



PIRATE FALL FORAGER



ROCKY RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

NO SCHOOL ON:

- November 12 and 13
- November 25, 26 & 27
- December 21-31, and January 1
- January 18
- January 25
- February 15
- April 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9
- May 31
- Summer Vacation: June 10, 2010

Other Important Dates:

- November 10 6th Gr. Awards Assembly 2:30-3:15
- November 11 7th Gr. Awards Assembly 8:25-9:10
8th Gr. Awards Assembly 9:15-10:00
- December 4 6th Gr. Mixer 3:30-5:00
7th/8th Gr. Dance 7:30-10:00
- December 1 6th Gr. Band/Jazz Concert 7:00 - 8:00
- December 3 7th Gr. Band/Jazz Concert 7:00 - 8:00
- December 8 6/7/8 Gr. Choir Concert @ HS 7-8:30
- December 9 8th Gr. Band/Jazz/Choir/Chamber Choir 7-8:00
- December 15 Music Revue Auditions 3:30-5:00



EDITORIAL

A New Start

By Noah Holtkamp

Welcome back 7th and 8th graders and welcome to RRMS 6th graders! The beginning of the school year is fun and a new start for many. There will be so much to do and see in every grade, in every classroom. Sixth grade may be awkward for now -- but time will tell how awesome RRMS really is! From wild science projects to plays and choir -- we have it all. With newness comes a new start, and for those 7th and 8th graders who remember Dr. Root, we all miss him; but Mr. Gifford is another great gift to enjoy and cherish in our lives. If you'll notice in almost every classroom some trinket from Dr. Root can be found, especially involving M&Ms. Things of the past we'll happily remember them and move on to other great things.

Editors-In-Chief

Noah Holtkamp & Saipranay Vellala



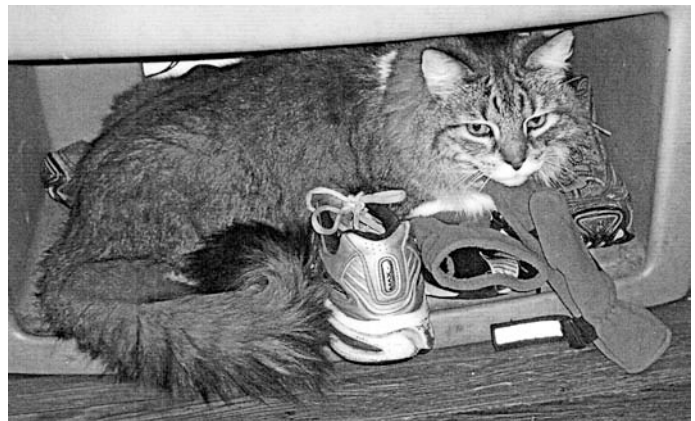
OUR PET GALLERY ...



We dedicate this issue to **RAVEN**, Ms. Harkin-Newsome's dog who passed away June 6, 2009

and

SNICKERS, Mrs. Wodzisz's cat who passed away August 19, 2009.



This is **SCAMP**, our principal, Mr. Gifford's dog. Scamp is a one-and-a-half-year-old Cavalier King Charles who loves to be around people.



Mrs. Wodzisz has a new kitten, **PUMA**. She's a long-haired tabby, loves people & wants to be the center of attraction. She's friendly & fantastic; a beautiful girl.



This is **COOPER**, Ms. Salvagni's 4-month-old Scottish Terrier puppy.



Ms. Harkin-Newsome has a new addition, 5-year-old **LUCKY**, rescued from Second-hand Mutts. Lucky is a lab, greyhound, doberman mix.



This is Abbigail & Emma Opdycke's 6-year-old black lab, **GUINNESS.**



This is Grace Bennett's dog, **SYDNEY.** She's a 6-year-old golden retriever who came from a breeder in Grafton, OH. She loves going to the park.



This is Konrad Katterle's 8-month-old Bouvier Des Flandres, **GIGI.**



This is Mrs. Schneider's new addition, **BAILEY.** It hasn't even been a week since we have gotten Bailey, yet she has settled into a routine with us and we with her. She has more energy

than any dog we have ever had. She loves to run in the back yard. Thank goodness it is fenced in! She has chased squirrels and chipmunks all over the yard. They are beginning to FEAR THE DOG. Bailey is getting to know the dogs that live on either side of us. She also managed to find the toys Morgan had stashed away and is playing with them. Anyone who has seen the movie TOYS knows that toys, too, need love and a chance to feel useful. Bailey has already taught me that you can never replace the dog that is no longer with you, but you can love more than one dog. Everyone is unique. We never "replaced" Morgan. No one could. But we did find a great dog.....thanks to the Lamberts!



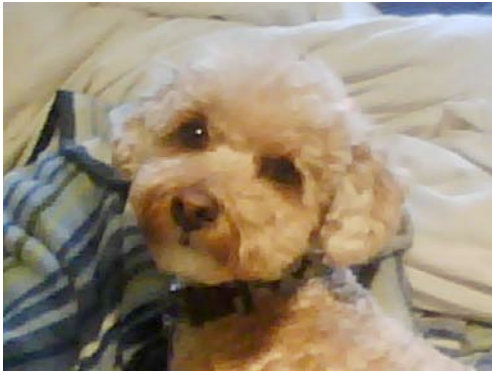
This is Cali & Kyle Leonard's 6-month-old shipoo puppy, **KIRBY,** a mix between a shitzu and poodle.



This is Debbie Flachbart's kitty, **SNICKERS.**



This is Megan Radanovich and her 8-year-old greyhound, **PIPIN,** from Guam.



This is **LIZZY**, our custodian, Geza Vandra's poodle. Even though she's paralyzed, she gets wherever she wants to go one way or another.



This is Clare O'Toole's 4-year-old shitzu, **SAM**.



This is Dr. Root's new puppy, **RUBY**, a Whoodle, which is a Wheaten Terrier Poodle Hybrid.



This is Jillian Krebs' 6-month-old puppy, **SKIPPER**, a retriever-shepherd mix they got through a dog rescue organization.



Just A Dog

From time to time people tell me, "Lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "That's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, time spent, or costs involved for "Just a dog." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "Just a dog." Many hours have passed with my only company being "Just a dog," and not once have I felt slighted. Some of my saddest moments were brought about by "Just a dog." In those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "Just a dog" provided comfort and purpose to overcome the day.

If you, too, think its "Just a dog," you will probably understand phrases like "Just a friend," "Just a sunrise," or "Just a promise." "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person. Because of "Just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

For me and folks like me, it's not "Just a dog." It's an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. "Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday people can understand it's not "Just a dog." It's the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "Just a man or woman."

So the next time you hear the phrase "Just a dog," smile, because they "Just Don't Understand."

- Author Unknown

This issue's breed feature is the . . .

BEAGLE
by Lizzy Cahill



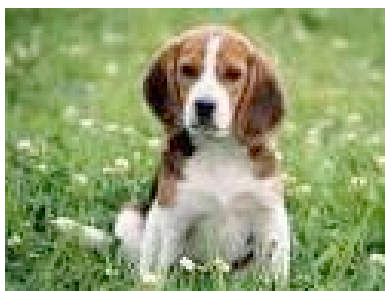
Beagles are a breed of small hounds that are popular for pets and hunting. They have short hair whose coats are black, tan, and brown. This breed is heavy for its height and is solidly built. Beagles are alert and highly affectionate dogs.

This breed of hounds is one of the oldest known breeds. The origin of the beagle is unknown, however similar dogs were found in ancient Greece. Later they were found in England where they were used for hunting rabbits and other game animals. They hunt mainly by smell instead of sight.

