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NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As you receive this, we will be preparing for our final month of school. It has been a productive year with students making gains both academically and socially. As you are readying yourself for summer break, please keep in mind ways to keep your children challenged over the summer. Students can lose ground academically if they don't continue to participate in learning activities over the break. Reading every day is going to ensure that your student keeps their reading skills sharpened. The local library has a summer reading program of which you might like to take advantage. If not, you can make reading a family activity. Reviewing math facts is another useful activity. Students that know their facts by rote are more successful in the math classroom. Summer goes by quickly and students are back in the classroom sooner than we expect.



The last day for 8th grade students will be Tuesday, May 23, 2017, and the last day for kindergarten – 7th grade students will be Wednesday, May 24, 2017. We will have an 11:30 dismissal that day.

Registration for the 2017/18 school year will be Monday, July 10, 2017, from 12:00-8:00PM. **Registration packets will be sent home with students prior to the last day of school.** Proof of Residency will be required for all students.



All parents/guardians will need two forms of identification showing the present address in which the students reside. Please bring the completed packet with you to registration. Our first day of school for students in the 2017/18 school year will be Thursday, August 17, 2017. Open House will be

Wednesday, August 16, 2017 from 6:30-8:00 P.M.

This will be a full day of attendance from 8:00AM to 2:15PM.



I want to congratulate the students who will participate in our honor roll luncheon on Monday, May 1st. We had 66 students that qualified by making the honor roll all of the first three quarters. That is a very impressive accomplishment. Thanks also to the RPA for making this event possible.

I hope that you will all have a safe and healthy summer. We look forward to seeing you back here in the fall for another successful year. If you need to get in touch with the school over the break, our summer office hours will be 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Christine Conkling
Principal

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SUMMER PROJECTS

One of the projects we will be working on this summer is blacktop repair. If you come out to the school over the summer months please watch out for areas that are under construction. There may be areas restricted for parking.



LUNCH & MILK ACCOUNTS

Our student information system, TeacherEase, generates emails when a student's account falls below the price of one lunch which is \$2.50. It also generates a negative balance email when the account dips below zero. Please be sure to check your emails and your spam account for these important reminders. If you see the email in your spam account, please add TeacherEase to your contacts. You can make a payment online or send a payment to the school office. **If there is a balance in your account at the end of the school year, it will be held for next year. Any eighth grade student who does not have a sibling attending Riley next year, will receive a refund.**

CPR TRAINING

As a school district and facility that holds athletic classes and events we are required to have automated external defibrillators (AEDs) on our premises. Along with this

equipment we have staff trained to use these devices as well as provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) if necessary. The Illinois High School Association has a training video on hands-only CPR and the use of AEDs. We recommend that staff and parents view this video.

This helps in emergency preparation and you could provide support to the trained staff on hand at events here at school or elsewhere. The video can be viewed on the IHSA website at www.ihsa.org/Resources/SportsMedicine/CPRTTraining.aspx



EXTRA CLOTHING

As you are going through your child/rens clothing, please keep in mind that we are in need of kindergarten, first and second grade size clothing, preferably pants or sweat pants. Many of our little ones are in need of a change of clothes for various reasons. We are running low on our supply and will greatly appreciate your donations.



RILEY VIKING AWARD WINNERS

Our Riley Viking Award winners for the month of March were 7th grade student Glenda Mireles-Carreon and 7th grade student Joseph Miceli. At the April 19, 2017 Board of Education Meeting, these students were recognized for their accomplishments.



"CAUGHT BEING GOOD" WINNERS FOR MARCH

Kindergarten: Allie Tucker
1st: Hope Allen
2nd: Megan Kaczkos
3rd: Paige Aubry
4th: Leila Becovic
5th: Maddie Cannon
6th: Sophya Anbar
7th: Caden Pfaff
8th: Rebecca Millard



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EMBRYOLOGY IN 1ST GRADE

Mrs. Wisted's first grade class is working on their embryology unit. They have forty-two chicken eggs in an incubator and are hoping for some to hatch on Tuesday, May 2nd. We have been learning a lot of new things about chickens and eggs as we await their arrival. Here are some of the things we have learned along the way:

Hope – Eggs can come in different colors.

Ryan – The chicks eat the yolk when they are inside the egg.

