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FROM PRINCIPAL
CONKLING'S DESK

Inclement Weather



We still have quite a bit more winter to come and will likely experience some more adverse weather conditions. All students need to know what to do and where to go in the event of an emergency closing during the day. Being prepared is extremely important, as phone calls are not an option for us due to limited time and telephone lines. We will send out a call through School Messenger if this would happen. We also do our best to keep the buses running on schedule, but it is not

unusual for buses to be delayed up to 10 minutes as they get farther into the route on bad weather days. They start out on schedule but slow travel due to slick or snow covered roads can quickly get a route behind schedule. Your patience on these days is greatly appreciated as we want to ensure that all students arrive to school and home safely.

8th Grade Orientation and Registration for Marengo Community High School

The 8th grade orientation evening at Marengo Community High School Auditorium has been set for February 7th from 6-8:00 PM. Our 8th grade students will also be registering for their high school classes here at Riley School on February 21st. Counselors will be coming from MCHS to have individual conferences with students.

Very Important Reminder



If you are entering the building with your child or coming in for a school function all adults must sign in and fill out a visitors pass at the office. This includes coming into the building before school starts in the morning. Unfortunately, times are such that we need to know who is in the building for your safety as well as your child's. If there is a need to speak to a teacher, we also require you to check in at the office. We will ask the teacher when it will be a convenient time to meet with you. The time at school is very valuable both to your child and the teacher. Appointments will be beneficial for both. Please, do not just pop in the classroom. It interrupts the daily lessons and takes

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away important instruction time from all students.

Parents may not go to the classroom without authorization from the office and teacher.

2017/18 SCHOOL SPELLING BEE



Students in grades 4-8 participated in the Riley School Spelling Bee on January 19, 2018 and January 22, 2018. Each grade level was represented by two winners, a grade-level winner and a second runner up. The students in the spelling bee included:

Fourth Grade

Garrett Stritzel – winner
Elizabeth White – runner up

Fifth Grade

Evan Elliott – winner
Ashley Spilotro – runner up

Sixth Grade

Rune Boyd – winner
Evan Maniates, Jr. – runner up

Seventh Grade

Sophya Anbar – winner
Grace Durkin – runner up

Eighth Grade

Lauren Snelgrove – winner
Alexis Mortimer – runner up

All ten finalists studied their words and performed well. Sophya Anbar won the school spelling bee with Evan Maniates, Jr. as the runner up. Both finalists represented their classmates proudly. Sophya Anbar will move on to the next step, the Regional Bee and represent Riley School on February 6, 2018 at Heinemann Middle School in Algonquin. The competition begins at 6:00 PM. Let's all wish Sophya a 'BIG' good luck. Congratulations, Sophya, Riley School is quite proud of your accomplishment.



CAUGHT BEING GOOD FOR DECEMBER

K: Sofia Iovinelli
1st: Camila Lopez
2nd: Ava Brown
3rd: Logan Schmit
4th: Lincoln Shear
5th: Fernanda Lopez

6th:
7th: Gilberto Rojo
8th: Caden Pfaff



RILEY VIKING AWARD WINNERS



Viking award winners for the month of December were 7th Graders Addie Johnson and Kyle Northcutt. At the January 17, 2018 meeting of the Board of Education, these two students were recognized for their accomplishments.



Rodriguez Family Update

The Rodriguez family that has two children attending our school was involved in a serious automobile accident on January 14th. There has been a tremendous outpouring of

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concern for the family and their needs. A Facebook page has been created to keep people informed of their status and any possible fundraisers occurring in the community. Please visit the Facebook page for updates on the family. The link to the page is: <https://m.facebook.com/RodriguezStrong/>

There is a fundraiser planned at Marengo High School on February 10, 2018. Information should be coming out soon. We will probably send flyers out for those that do not have internet/Facebook account(s).

Thank you all who participated in the Riley Runners Rodriguez Run on Friday, January 26th – we raised \$3,500!

Awesome!

2018 RILEY SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR



Riley's seventh grade students will compete in the school science fair Saturday, February 17th. Student projects (lab reports, display boards, and oral presentations) will be judged from 9:00-11:30. The public is invited to view the student's work beginning at 11:30. The top ten projects qualify for the Regional Science Fair to be held at Northern Illinois University on March 24th.