The most famous beagle has to be the cartoon character, Snoopy. Charles Schultze made Charlie Brown's beloved dog a Beagle. Other famous beagles include President Lyndon Johnson's three beagles Him, Her, and Edgar.

Beagles are generally healthy dogs. There are, however, some health issues that beagles do experience like disc problems and eye problems. The breed has a problem with obesity because they love to over eat. However, with proper exercise the breed is usually healthy.

Young beagles are full of energy. They explore everything that smells interesting. Beagles shouldn't be let off their leash because of their love to explore. Fences must be high enough to prevent climbing.



Dog Tips & Tricks

by Jimmy Kinsley

To teach dogs tricks or if you want them to obey you, you have to get on your dog's good side. Dog treats always do the trick, but if that doesn't work, then you pet your dog and praise him. Let him know he's the best dog in the whole world.

If your dog runs away from you, **don't chase him**. He'll only think you are playing a game with him if you go running after him. Instead, crouch down and call him in a happy voice to come to you with your arms wide open. Hopefully, he'll look back for you and be disappointed that you aren't chasing him and he will come to you. Again, praise him for coming back to you, letting him know he is the best dog in the whole world. Never punish him for coming to you.

If your dog is going to the bathroom in your house, you have to take him outside more often. The minute he goes to the bathroom outside, praise him and tell him what a good boy he is and even give him a treat. You reward him for not going in your house. Always train your pet in a positive way.

To teach a dog new tricks, you take a dog treat and he should follow your movement of the dog treat and say to him "watch me". Make him focus his attention on you. When he looks at you, praise him and say good "watch me" then give him the treat.

Always be kind to your dog and he/she will obey you and love you as a master!

Look for more tips and tricks in the next issue.

Welcome New Students! *by Olivia Stafford & Sai Vellala*



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Hannah Robinson



Shiloh Snavelly



Kayla McNamara



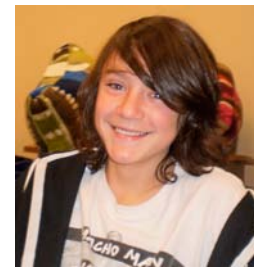
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Katelyn Gregg



Steven Merl



Malachi Gerard



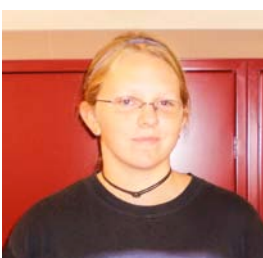
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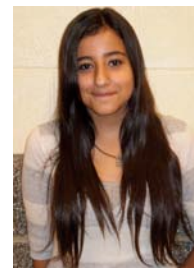
Paige Nicely



Katie Farr



Cheyenne Gregg



Diana Musa



Maggie Conroy



Anne Devito



Jack Omori



Ryan Gernity



Lea McClure



Sam Stankivicz



Emily Farr



Kayla Whitlock



Joe Shepard



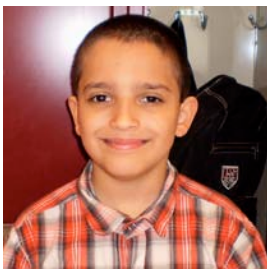
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Melanie Masses



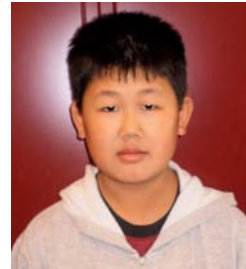
Sai Vellala



Khalid Taye



Jessica Ehrman



Alex Lei



Ceara O'Connor



Emma Flynn



Kejda Pelari



Emma Shmotzer



Mary Devito



Brianna Resto



Narita Yimcharoen



Corey Horvath



Alexa Cardone



Leonard Krizanovic



Devin DePuy

RRMS HAS A NEW PRINCIPAL . . .

by Elizabeth Foley



I asked Mr. Gifford how long he’s been a principal, including an assistant principal and he replied, “Five years and 31 days” as of this writing. In Mr. Gifford’s spare time, above all, he enjoys spending time with his family. Next on his list is golfing, then fishing and lastly, anything physical, such as rock climbing, etc. His favorite color is blue or red. His favorite subject is lunch and English. He has a dog named Scamp that is featured in our *Pet Gallery*, and a goldfish named Megan. His favorite TV show is Seinfeld and he likes auto auctions. His favorite animal is the great white shark. He concluded our interview with a quote, “**Get involved,**” and “**order desert first!**”

Welcome New Staff!

by SaiPranay Vellala

I interviewed **Mr. England** and have gathered the following information. Mr. England’s whole name is Mr. Matt England. He has an 8-week-old daughter, and she was born July 1, 2009. This is Mr. England’s fifth year teaching computer tech. He has taught the last four years of computer tech in Parma, and this is his first year in Rocky River. He was born in Geauga County in Chardon, Ohio. He has three favorite movies. They are Tombstone, The Bucket List, and Transformers. His favorite song genres are Classical and Rock and Roll. He also likes Jack Johnson. He likes baseball and football. He likes Chinese and Italian food. His favorite kind of restaurant is Mongolian, BBQ and PF Changs. His favorite magazines are Cycle World, Car and Driver, and he likes reading Consumer Reports. He is going back to school to learn more about applications and software to teach in class. His favorite subjects when he was in school were Math and Industrial Arts (Wood shop). His favorite teacher was Mr.Kitko, his high school wood shop teacher. I asked him PC or Mac? And Mr. England said *Mac* with exclamations!! He likes software better than hardware. He likes working with Media software, such as editing photos and videos, and he likes making his own videos. Mr. England is really good with computers and I found him to be a very nice person.





Mr. Hudec . . .

Hello RRMS students and staff. My name is **Mr. Hudec** and I'm the new band director here at RRMS. I graduated from Rocky River High School in 2003 and from Miami University in 2007. I'm extremely excited to be back in Rocky River, and I am so happy to be working with the middle school band as well as the high school marching band. All of the students and staff members (including teachers I had when I was a student!) have been awesome these first couple months, and I'm looking forward to the rest of the year. Good luck to everyone this year!



Ms. Reisland by SaiPranay Vellala



I did an interview with Ms. Reisland, and I have gathered some interesting information about her. Her whole name is Christie Reisland, and she is a 6th grade tutor. This is her first year of teaching. She has a cat named Penny. She was born in Ohio, specifically in Cleveland! She likes watching scary movies, and she likes country style music. She likes watching football, and her favorite team is the Cleveland's own Browns. Her favorite food is cheese, and her favorite restaurant is Olive Garden. Her favorite teacher was her kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Weiss. Her favorite subject is Math, and she likes reading mystery and suspense novels. Ms. Reisland is really friendly, and I hope that you get to meet her.

Ms. Harris by SaiPranay Vellala

I took an interview with Ms. Harris. Her whole name is Allison Harris. She is a sign language interpreter/aide. She was born in Rocky River, OH. She has two chinchillas. Look for them in the next issue. She likes watching college football. Her favorite food is chicken paprikas. Also her favorite restaurant is Applebee's and Mark Pi's. Her favorite subjects are history and art, and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Brokaw, who was her high school science teacher. She went to college at Bowling Green State University for a Bachelor's degree in Fashion Merchandising and she also went to Tri-C (Cuyahoga Community College) for an Associate's Degree in Deaf Interpretive Services. I hope you get to meet Ms. Harris as she is a very kind person. Since this interview, she got married and her name is now Mrs. Erni. Congratulations, Mrs. Erni!!!