Ava – The chicks will crack open the egg with their egg tooth.

Lizzy – A chicks organs start to form on day five in the egg.

Dominic - Some eggs can be big and some can be small.

Adrian – The beak is hardening on the tenth day.

Ana – If the temperature gets too high in the incubator then we won't have any chicks hatch.

Nathan – Chickens are oviparous; that means they lay eggs.

Issy – The chick is growing.

Sarah – On the first day the eye starts to form.

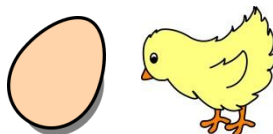
MacKenzie – The feathers begin to grow on day eight.

Kaitlin – I learned that they can be in the egg for 21 days.

Joshua- In the egg there is a little air cell where the chick can breathe.

Xander – The eggs are turning in the incubator.

Harley – The chick is all curled up in the shell.



Mrs. Mallegni's class would like to thank the Hasselmann Family for helping us learn about the life cycles of chickens, ducks, and geese. Every year they donate eggs for our 1st grade class to incubate. They have donated a variety of chicken eggs, duck eggs, and 2 goose eggs for our unit this year. The children have been learning a lot about the birds, how to care for the eggs, and help turn the eggs twice each day. The children shared what they have learned so far this spring:

Aiden – I learned that chicks take 21 days to hatch. Baby chicks are cute. Baby chicks have feathers.

Anna – I learned eggs aren't the same, and Mrs. Mallegni taught us how to turn the eggs. Can you guess one type of egg? It's fun learning about eggs!

Autumn – I learned they hatch in 12 days. I also learned about the inside of the egg, and I learned how the chicks crack their shell open. I learned that they can go to the courtyard (ducks).

Blake – I learned that we turn the eggs. I learned that they change. I learned that they are different colors. I learned that there are big ones and small ones.

Cristal – They hatch. I learned how the baby chicks get out. I learned how the egg can crack.

Gavin – I learned that we turn the eggs. I learned chicks change. I learned that they hatch. I learned that they have feet.

Jennifer – I learned that eggs have air holes, and I learned that eggs can be different kinds of eggs. I learned that we have to turn the eggs, and I learned that they change.

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Kevin – I learned that they have air holes. They eat yolk. We turn eggs. I learned that they change every day.

Leah – I learned about chicks that they lay eggs. The eggs hatch in 21 days. I learn you have to turn the egg. We take care of them. We make sure we don't break them.

Samantha – I learned that birds change every day! I know that you have to put the baby birds in an incubator. I know that eggs can hatch. I know that everybody likes birds.

Sanibel – I learned that it takes 3 weeks for eggs to hatch. I learned how to turn eggs. I learned how to take care of them. I learned how to be careful.

Sofie – We learned how to turn the eggs. Mrs. Mallegni taught us about eggs. She taught us how the chick breathes.

Hunter – I learned how to flip the eggs. I learned that eggs are different and baby chicks come out and they're so cute.

Kenley – The chick is different every day. They have an egg tooth. They are yellow. The egg is white and orange.

7TH GRADE MATH PLACEMENT TESTING



All 7th grade students will participate in a 3-day algebra placement test. The test will take place in May. This 3 day test will include basic skills and algebra concepts. Once the results of the test are tabulated, I will look at the results and look at 1st-3rd quarter grades to see if your child has qualified for algebra for the 2017-18 school year. You will be informed by letter in the mail if your child has been placed in algebra or regular 8th grade math. Letters will be mailed in June.

Mrs. Long

8TH GRADE UPDATE

Graduation

8th grade graduation has been set for Tuesday, May 23rd at 7 p.m. The graduation ceremony will last about one hour and will be held at the Marengo High School Auditorium. DeWane Studios will be in the cafeteria/commons area taking individual pictures beginning at 6 p.m. More information about the evening and pictures will be sent home in early May.

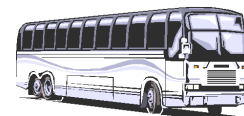


Cap and Gowns

Cap and gowns are in! Students will receive their cap and gown to be worn at graduation when we know that each student has met the 8th grade graduation requirements. Anyone who fails to meet the requirements to graduate will not participate in the ceremony.

