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NOTES FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Parents, Students, and Staff: It is with great pleasure that the Board of Education announces the hiring of Mrs. Christine Conkling to fill a dual role position of Superintendent and Principal for Riley Community Consolidated District 18. On March 21, 2018, the Board of Education hired Christine Conkling in a dual role position to address the current interim part-time Superintendent's position established in 2008. Mrs. Conkling will assume the full duties of the Superintendent and Principal positions starting in July, 2018. Mrs. Conkling recently received her Superintendent's Endorsement from the Illinois State Board of Education by completing a rigorous two year post-graduate program in school administration. Mrs. Conkling was first employed in District 18 as a classroom teacher in 2000, where she taught until being appointed Principal in the spring of

2008. Interestingly, Mrs. Conkling graduated from Riley CCSD 18 and Marengo Community High School. During my tenure as Interim Superintendent I have observed her to grow in her role as Principal. I find her to be well qualified and prepared to fulfill both positions. I trust that you will provide her with your cooperation and patience as she addresses her new role over the next year.

NOTES FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT/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.

I would like to take a moment to thank the Board of Education for their expression of confidence and support in my leadership as I move into the position of Superintendent. I look forward to continuing my leadership through this new role and hope to provide a stable presence in the district in the years to follow. After serving 18 years in the district, I have a vested interest in the continued growth and success of our students, staff, and school community. I hope to continue working with all of our stakeholders as we move forward from this point. It is an honor to serve the district in this capacity!



The last day for 8th grade students will be Tuesday, May 22, 2018, and the last day for kindergarten – 7th

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grade students will be Thursday, May 24, 2018. We will have an 11:30AM dismissal that day.

Registration for the 2018/19 school year will be Monday, July 9, 2018, 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 2018/19 school year will be Wednesday, August 15, 2018. This will be a full day of attendance from 8:00AM to 2:15PM. Open House will be Tuesday, August 14, 2018 from 6:30-8:00PM



I want to congratulate the students who will participate in our honor roll luncheon on Thursday, May 3rd. We had 61 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
Superintendent/Principal

SUMMER PROJECTS

Attention Parents/Staff/General

Public Please Note: Asbestos

Abatement Project - Riley CCSD 18 will have several windows replaced throughout the building during the month of June, 2018. The Asbestos Abatement Project Design calls for the removal of asbestos containing materials contained within the existing windows. In order to assure the safety from exposure to any possible contaminants all staff, students, parents, vendors, and general public are to refrain from entering the locations designated for abatement. This will include classrooms 105 (library) 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, cafeteria, kitchen, boiler room,

and District Office. All of these classrooms are located on north, northwest, southwest, and southeast of the main building.

Primary Focus of Abatement:

Contractor will under IDPH, EPA, OSHA, NESHAP rules and regulations will provide removal of windows that contain ACM window glazing and caulking. The contractor will see the area abated to be regulated with caution tape and ASBESTOS DANGER demarcation. Under **Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986** (AHERA), citizens have the opportunity to become informed about asbestos activities in their schools. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 requires each school to have an Inspection Report and Management Plan. Our plan, inspections and reports may be viewed in the District Office upon request during summer office hours are Monday – Friday from 7 AM-2 PM. If you have a question or concern about those activities, please contact the school administration. See official notice included in this Newsnotes.

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LUNCH & MILK ACCOUNTS

Our student information system, TeacherEase, generates emails when a student's account falls below the price of one lunch which is \$2.65. 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. Please try to run your account as low as possible. **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 athletic/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 Meredith Angelo, 7th Grade and Sam Montgomery, 8th Grade. At the April 18, 2018 Board of Education

Meeting, these students were recognized for their accomplishments.



"CAUGHT BEING GOOD" WINNERS FOR MARCH

- K: Sofia Iovinelli
- 1st: Sara Kate Volkers
- 2nd: Gavin Boorsma
- 3rd: Kiley Brady
- 4th: Gabby Christopher
- 5th: Devin Storti
- 6th: --
- 7th: Brennen Kentgen
- 8th: Mike Rios



EMBRYOLOGY IN 1ST GRADE

Mrs. Wisted's first grade class is working on their embryology unit. Our chick unit began on April 10th. We have forty-two eggs placed in the incubator due to arrive the first of May. We anxiously await their arrival, but in the meantime we are learning many things: Carson – On day five the chick's organs begin to grow inside the shell.

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Rosalie – Each day the chicks will get bigger and bigger.

Camron – I learned that baby chicks are not all the same color.

Payton – Inside the shell the chick eats the yolk.

Jackson – The chick’s closest relative is the T-Rex.

Alyza – The chicks are wet when they come out of the egg.

Mia – It is 100 degrees in the incubator.

Sophie – When you put the eggs in the incubator you put the pointy end down.

Elyse – It takes 21 days for the eggs to hatch.

Krzysztof – Chickens are oviparous.

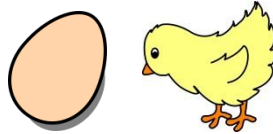
Sarah Kate – Either the mom sits on the eggs or they go into an incubator.

Allie – You have to leave the chicks in the incubator when they hatch until they are dry.

Clay – An egg tooth helps them peck out of the egg.

Sean – The egg tooth falls off when the chick is out of the egg.

Alex – On day 8 the feathers will start forming on the chick inside the egg.



Mrs. Mallegni’s First Grade is Going to the Birds!

Mr. and Mrs. Hasselmann have once again very generously donated chicken and duck eggs to our class for our embryology project. We are learning so much and can’t wait until they hatch. Each day we learn more about eggs, chickens, ducks, birds, and other animals that hatch from eggs. Here’s what the students say they are learning with this unit:

Camila – I learned that chicks wiggle in their egg if they can’t get out of their egg they die.