RILEY SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED

Mr. Warren is looking for science fair judges. No experience is necessary. The only requirement is a willingness to listen and help our students. Any interested adult should contact the school at 815-568-8637 by February 9th.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART AND HOOPS FOR HEART



Kindergarten through Fourth grade will be jumping to raise money for the American Heart Association. Fifth through Eighth grade will be participating in Hoops for Heart. Why is this important? Heart disease is the nation's number one killer. Stroke is the fourth leading cause of death. Almost a third of U.S. children and adolescents between the ages of two and nineteen are overweight or obese. Children who are obese are more than twice as likely to die before the age of 55. Sixty-one percent of children ages 9-13 aren't physically active outside of school. On average, American children and adolescents spend nearly four hours watching television every day. About 90% of Americans eat too much sodium.

Online fundraising is available for the students to use. They can sign in at Heart.org/jump. On February 8, 2018, each Kindergarten through

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Fourth class will jump at different stations for about 60 minutes. Fifth through Eighth grades will have basketball challenges in P.E. Class.

Ms. Marsh/Mrs. Mortimer

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2018/19



Kindergarten registration will be Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. Please bring your child's original birth certificate (or an official copy from the county in which your child was born) to Riley School. Mrs. Dunker will be conducting Kindergarten Kamp Friday, May 11 from 1:00-2:30 P.M. These sessions will consist of a "mini-view" of kindergarten and the exciting changes that will occur in the fall. 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.



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



AT-RISK PRE SCHOOL SCREENINGS OFFERED THROUGH LOCUST SCHOOL FOR 2018/2019

The Marengo at-risk Pre-Kindergarten is currently accepting calls to schedule a screening for the 2018/2019 school year. If you or anyone that you know would be interested in having their child screened to see if they would be eligible for the

free program please contact the Locust School District Office 815-568-7632. Screenings are available in English and in Spanish for children ages two years nine months up through five years of age.

6TH GRADE 'STRIKE' IT BIG



In December, the 5th-8th grades were working on their bowling skills in their Physical Education classes. They learned; the step approach, the movement of their bowling arm with the step approach, following through and answering the phone, how to use the arrows as they released their bowling ball and to keep score by hand. On Friday, December 15th the 6th grade took the skills they learned in P.E. to Glo Bowl in Marengo. They found out how much more difficult it was to use an actual bowling lane with oil than our carpet bowling lanes in class. The sixth graders had to get used to using actual bowling shoes that

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allowed them to slide and to figure out what size bowling ball really worked for them. They played for two hours and by the end most of them were tired from using a weighted bowling ball! Most of the sixth graders were happy to find out the computers do the scoring for them! The sixth grade class and I would like to thank Mrs. Maniates and Mrs. Conkling for joining us and helping us improve our bowling skills. We would also like to give a big thank you to Glo Bowl in Marengo for allowing us to use their facilities and equipment in class.



7th grade Coffee Cake fundraiser

7th graders will be selling Butter Braids from February 9th to February 21st. All profits will go into the 7th Grade Class Account. This fundraiser is being done to help offset costs for next year's 8th grade activities. 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 Mrs. Lagerstrom at 815-568-8637.

8th grade Springfield Trip



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



Solo & Ensemble 2018



This year for the Riley Band and Choir we are having an off-site Solo and

Ensemble competition with the surrounding schools. The competition will take place at Marengo Community High School. If your child expresses 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 early April when we get back from 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 will be rehearsing/practicing during select recesses or study halls. If you have any questions please call the school or email Mr. Hostetler.

What: Solo and Ensemble Competition

Where: Marengo Community High School

When: Sat., April 7th

Cost: TBD – Cost will not exceed \$5.00

Please let Mr. Hostetler know by February 6th if you are able to attend.

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Choir & Band 2018

Choir will be going to Medieval Times on March 9th and will be gone most of the day. Please have your permission slips and payment in by February 8th.

Band

Band will going to the Trills and Thrills competition at Johnsbury High School and Six Flags on Friday, May 11th. Permission slips will be going out soon.