Springfield Trip

The 8th grade Springfield trip is right around the corner. The dates are May 18th and May 19th. Students have been on a behavior contract since Monday, April 3rd and will conclude on Wednesday, May 17th. All students must have a C average, no U's, and have all work completed in all classes (including an acceptable term paper). All students have the opportunity to enjoy this 2-day trip. Please encourage your child to do their best in the 4th quarter. **All payments for the trip are due on April 28th.**

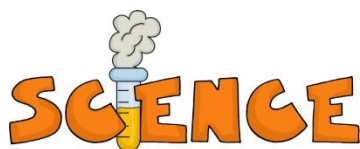


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IJAS REGION V SCIENCE FAIR

On March 25, seven 7th grade Riley students traveled to Northern Illinois University to represent Riley at the IJAS Region V Science Fair. Lauren Snelgrove (Gender and the Stroop Effect) and Sam Montgomery (The Effect of Fertilizer on Corn) qualified for the State Science Fair which will be held at NIU on May 6. Colin Aubry, Bella Laino, Glenda Mireles, Ben Toby and Carson Vandello also participated and earned High Honor awards. Mr. Warren would like to thank Bryan Millard, Wendi Aubry, and Michelle Hazek for volunteering to judge. Congratulations to each of these students and good luck to Lauren and Sam.



Congratulations Riley Runner 5K finishers!



68 students participated in Riley Runners this spring! They stayed after school every Wednesday to work out and train for a 5K. Due to the weather the runners did most of their training inside. Training included lifting weights, jumping rope, running up and down the steps, running the halls, and many other sweat breaking exercises. They were able to run outside only one time prior to the race. But the weather on race day was perfect. The runners loaded the bus at 6:15 AM on Saturday, April 8 and headed to the Red Shoe 5K in Rockford. The Red Shoe 5K promotes organ donor awareness.

Twenty-six runners went and completed the 5K. For some it was their first 5K, while others ran a PR (Personal Record). Eleven runners placed in their age division.

The Red Shoe 5K finishers:

EB Becovic, Leila Becovic (1st), Derek Bibbings, Brice Brettman (3rd), Caleb Cox, Evan Elliott, Billy Felks, Tyler Felks, Natalie Grimaldo

(2nd), Rachel Grismer (3rd), Ryan Grismer, Evan Halfacre, Alex Johnson, Andrew Johnson, Drew Johnson (1st), Olivia Kalter, Anne Kalter, Jesus Lopez, Sophie Lund-Olas, Evan Maniates, JR. (3rd), Caden Oine (3rd), Jonathan Snelgrove (1st), Lauren Snelgrove (1st), Ashley Spilotro, Gabbi Tierney (3rd), Hunter Vazzano (2nd)

Parents and staff that also completed the race are:

Alexis Arvanitis, Leah Campanelli (4th), Jessica Cox, Bruce Elliott, Connie Marsh, and Karen Schnable,



BAND AND CHOIR NEWS



The Spring Concert is coming up on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM. All 5-8 band and choir musicians will participate.

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Concert Band and Choir

Attire for concerts is any combination of black and white. No denim or gym shoes. Skirts need to be below the knee. Skirts are not required; nice pants are fine as well.

Beginning Band

Attire is to dress nice, no jeans (not even black) and no gym shoes. Any colors are fine.



All 5-8 Band Students

All 5-8 band students will be expected to arrive at Riley School by **6:10 PM** on the night of the concert. Please do not be late! We have a lot of students to tune and warm up.

All Choir Students

All Choir students need to report to the gym **by 6:40 PM**. Please be on time!

6-8 Band Field Trip

The band field trip will be on Friday, Mrs. Doane May 12th. Please plan on being at school very early. Times will be finalized in early May.

LIBRARY NEWS



The end of school is quickly approaching and that means it is time to wrap up loose ends. All library books are due by May 9th, there will not be any books checked out after that day. Hopefully, all books will be returned on time and I will be able to start inventory of the library. It will be very helpful if you would ask your child/ren if they owe the library a book or late fine. There are still many unpaid fines and lost library books to be taken care of. Late fine money is used to purchase new books each year.

The Six Flags and Magic Waters tickets will be passed out the last week of school for the 600 minute readers.

Remember: All library books are due Monday, May 9th.

Have a GREAT summer and remember to find that special place to relax and read.