Sophia – I learned that you should not help the chicks.

Miranda – I learned that you have to be careful and our class has to turn the eggs carefully.

Emily – I know that chicks are very, very wet when they first hatch. If you help them hatch they will die. Please don’t touch the chicks until they are all dry.

Mia K. – Chicks eat worms, bugs, chick food, and grass and I know they hatch in twenty-one days.

Diana – Chicks eat worms. I learn that chicks hatch out of the egg. If they don’t, they will die.

Herlish – I like the chicks, they’re pretty and cool. I see an egg. I wait for a long time. It was a chick.

Peyton S. – I know about chicks. They have to stay in the egg for 21 days and I know about chicks, they have an egg tooth.

Ruby – I like chicks because they are very cute. I flip them.

Joe – The chicks hatch then they starve. Then the mom has food.

Natalia – Chickens start in an egg. When the chickens get out of the egg, it is very wet. Then they nap for an hour of school.

Julian – The chicks can hatch until 21 days. And the chicks can be happy and be sad.

Levi – I know that chicks hatch with their egg tooth and I know they need a lot of food.

Again, we thank the Hasselmanns for their generous help with our project. The children are so excited to see the variety of birds that will hatch. The students will get to see

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the changes the chicks and ducklings go through as they get bigger. Some will even take chicks home to raise.

7TH GRADE MATH PLACEMENT TESTING



All 7th grade students will participate in a 3-day algebra placement test. The test will take place early to middle 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 2018-19 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 22nd 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.

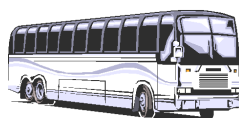


Cap and Gowns

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 date is May 18th. Students have been on a behavior contract since Monday, April 3rd and will conclude on Wednesday, May 16th. 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 1-day trip. Please encourage your child to do their best in the 4th quarter. **All payments for the trip are due on April 30th.**



IJAS REGION V SCIENCE FAIR

On March 24, ten 7th grade students traveled to Northern Illinois University to represent Riley School at the IJAS Region V Science Fair. Sophya Anbar (Are Athlete's Lung Capacities Larger than Non-Athletes?) and Jessica Minogue (Does Sugar Water Affect an Aloe Plants Growth?) qualified for the State Science Fair which will be held at Bradley University on April 28. Lily Goode, Zanfina Ljuman, Meredith Angelo, Grace Durkin, Addie Johnson, Fiona Kriner, Juan Lopez, and Ryan Seemann also participated and earned High Honor awards. Mr. Warren would like to thank Bryan Millard, Cheri Anbar, and Tiffany Kriner for volunteering to judge. Congratulations to each of these students and good luck to Jessica and Sophya.

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Congratulations Riley Runner 5K finishers!



40 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 not able to run outside a great deal prior to the race. But the weather on race day was decent. The runners loaded the bus at 6:15 AM on Saturday, April 7 and headed to the Arny Johnson 5K in Rockford. The 5K promoted Annie's Locker.

42 students, many parents and a couple staff completed the 5K. The Riley Runners, parents and staff did a great job and our runners had some outstanding times. Congrats to all!

2nd Grade

Hope Allen, Sofie Anthony, Harley Balzano, Autumn Felks, Lizzy Greif, Kevin Kaczkos, Leah Koelper, Xander Schueler, Kaitlin Stolz, Samantha Zintl, Jennifer Zuniga

3rd Grade

Tristan Allen, Jayna Biewer, Mia Brackmann, Kiley Brady, Daniel Cox, Adele Kane, Harlie Larsen, Charlotte Mears, Anthony Muscolino, Autumn Schueler, Sam Tucker

4th Grade

Gabby Christopher, Caleb Cox, Ryan Grismer, Alexia Hasselmann, Alex Johnson, Daschle Mardock, Caden Oine, Gabi Tierney

5th Grade

Tyler Felks

Junior High

Billy Felks, Kaitlyn Fischer, Rachel Grismer, George Hasselmann, Joey Miceli, Drew Palanos, Jonathan Snelgrove, Lauren Snelgrove, Dylan Stolz

Parents and staff that also completed the race are:

Amy Allen, Katie Anthony, Brooke Biewer, Abby Brackmann, Melissa Brady, Jessica Cox, Lindsey Felks, Michelle Gibbons (Charlotte), David Kaczkos, Matt Palanos, Arthur Schueler, Amber Schueler, Jennifer Stolz, Craig Tucker, Stephanie Rigard (Allen), Candace Golbeck (Anthony), Mitchell Halat, Ms. Marsh, and Mrs. Schnable



BAND AND CHOIR CONCERT



Performance: **Tuesday, May 8th at 7:00pm in the Gym**

Call Times: Band-6:00PM Beginning Band-6:25PM Choir-6:40PM

What to wear: All Band and Choir students must dress in black and white for the concert. No jeans (even black jeans), tennis shoes, or sneakers. Remember, "If you are early you are on time, if you are on time you are late." Beginning Band should wear nice clothes. Please no jeans, tennis shoes or sneakers. You may wear any colors.



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Band Trip to Trills and Thrills and Great America

Date: Friday, May 11th - Be at school by 7:15am and we will be back by 8:00pm

What to Bring: Instrument, Music, Current Music T-Shirt, and spending money.

Where: Johnsburg High School then to Great America.

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.

Band & Choir - 8th Grade Graduation

All band students are performing for the 8th Grade graduation

When: May 22nd - Call Time is at 6:15pm. Ceremony begins at 7:00pm

Where: Marengo Community High School

What to wear: Black and White Concert Attire.

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

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

Mrs. Doane



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