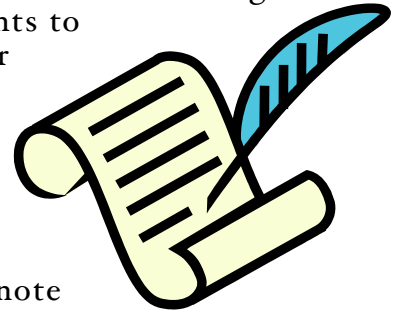
Meet Ms. Hampel, our Assistant Principal
... by Sai Vellala



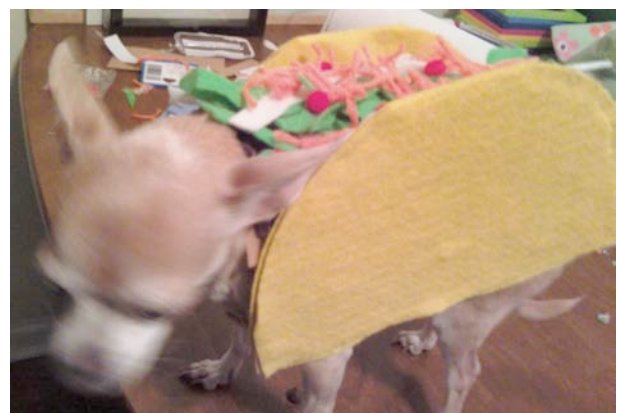
I did a recent interview with Ms. Hampel. Her whole name is Gweynn Hampel. In 1979, she started to teach. Then she spent 11 years being Assistant Principal in Rocky River Schools. I found some neat facts about her. Here are some. Ms. Hampel really likes to travel. Some of her favorite places are going out West, especially to the National Parks and the Tetons. Her favorite country is Ireland, and her favorite place in Ireland is The Gap Of Dunloe. Some of her other hobbies are . . . training her dog Opal, exercising (running), reading mysteries and hanging out with her friends. She likes to watch the Ohio State Buckeyes, and she likes to play basketball. Her favorite teacher was Dr. Jones, her college basketball coach and a teacher of some of her courses. She went to St. Peters for grades 1-8 in Mansfield, Ohio. Then she went to Lexington High School for grades 9-10 in Lexington, Ohio; and for grades 11-12 she went to Clear Fork High School in Bellville, Ohio. She attended Ashland University for her teaching degree, then to Ohio State for her Masters, and then she went to Akron for her 2nd Masters. She says that her favorite part of her job is helping kids and working with great quality teachers.

Attention all Parents:

On Thursday, November 12 (Conference Day) Student Council will be selling notecards for parents to write notes to their children. Our hope is that each student will get a message from you regarding the parent-teacher conference. Each note is only \$1.



Happy Halloween!





What'd you do over summer vacation?

by *Claire Coyne, & Rachel Ermacora*

Emily Fox - I went to the Rocky River Pool and Cedar Point a few times.

David Cox - I hung out with my friends and went to Cedar Point.

Cam Grendow - I went to Florida and played little league baseball and golf.

Allie Salisbury - I went to sailing camp at the CYC for six weeks.

Molly Coughlin - I went to Roxy, Hawaii and got my grandparents apple trees.

Bridget Akin - I went to North Carolina and played softball.

Claire Coyne - I went to Europe and spent weekends at Vermilion.

Clare O'Toole - I took a german class over the summer.

Emily Farr - I went white water rafting over the summer.

Kayla McNamara - I was in a national singing competition.

Emma Shmotzer - I went to Dallas, Texas over the summer.

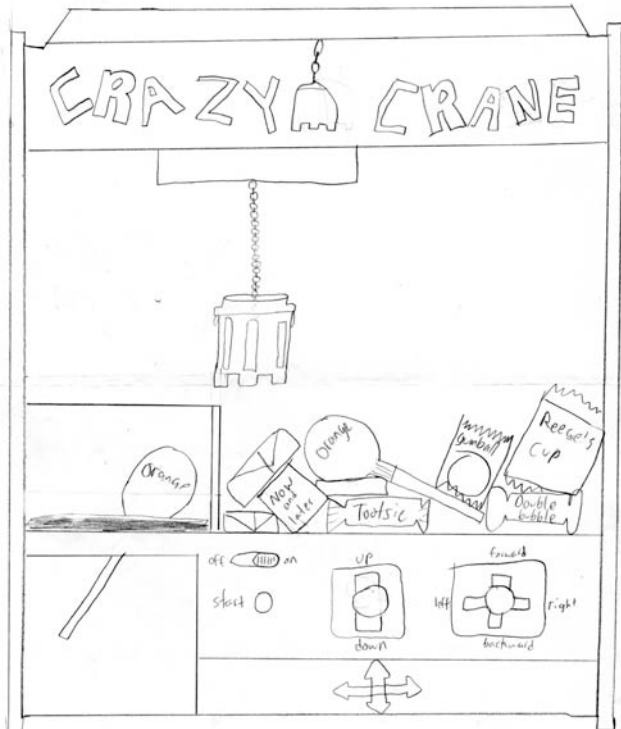
Brianna Resto - I went to Monsoon Lagoon over the summer.

WHAT DID YOU DO THIS SUMMER? . . .

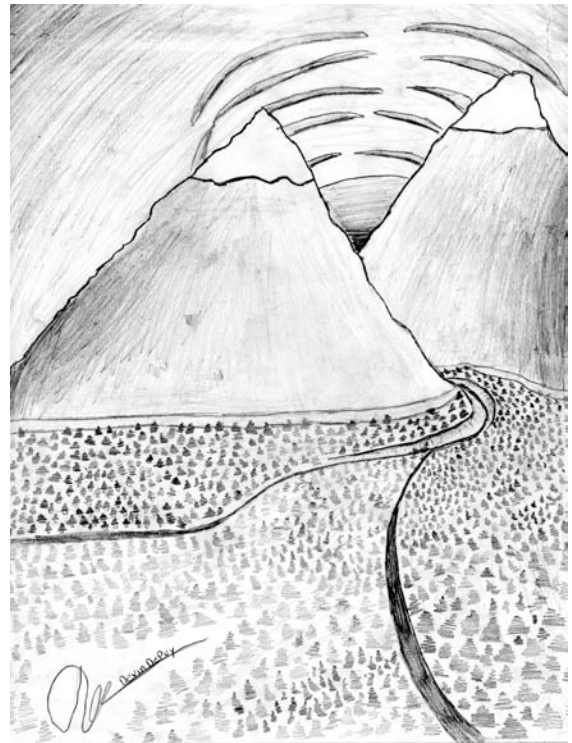
by **Annie Cipriani**

Many people played sports on teams or clubs. Among the most popular were baseball, soccer, swimming and sailing. Although the majority of the people I interviewed said that they stayed home and were driven to partial insanity by their siblings, quite a few went on a vacation all to extremely different places. One student went to Florida, where they spent a lot of time on the beach collecting shells and swimming. Another person told me that they went to Hawaii for two weeks and got to swim with dolphins! One person went to Put-In-Bay with their family. Other people simply stayed at home and had their friends over. Many went to Cedar Point on a day trip or weekend vacation. By far, though, the most interesting answer I got was, "I killed my goldfish," which confused me a lot. I think everyone I talked to, though, said that it is exciting to get back to school.

