournament hosted by Genoa-Kingston High School. Their first game was against Westminster with 7th grade taking the win in two games. We advanced to play Prairie Grove which again we were successful and defeated them in two games. Our last match was against Genoa-Kingston who had an undefeated season. We won the first game, but lost the next two. We proudly will be displaying our 2nd place trophy for 7th Grade Girls Volleyball 2017.

The team consisted of: Liliana Delgado, Jessica Minogue, Zanfina Ljumani, Addie Johnson, Sophya Anbar, Leeanna Crowe, Bianca Miereles, Valeria Rivera, Emily Pedroza, Alexa Calbow, Cadence Pedroza, Wendy Villalpando, and Vanessa Perez. I am extremely proud to have coached a wonderful group of girls. In addition, I would like to thank the 8th graders who ran the concession stand who were: Ben Toby, Lauren Snelgrove, Ruby Escorza, and Joe Pribyl. 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.