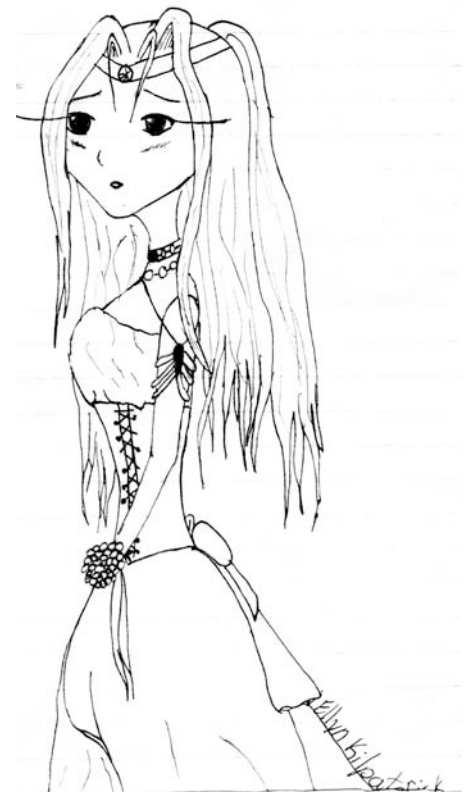
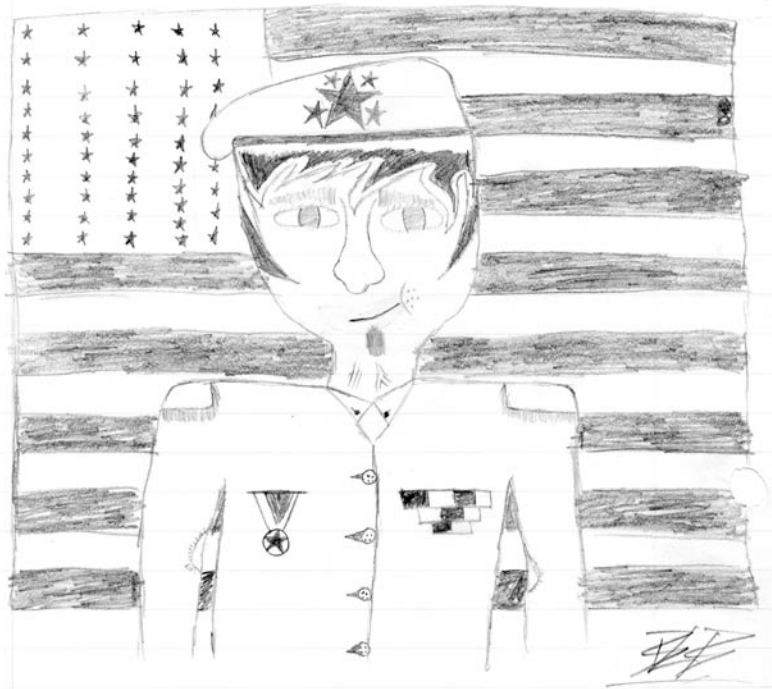


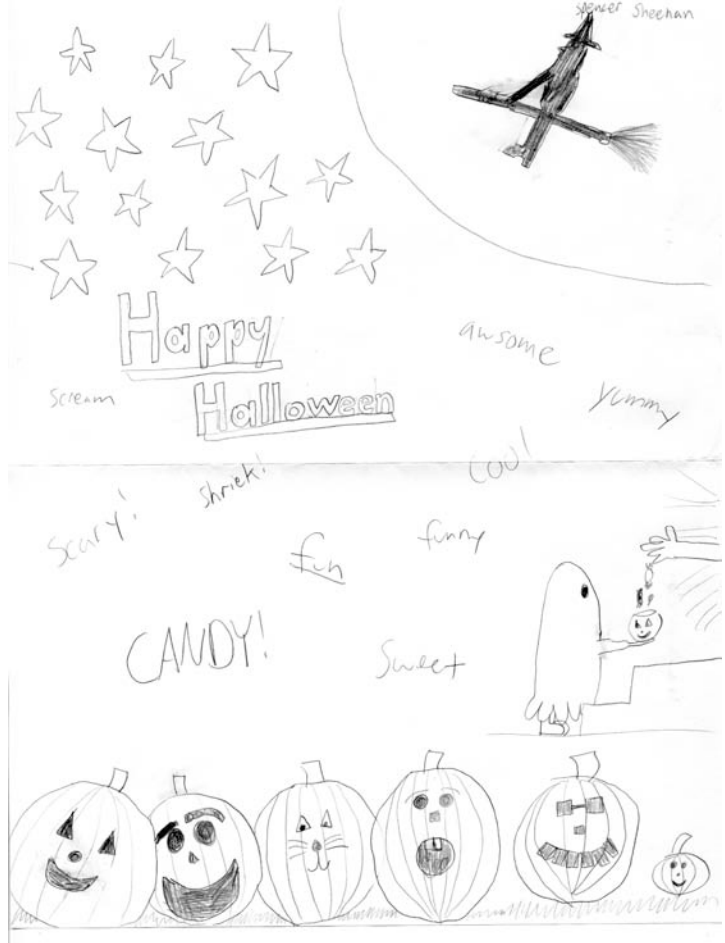


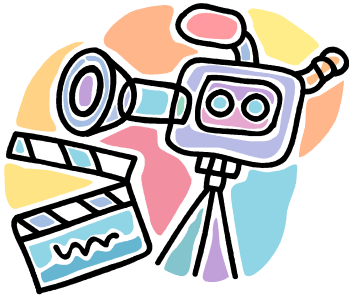
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our art gallery ...







Movie Reviews

by Manny Marotta

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs . . .

This movie is an adaptation of the 16-page book that was a temporary best seller. This movie, from Columbia Pictures, is just like most PG-rated movies, with an innovative main character and, no surprise, a dead parent. There is a lot of cheap comedy, but a little action, too. Also, like most PG movies, there is an evil adversary. Heroics, innovations, and food abound, **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** is a good choice for a Fall movie.



If you would like to support your school, help out in the community and meet new friends... Builders Club is for YOU!

Find out more about joining Builders Club. We meet every Wednesday in the Media Center 7:45 - 8:05

HALLOWEEN Trivia

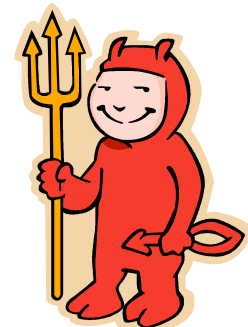
by Kathryn Rieg



1. The first Jack-o-lanterns were made out of what?
 - A. Watermelons
 - B. Coconuts
 - C. Turnips
 - D. Pumpkins
2. According to legend, a unibrow, tattoos, and a long middle finger are all signs of what Halloween creature?
 - A. Werewolf
 - B. Vampire
 - C. Witch
 - D. Goblin
3. How many “witches” were burned at the stake in Salem Witch Trials?
 - A. 12
 - B. 20
 - C. 33
 - D. None
4. How many pounds of candy did the average American consume in 2002?
 - A. 6 pounds
 - B. 12 pounds
 - C. 24 pounds
 - D. 48 pounds
5. According to superstition, if you stare into a mirror at midnight on Halloween, what will you see?
 - A. Bloody Mary
 - B. Your future spouse
 - C. Your death
 - D. Dead ancestors

Answer Key

1. C
2. A
3. D
4. C
5. B



What's Happening With Student Council?

Your new 2009/10 Student Council Advisor is Mrs. Lampp. Your officers are:



Victoria Sullo, Natalie El Dabh, J.R. Schiau, Christina Drobney, Robby Olander, and Trent Newby. They are here to serve you, the student body, to the best of their ability.

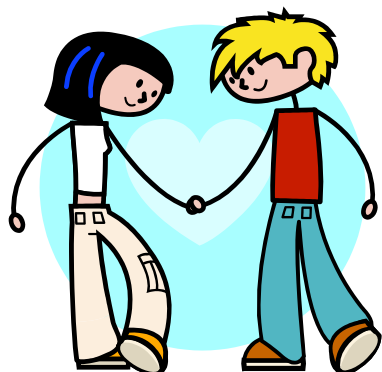
STUDENT COUNCIL DANCES...

October 2	6th Grade Mixer	3:30 - 5:00
	7th & 8th Gr. Dance	7:30 - 10:00
December 5	6th Grade Mixer	3:30 - 5:00
	7th & 8th Gr. Dance	7:30 - 10:00
February TBA	6th, 7th & 8th Gr.	7:30 - 10:00
April 23	6th, 7th & 8th Gr.	7:30 - 10:00

Admission at the door:

6th Grade Mixer: \$5.00

7th & 8th Graders: \$6.00



Notable Numbers

by Manny Marotta

It's Autumn, and that means Halloween and Thanksgiving. Here are some statistics to help you with these holidays.

HALLOWEEN

- \$19.84** The average amount of money spent per person for Halloween.
- 800 A.D.** First origins of Halloween thought to be.
- 41 million** - Estimated number of children in the U.S. that trick or treat.
- 10** The number of Halloween movies made, starting with the original in 1978.
- 106 million** - Number of U.S. households that give out candy on Halloween.
- 790 million** - Pounds of pumpkin used on Halloween (pies, Jack-o-Lanterns, etc.)
- 2,715** Number of shops in the United States selling Halloween apparel.

THANKSGIVING

- 265 million** - Number of turkeys bred in the United States in 2006.
- 3** Number of cities in the United States named after turkey.
- \$1.07** Cost of one pound of turkey in 2005.
- 13.7** The poundage of turkey consumed by the average American in 2006.

PERCENTAGE OF AMERICANS WHO SPEND THANKSGIVING WEEKEND..

- 98% - Eating, Drinking, and Carousing.
- 86% - Watching TV.
- 79% - Traveling.
- 48% - Food and Drink Preparation.
- 46% - Purchasing Goods and Services.
- 44% - Socializing and Communicating.
- 18% - Participating in sports.
- 11% - Participating in Religious and Spiritual activities.

STUDENT CLUBS & ACTIVITIES . . .

You can join a variety of student clubs, activities & athletic programs at the middle school:

Art Club - see Ms. Harkin-Newsome

Book Club - see Mrs. Morbitzer

Builder's Club - see Mrs. McNeely

Channel 10 - see Mr. MacDonald

Intramural Activities - see Mrs. McGrath

NEWSPAPER - see Mrs. Kozub

Science Olympiad - see Ms. Schumacher

Student Council - see Mrs. Lamp

Talent Show - see Mrs. Fancher

Yearbook - see Mrs. Weber or Mrs. Konrad

Our **athletic programs** are available to all 7th & 8th grade students. You must have passed 75% of your classes during the previous 9-week grading period, with the exception of the fall season of 7th graders. Our athletic director is **Mr. Lambert**. Please see him for further details.

Boys/Girls Basketball - Try-outs for the boys basketball season begins in mid October and ends in late January. The girls season begins in early December and concludes in late March.

Girls Cheerleading - Try-out sessions are usually held in April or May for the next school year for football and boys basketball.

Cross Country (Boys & Girls) - Cross Country begins a week before school starts in August and ends in mid October. There are no cuts made for participation in cross country, and since there isn't a home course, all competitive events are scheduled away.

Football (Boys) - Practice begins in early August at the high school and ends in mid October. No cuts are made in football.

Softball (Girls) - Try-outs for the season begin in mid March and ends in late May.

Track & Field (Boys & Girls) - The season begins in mid March and continues through late May. There are no cuts made.

Volleyball (Girls) - Try-out sessions begin in early August and the season ends in late October.

Wrestling - The season is from early November through early February. There are no try-outs for wrestling, however, you must beat other teammates for a spot in the line-up.

MORE SPORTS NEWS . . .

The Search for a Manager

by Sam Stankivicz

On September 29, 2009, the Cleveland Indians fired manager Eric Wedge. Now, a search for a manager is on. After about three weeks of interviews, and searching, the Indians are down to three primary candidates and two last resort secondary candidates for the manager job. Manny Acta, Bobby Valentine, and Don Mattingly and Torey Lovullo and secondary candidates farm system manager Trevor Fryman and former Indians catcher and current assistant and 3rd base coach Joel Skinner.

In order to make an opinion, you have to find the information about them. Manny Acta coached the Dominican Republic in the 2006 World Baseball Classic; he then went on to coach the Washington Nationals from April 2, 2007 to July 12, 2009 and was fired. In 410 games, he had a record of 158-252 (.385).

Don Mattingly was a former Yankees great; he played from 1982-1995 and hit 222 home runs and 1099 RBIs. He was a six-time All-Star selection and a nine-time Gold Glove winner. He was the 1985 AL MVP and his #23 is retired by the Yankees. Since 1995, he has been on Joe Torre's staff as a spring training instructor from 1995-2003 and a hitting coach for the Yankees from 2003-2007. In 2007, he was the front runner for the new manager but he wasn't offered and went to be the hitting coach of the Dodgers and then, in 2008, to a special instructor.

Torey Lovullo was formerly a player for seven different MLB teams from 1988-1999 and after eight years of different coaching positions, he went on to coach the Buffalo Bisons/Columbus Clippers for three years and now is trying to move up.

Bobby Valentine has a long history of managing success. He coached the

Texas Rangers and the New York Mets. He coached the Rangers for 11 years with a record of 581 - 615 with the Rangers. He had lots of success with the powerful New York Mets. He had a 536-467 record

over 7 seasons and led them to the NLCS in 1999 and to the World Series vs. the Yankees in 2000.

If you have to choose between two, I would choose Manny Acta vs. Bobby Valentine; and I would choose Bobby Valentine because if you go from below .500 with one team and then two big playoff years in a row for another, the Indians might learn some improvement skills from Valentine.

So, I choose Valentine, but many think Acta, or Fryman, or even Don Mattingly. But, ultimately, it's the Indians who choose the fate of their season.



FALL

By Claire Coyne

When you think of fall,
You think of playing ball,
Jumping in piles of leaves,
And watching changing trees.

It's getting colder,
But you're getting bolder.
It means more homework to do,
And sickness like the flu!

Summer is over,
Winter is just about to start,
No more flowers and clovers,
Just leaves the colors of fire.

FALL IS COMING!





A Great Start for Builders Club

The Builders Club has been very busy so far this year and is in the process of recruiting new members! Builders Club is an organization that helps people in the community and at school. Students already have had a great time in painting faces at the RRHS Homecoming dinner. They will take their face painting skills and expertise and head over to Kensington for Spooky Saturday on October 31st. The October fun does not end there as we will be having an apple cider sale on October 30th in the Commons.

On November 8th, students will be helping out at the Rocky River Pancake Breakfast, and we are in the process of planning a variety of holiday projects such as helping the poor, collecting coats for kids, and raising money for Rocky River families in need.

Builders Club, along with RRMS LRC group, continues to recycle. So far the Recycle program at RRMS has been a HUGE success and they thank everyone for their support. The more paper collected the more money for RRMS!

We have a lot more activities planned for the rest of the school year. If you are interested in helping out, come to our meeting! We meet every Wednesday morning at 7:45 to 8:05 in the Media Center.

RECYCLE!

Students in the LRC and Builders Club are teaming up once again to encourage everyone to recycle. Anyone with magazines, catalogs, junk mail or school papers can drop them off in the recycling bin located at the loading dock. The school will earn money after collecting a minimum amount of paper each month.



Every Friday is POPCORN DAY!

Small bags are 25 cents and large bags are 50 cents. This is a great deal for a great school to sell popcorn during lunch time. Thank you, PTA moms!



Some JOKES . . .

by Sean Cain

- Q **What does every runner lose in a race?**
A *His breath.*
- Q **What goes up, but doesn't come down?**
A *Your age.*
- Q **Where was the Constitution signed?**
A *At the bottom.*
- Q **Where did the Pilgrims land?**
A *On their feet.*
- Q **What kind of star is dangerous?**
A *A shooting star.*
- Q **What do all the Smith's in the phone book have in common?**
A *They all have phones.*
- Q **What do Alexander the Great and Kermit the Frog have in common?**
A *The same middle name.*
- Q **What would happen if you went to the Middle East and jumped in the Red Sea?**
A *You'd get wet.*

There are three kinds of people in the world; those who can count and those who can't. :)

- Q **What's red and goes up and down?**
A *A tomato in an elevator.*
- Q **What happened after the wheel was invented?**
A *It caused a revolution.*

GUTEN TAG!

By Clare O'Toole

This summer, RRMS offered a German camp taught by the RR High School German teacher, Ms. Emily Collins, and I was a participant. The camp was held at the RRMS Monday through Friday for two weeks for 1½ hours in the morning. I learned lots of German words, how to count from 1-20 in German, the German alphabet, greetings, and German names for colors. Ms. Collins was very patient and friendly and spoke both German and English.

The RRMS chose to hold a foreign language camp because foreign language is only offered to 7th and 8th graders during the school year - not 6th. It was so fun, and I think the opportunity for kids to learn foreign languages earlier than seventh grade is wonderful. I also learned German names for the bordering countries of Germany, too. I learned something surprising about the German language - English and German are more similar than some people may realize. Did you know the German word for green is grun, the word for blue is blau, the word for red is rot, (sounds like wrote, not rot, as in a rotting log), and pink is rosa? Pretty similar.

German camp wasn't the only camp offered by RRMS. In June, they held a Spanish camp; and in July, a French camp. But probably the best thing about RRMS German camp was that it was right before school started, so I got to know my way around the building and meet a few of the wonderful staff members. German camp was so fun, and I hope in high school, you will choose it as a foreign language.



WINTER OLYMPICS

By Elizabeth Weger

Did you know that this winter the 2010 Olympics and Paralympics will be held in Vancouver, Canada? I had the opportunity to see several of the Olympic venue sites when my family went to Washington and Canada this summer. The first place I saw was the Richmond Oval, a brand new facility where all of the speed skating events will take place. It is very large and not only does it have ice, but a running track and eight multi-surface courts. This summer the Richmond Oval was used for different sports camps and competitions, including speed skating, wheelchair rugby and wheelchair basketball.

I was also fortunate enough to take a tour of General Motors Place, the home of the Vancouver Canucks hockey team. The arena is where all of the men's Olympic hockey games will be played. During the tour I learned a couple of interesting facts. First, the size of the ice rink is different between the NHL and the Olympics. Because GM Place is home to an NHL team, the ice is smaller (more narrow) than the ice used in the Olympics. The sponsors of the games were able to get a waiver to play with the smaller ice. Also, the event coordinators have only two weeks before the Olympics to transform the arena into an Olympic venue. This means that all plaques, pictures, trophies and signs have to be removed. The name of the arena will also have to be renamed temporarily as there are no corporate sponsorships allowed in the Olympics. Wow - that will be an amazing feat after seeing how many Canucks' items there were on the walls, doors, etc.

I also went to Whistler, Canada where a number of the skiing, bobsledding and luge events will take place. Whistler is beautiful! When I was there, a mountain bike festival was taking place. It was fun to see the riders take their bikes up the gondolas and race down the hills. Luckily I did not see any major wipe outs!

In honor of the Olympics being held in Vancouver, the Canadian government issued quarters with the different winter Olympic sports on the back. I collected a number of the quarters during my trip. That about wraps up my sneak peek of the upcoming winter Olympics-- hope you liked it!

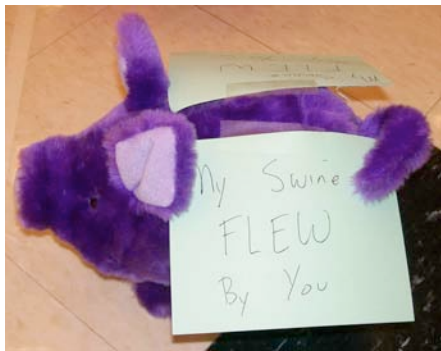


It all began on October 21 . . .
the photo shoot for the Great
Pig Race . . .



**GET READY,
GET SET,
GOOOOOO!!!**

**AND THEY'RE OFF
AND OINKING ...**



Mr. Smith's HR Winning Pig



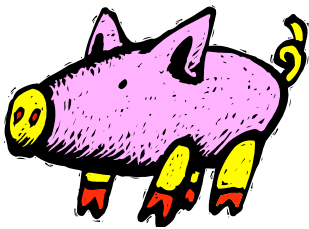
Magazine Drive Off to a Great Start!

Mr. "Cheeseburger" picked up our orders the end of September, so watch for your magazines to arrive in the mail soon. In a few weeks, you will receive an invoice for the items you ordered. Remember, the magazine company, QSP, **cannot process your order or credit our school until full payment is received.**

Here's what you can expect when your payment is received:

"New" subscriptions may take 8-10 weeks from the time the publisher receives the order for the first issue to arrive. "Renewals" extend existing subscriptions. Allow 6-8 weeks for all other product selections.

If you have any questions concerning your orders, QSP representatives are ready to assist you, so it is not necessary to contact the school. Call QSP toll free at 1-800-386-2732 Monday through Friday. You can also order magazines on the internet .



The 9th Annual Great Pig Race . . .

The top six homerooms qualifying for the Great Pig Race on October 21st were:

Mrs. Brabant

Mr. Opdycke

Mr. Laposky

Mr. Lambert

Mr. Smith

Mr. Ramirez

And the winner was . . .

MR. SMITH'S HOMEROOM!!!!

Mr. Smith's HR will be treated to a "full Italian breakfast" (eggs, sausage, bacon, toast and juice/milk).

Mr. Ramirez's HR took second place. They will receive popcorn vouchers on Popcorn Friday.

And third through sixth place will be given a hearty handshake from the principal. Congratulations to all of you!

MORE WINNERS:

The **Postcard Booklet** turn-in day was September 18th. Students received a t-shirt keychain and slushi for turning in seven names, and then there was a drawing for either Cavs tickets or two Taylor Swift concert tickets. The winner of the **Taylor Swift concert tickets** was **Nicole Rosenbaum**. Congratulations!!

Double turn-in day was September 22nd for qualification toward our Hummer Limo Lunch at Dave & Busters. Gobstopper Day was September 25th, and if you sold 5 or more orders, you got a chance to spin the Money Wheel. September 29th, our final turn-in day, if you sold 2 or more orders, you got Dippin Dots.

The top Internet salesperson and winner of the Ipod Touch was 7th grader, **Oliver Moreau**, who sold 17 internet orders between 9/18 and 9/29.

The top 20 magazine sellers were:

Rosemary Holtz

James Ridzon

Matt Kocur

Tess Carroll

Addison Amsdell

Patrick Morse

Ryan Gilboy

Steven Pappadakes

Kathryn Rieg

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The Mystery Student Drawing was held on Channel 10 on 9/30/09 for the chance to win \$100 cash -- and the “almost winner” was 6th grader, **Kledio Janku**, who didn’t sell any orders. So sorry, Kledio! To win, you had to sell 4 or more orders. OUCH!

The LeBron James Jersey Drawing was held on 9/29/09 by Mr. MacDonald. The following students’ names were drawn but DID NOT have the necessary six orders to win: Claire Combes, William Lewis, Michael Ittu, Adam Snyder, and David Furry -- but **JESSICA HOFELICH** did have the 6 orders needed, and won the authentic framed jersey. Congratulations, Jessica!!



WINA PRIZE: A Magazine Contest . . .



How many boxes of Gobstoppers did we give away on Gobstopper Day?????

Name: _____

of Gobstoppers: _____

WIN ANOTHER PRIZE:

How many magazine orders did we sell from 9/18 to 9/29?

Name: _____

of Magazine Orders: _____

Order up to 7 selections to the same address.
 *Do not include the code # 1000, and # 4 of cases for each item.
 *For magazine subscriptions only, allow 6-8 weeks for delivery.
 *All items are shipped and address CANNOT be changed on orders received later.

The PAY LAYER PLAN

BUYER'S INFORMATION: MUST BE EXACTLY THE SAME ON ALL ORDERS. Print in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS.

BUYER'S FIRST NAME: _____ BUYER'S LAST NAME: _____

TEACHER'S LAST NAME OR TROOP/GROUP: _____ SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION: _____

1. CHECKED BY (Print Name): _____ Address (Street, PO, or Care of): _____ Print in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS.

2. ITEMS ORDERED (1 Slip To Allow Address): _____ Print in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS.

Item #	Item Name	Qty	Price	Total

Shipping Fee: _____

Do Not Pay Now!

A very special thanks goes out to our moms: Kim Valore, Kathryn Rieg, Beth Trudell, Maureen Ridzon, Alyssa Duncan, Julie Heald, Audra Bednarski, Mary Beth Flynn, Jackie Kinsley, Michelle Root, and Linda Stoddard for spending countless hours deciphering and compiling everybody’s magazine orders.

Once again, thank you for your continued support in this year’s magazine drive! You all did a super job! **Way to go!!!**

--Mrs. Kozub

**OUR TEACHER
FEATURE ...
IS MRS. LAKATOS**
by Lizzie Cahill



Q You recently got married. When did it happen?

A June 20, 2009.

Q Where did you go on your honeymoon?

A We went to the Bahamas.

Q What did you like the most?

A I liked the kayaking the best.

Q How long have you taught in the district, and have you only taught at RRMS?

A I've been teaching in River for five years and I've also taught at RRHS.

Q Do you enjoy teaching at the middle school level?

A I like it a lot.

Q When you were in middle school what was your favorite class?

A Math was one of my favorites, but English and Science were definitely up there as well.

Q What was your least favorite subject?

A History was my least favorite subject.

Q Did you play any sports as a kid?

A Yes, I played volleyball and softball. I was a first baseman and a pitcher, but I stopped playing softball and focused on volleyball in high school.

Q Where did you go to college?

A I went to Baldwin Wallace for my undergrad and John Carroll for my post grad.

Q What are you planning on doing for the holidays?

A I don't know. We don't have a lot of people out of town, so I'm looking forward to creating new traditions.

**OUR STAFF FEATURE ...
IS MRS. LAMPP**

by David Hein



**MRS. LAMPP WENT TO AFRICA &
RODE A CAMEL ...**

Mrs. Lampp is an 8th grade learning assistant who went to Tunisia, Africa over the summer to visit her niece and her niece's husband who work at the state department. While she was there, she rode on a camel, visited an oasis in the Sahara, and even stayed in a tent on the desert. She also visited many markets and it wasn't unusual to see dead sheep hanging from their feet. She touched the Mediterranean Sea and says that the sand of the Sahara is red and as soft as powder. She also says that it is very safe and clean in the cities. Also, Star Wars was filmed at the troglodyte houses. The cities are normal and were centered around the old city protected by a wall. She ate sheep, olives, not many veggies, and said that the food was good there. So if you are planning a trip to Egypt, think about going to Tunisia.

51 Sixth Graders Visit Stone Lab

Photos by Sai Vellala



Stone Lab 2009

by Emma Opdycke

On October 8th fifty-one sixth graders from RRMS left on the school bus on an overnight adventure to Gibraltar Island in Lake Erie! Gibraltar Island is the home of The Franz Theodore Stone Laboratory run by Ohio State University. During the school year Stone Lab invites school groups to come up and explore Lake Erie. Mr. Gifford, Mr. Smith, Mr. Opdycke, Mr. Ramirez, Mr. Murray and Mrs. Schneider all came along to share the experience.

The adventure lasted from Thursday morning when the bus pulled out to Friday afternoon when the bus returned to RRMS. The trip was certainly part of the experience! The group took a school bus for a long ride to Catawba, then Miller's Ferry to South Bass Island, and then another bus to Put-In-Bay, and then another boat ride to Gibraltar Island. The group was so excited to finally arrive!

One of the main activities was taking the research boat, Gibraltar II, out to collect data on Lake Erie. The boat anchored just off of Rattlesnake Island. While there, the groups used anemometers, thermometers, plankton nets, secchi disks and other stuff to find out how Lake Erie was doing. Then the group raised anchor, dropped a big net overboard and drove in a straight line catching all the fish! Then the instructor brought the net up and everyone got to see what kinds of live fish were caught.

Another activity was using microscopes to identify the zooplankton and phytoplankton that were collected on the boat trip. The kids tried to find as many different species of them as possible. The plankton looked really cool because of all the different sizes and shapes.

The other big activity was the fish lab where you got to identify and dissect the fish caught on the boat. The coolest part of dissecting the fish was taking out the fish's heart, putting it on your wrist and having it beat in time with your own! Some people were so freaked out about having to dissect the fish because they thought the inside of the fish was gross.

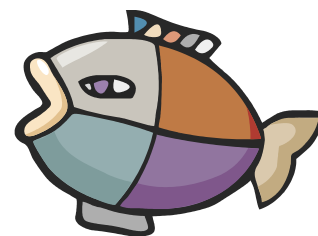
At dinner time, we all got together in the dining hall to have pasta and bread. We had spaghetti with pudding and applesauce. There was also toast and salad. The food was great!

One of the best parts of the night was the campfire. There were marshmallows and s'mores. The s'mores had chocolate and gram crackers. Some of the children had juice or water. Mr. Smith brought in raisins and yogurt raisins for us to eat with the juice. After the group had s'mores, most of the kids told jokes, riddles, or songs. Later the group told scary stories but some went with Mrs. Schneider to look at the stars.

When the group woke up the next morning it was raining hard so most of us had to wear ponchos or rain jackets to our next activity. The next activity was a bird hunt with the instructor. The group looked at different bird species with binoculars. There were a lot of the birds out in the morning.

After everybody was done with their activity, the group was all packed up and ready to go back to the research boat to go home. Half of the group went on the boat first and waited until the rest of the group came. We had lunch in a research center then took the city bus to Perry's Monument. The kids were able to watch a video on the battle of Lake Erie then able to see some of the artifacts of the battle. Later, half the group went to the monument before the rest of the group. When you go up Perry's Monument you have to be really quiet. The group was so high up you could see Gibraltar Island. The sight was so beautiful! Then the students had to go back down and back to the research center.

Then the group got back on the bus for the ride to the ferry and the long journey home. The kids who went to Stone Lab came home a little wet, a lot tired, and much more knowledgeable about Lake Erie and its ecosystem. It was so much fun!



some POEMS . . .

SUMMER

by Clare O'Toole

The sun is shining brightly,
The warm breeze welcomes the calm air,
Ocean waves soak the hot sand,
Everyone is on vacation,
Popsicles disappear from our freezer,
Fireflies blink as they float across the night.
Hear that splashing?
"One cheese pizza coming up!" you can hear
the guy at the snack shack say.
Let's go swimming!
I love summer!

"WHEN I BEGAN SIXTH GRADE . . ."

By Amber Rudy

I am so excited for a new school
But nervous at the same time
This poem I have to write the first week
I just can't think of a rhyme

I wonder if I'll finish all my homework
I wonder if I will make it to class
I hope I can open my locker
In band I hope I play brass

I've already dropped all of my books
I've already locked myself out of my locker
I can't believe I have done this stuff
In gym I hope we play soccer

The rest of the year should be fun
I can't wait till next summer
But the 6th grade must be done
I hope it isn't a bummer

"WHEN I BEGAN SIXTH GRADE . . ."

by Aidan O'Donnell

The crowded halls,
And all the stress.
The stories said,
Middle school's a mess!

I always seemed to forget,
A thing or two for class.
And when it came to getting there,
I always finished last!

My teachers seemed very nice,
My dad thought so too.
But when it came to what was best,
They were only number two.

The best of all was the hot lunch.
Everyone said how they are so tasty.
Then once I saw them I thought to myself,
My mouth needs a pastry!

To end the days,
I had Mr. Smith.
When I have that class,
Learning I can't resist.

Once I got home,
Big relief.
I wouldn't ever trade my day,
For it was mine to keep!

"WHEN I BEGAN SIXTH GRADE . . ."

by Jasmine King

When I entered the hall
I became dizzy
I felt so small
Because it was busy.

I went to my locker
And it didn't go
So I had to holler
For a friend I know

Then came lunch
I packed it at home
My friends and I sat in a bunch
I'm glad I wasn't alone

Soon time passed
School was almost done
I knew today wouldn't last
But I sure had fun

"WHEN I BEGAN SIXTH GRADE . . ."

By Aris Wells

I worried about whether I got upstairs or down
 Whether my friends were around or could even be found
 I worried whether I could open my locker
 Or whether lunch would be a clonker

I found myself down
 On a floor full of friends
 A locker that opened
 And a lunch that never ends

I hope to succeed
 Get A's and better
 Make a few friends
 And get a principals' letter!

We had CRAZY HAT DAY . . . in conjunction with Spirit Week and Homecoming . . .



Riddles

By Sai Vellala

- 1) What word can be written forward, backward or upside down, and can still be read from left to right?
- 2) What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, has a bed but never sleeps?
- 3) Whoever makes it, tells it not. Whoever takes it, knows it not. And whoever knows it wants it not.
- 4) What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?
- 5) You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?
- 6) What can you catch but can't throw?
- 7) What goes all around the world but stays in a corner?
- 8) What car can be spelled forwards and backwards and still have the same meaning?



Answers:

- 1) NOON
- 2) A river
- 3) Counterfeit Money
- 4) A towel
- 5) An ear of corn
- 6) A cold
- 7) A stamp
- 8) Racecar racecaR



HOMECOMING . . . Sept. 25th
photos by Gabriela Ruffus



Pirates v. Firelands . . .



BOOK CLUB NEWS . . .

The RRMS Book Club is off to a great start this year. We have 25 members across all three grade levels, and we've already finished reading our first selection. The sixth grade club began the year with Neil Gaiman's Newbery award-winning "The Graveyard Book;" seventh grade members devoured "Peeled" by Joan Bauer; and eighth grade discussed Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Speckled Band," then compared it with the PBS production over pizza.

Students are still welcome to join. Meetings are held on Tuesday afternoons every three to four weeks and are very low-keyed; there are no written assignments, but students are expected to read the books and participate. See Mrs. Morbitzer if you're interested in joining.

**Library to Host Book Fair at Barnes and Noble**

Circle Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 12, on your calendar and be sure to attend the book fair at Barnes and Noble. Artwork from our schools and a performance by the RRMS Chamber Choir will highlight some of the activities of the weekend; in addition, the store will hold a scavenger hunt for students. A percentage of your purchase will go to the Rocky River City Schools libraries for book purchases, so be watching for a voucher that will be available on-line, and encourage your friends and families to support our school libraries while shopping for holiday gifts!

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Upcoming Events

by Manny Marotta

During Autumn, there are many events at RRMS. Here is a calendar I have prepared for some of these:

October 27	Talent Show from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Commons.
October 31	Halloween
November 10	6 th grade first quarter awards assembly.
November 11	7 th and 8 th grade first quarter awards assembly.
November 18	7 th grade Challenge Days.
November 24	Middle School Career Day
November 30	Scholastic Book Fair
December 1	6 th grade band/Middle School Jazz Band concert.
December 3	7 th grade band/Middle School Jazz Band concert.
December 4	6 th grade mixer and 7 th and 8 th grade dance.
December 8	Choral Concert
December 9	8 th grade band/ 8 th grade choir/Jazz Band/Chamber Choir concert.
December 11	Barnes & Noble Book Fair.
December 17	Winter Vacation begins.



**One Price!
All Games!**

**WINTER 2009-10
STUDENT PASS**

On Sale Now \$20

**Get in every home boy's and girl's basketball game,
swim meets and wrestling matches
at RRHS and RRMS for one price**

**Passes sold in the RRHS Athletic office,
and at all RRHS Home Games**



Riverview Cafe

November 2009

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Famous Pizza or Deli Turkey Wrap Potato Corn Chowder Celery & Dip Salad Bar	3 Chicken Strips Pasta Veggie Salad & Salad Bar Wheat Bread Margarine	4 B B Q Rib on a Hoagy Bun Carrot Stix & Dip Broccoli Cheese Soup Granny Apple	5 Taco Salad Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese Steamed Corn Veg. Beef Rice Soup & Saltines	6 Baked Potato with Broccoli Cheese Sauce Salad Bar Small Pretzel w/ Mustard Mixed Fruit Cup
9 Famous Pizza or Ham & Cheese Roll-up Spinach Salad Hot Cinnamon Apples	10 Spicy Chicken Pattie on a Wheat Bun Ham & Bean Soup Saltines Diced Pears Cole Slaw	11 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Spicy Green Beans Mixed Fruit Cup Garlic Bread	NO SCHOOL	
16 Famous Pizza or Bagel with Egg & Cheese Broccoli Slaw Potato Ham Chowder Wheat Crackers	17 Chili & Noodle Bowl Salad Bar Corn Bread Muffin Kiwi	18 Pirate Burger Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese Broccoli Soup Hot Cinnamon Apples	19 Ravioli Salad Bar Italian Bread Margarine Celery Stix & Dip	20 Macaroni Cheese & Ham Chicken Veg. Noodle Soup Wheat Saltines Salad Bar Kiwi
23 Famous Pizza or Veggie Roll-up Tomato Mac Soup Salad Bar Kiwi Oatmeal Cookie	24 Meat Ball Sub Sandwich on a Hoagy Bun a Baked Potato Peach Cup Red Delicious Apple	 <p>Thanksgiving</p>		
30 Famous Pizza or Ham & Cheese Stromboli Stone Soup Applesauce Choc. Chip Cookie				
Tuna Salad	Pasta Veg. Salad	Salad Bar Feature		Three Bean Salad
		Hard Boiled Egg		
		Soup of the day		
Baked Potato w Corn	Ham & Bean	Broccoli		Chicken Veg. Noodle
		Cottage Cheese		
		Veg. Beef Rice		
Student Combo Meal \$2.50			Adult Combo Meal \$3.25	



It's a wrap!

*Look for the
next issue on
Jan. 25th, 2010.*

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