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You're Invited to Our Spring Awards Programs

Everyone is invited to our Spring Awards Programs.

On May 31st we will have an assembly honoring Track participants, Bridge Building Contest, Boxtops/Milk Tops Fundraiser, Spelling Bee winners, and Student Council. This program will begin at 2:25 p.m. at the RMS Gymnasium. Students who pre-ordered yearbooks will receive them after the program.

On June 1st, our Awards Assembly will be held at 1:00 until approximately 2:30 p.m. Honorees will include Honor Roll students, 8th grade Peer Mediators, Presidential Education Award recipients, Science Fair, Perfect Attendance, and Principal's Award winners. Combined 6th, 7th, & 8th grade bands and choirs will perform at the program.

Following the program, as part of the end of the year events, there will be softball games and the opportunity to sign/purchase yearbooks. Feel free to stay as long as you wish. (Students may be released with their parents following the assembly, if you wish.)

Hope to see you at our assemblies.

Richland Middle School Tech Expo on May 29 & 30

Several Middle School students—Marin, Keely, Tayler, Zac, Stefania, Blake, Josiah, Nina, Natalie, and Hayley — have been working together with Mr. Guy and Mr. Steve Kohlstedt of the UW-Extension office in preparation for a technology expo for those in their "twilight years" who are curious about the fascination of works of the modern day. Seniors attending the expo will have the chance to discover the wonders of technology in this day and age and will be able to learn about what is out in the world and how they can use it to their advantage.

We have set May 29 & 30 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for our Tech Expo. Some of the topics the Middle School students will instruct attendees on are: Communication on Skype, instruction on using cell phones, instruction of search engines, email, and You-tube, scanning photos and preserving memories, assistance with using Kindles/iPads, and fun with Wii Fitness. Refreshments will also be served.

The student planning committee is very excited about the chance for our school to share our technology knowledge and is hoping for a large turnout for this event. If you have family members interested in this event and would like more information about it, please contact either Mr. Guy (647-6381) or Mr. Kohlstedt (647-6148).

Wellness Day Walk

We are planning a Wellness Day Walk for our students on Thursday, May 31st which will be held on the RMS school grounds. Events are still in the planning stage. Watch for more information which will be sent home with your student later this month.

41st Annual UW-Platteville Bridge Contest/Science Expo

On April 12th, 23 RMS students participated in the UW-P Model Bridge Contest. Students, who completed bridges, were also able to participate in the Science Expo on campus that day. Overall, our students did a great job of representing RMS. If interested, Bridge Contest results can be found at: www.uwplatt.edu/ce/bridge



Only the preliminary results are done at this time, but the final results should be posted in the next week or so.

Pittman & Reetz Award Winners Named For 2012

We first want to congratulate to all the 8th graders that participated in this year's science fair. It was a very successful event that had many interesting projects and a number of super presentations as well. This year's fair had 52 total projects, including 40 blue ribbon winners, 12 red ribbon winners and no white ribbon winners!

At the completion of their project judging, we asked our judges to roam around the gym to observe all 52 projects. We then asked them to vote on which project they thought deserved the best of the fair, as well as which ones they thought deserved 2nd and 3rd place. After tallying up the votes from the judges, we were able to determine the winner of the Best Of Fair. The Best of Fair award is known as the Robert Pittman Award. This award is in honor of the late Robert Pittman, a former science teacher here at RMS and is given each year to the top science project at the science fair. The names of the people whose projects received at least one top three vote will be recognized as well. Winners of this are awarded the annual Sandy Reetz Award. Sandy was also a teacher in our district, teaching tech ed, math and science as well as serving as our gifted & talented coordinator. All of the award winners named today will receive a plaque at the end of the school year assembly. We just decided that it was too long to keep everyone in suspense to wait until June, so we decided to announce it at a school assembly here this month. So here are this year's projects which all received the Sandy Reetz Award and/or Robert Pittman Award -

Robert Pittman Award Winners:

Hannah P - **Aquaponics**
Keiyah & Allison - **How Pollutants Affect Bioluminescent Bacteria**

Sandy Reetz Award Winners:

Hannah - **Aquaponics**
Keiyah & Allison – **How Pollutants Affect Bioluminescent Bacteria**
Sierra & Stefania – **Making Batteries from Fruits & Vegetables**
Lexi & Brooklynn – **Dancing Flames**
Alexys & Aussie – **Chemiluminescence: How & Why Chemicals Glow?**
Jordan & Griffin – **Exploring Invisible Light**
Tayler – **Fish-O'-Rama**
Alex & Jenna – **The Effects of Acid on Tooth Enamel**
Morgan & Mary – **Strawberry DNA**
Zac & John Darby – **Staph Warfare**



Congratulations to everyone who participated this year on a job well done, and thanks to everyone who contributed to help make this year's event a success!

Mr. Lynch

**Reminder: You can still pre-order yearbooks until May 20th. Cost is \$11.00.
Yearbooks will be available on May 31st.**

Bree & Rachel Are This Year's "Bring An Ice Cube to Class" Contest Winners!!

Once again the 8th grade science classes recently competed in their annual "Bring An Ice Cube To Class" contest. The basic concept behind the contest is to design a homemade device that will keep a standard-sized ice cube from melting the fastest. The ice cube can be the only H₂O in the setup, and they may not use an electrical or battery-operated device. They are also banned from using ice packs. The size of their apparatus must be no larger than 50,000 cm³. The ice cubes are brought in to Room 110 at 8:10 a.m. and are checked every two hours until they are fully melted. Students that complete the activity earn a "C" grade (40 out of 50).

If it survives until the 1st check at 10:00 a.m., it earns a "B" (45 out of 50). If it makes it to the noon check, it's an "A+" (50 out of 50). Every check thereafter earns then 2 additional extra credit points. The ultimate goal is to keep Mr. Lynch up all night, which wasn't quite accomplished this year!

Bree (8th Hr Science) and Rachel (7th Hr Science) were this year's overall winners, as their ice cubes lasted into the evening. Both of them received a 2-ltr bottle of soda of their choice and a homework coupon, as well as the extra credit points they compiled.

There were a lot of neat ideas again this year and it was an exciting day watching to see how long they would last! Congratulations to Bree & Rachel, but also to everyone who gave it a great effort!

Mr. Lynch

8th Grade Science Students To Compete in an "Eggciting Eggsperiment"

On Wednesday, May 2nd, the RMS 8th grade science students will compete in the 10th Annual Egg Drop. Their task is to create a device that will successfully get a raw chicken egg to the ground without breaking, when dropped from the roof of the RMS gymnasium. A variety of different ideas are encouraged and a grading rubric has been given out beforehand as a guideline to allow the students to determine just how to create their device. Points will be awarded for reducing the size, egg visibility and hang time. Other factors included originality, creativity, time/effort, clean up, a cross-section poster of their device and a short oral presentation on what they did and why. Obviously the ultimate goal is to have their egg not crack or break. Many students will pick up some extra credit and some of the award winners will also win prizes for their effort! Should be a fun event!

Mr. Lynch

Kazubski Competes in State Math Competition

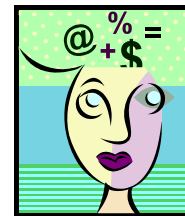
Jordan won this year's local and regional Knights of Columbus math competitions in February and March. Winning the regional competition in Plover, Wisconsin earned him the right to compete at the state competition in Wisconsin Rapids later in March. Congratulations Jordan for making it all the way to the state level and representing the Richland Middle School!

π -Day

On March 14th, the 8th grade math classes celebrated π -day. Since π is approximately 3.14, March 14th is officially considered π -day. The number π is used in many calculations related to circles including area and circumference. What better way to celebrate than with circular pies? Students took the day off from their regular math studies and ate a variety of tasty pies. All of the pies were baked and brought in by the students (& Mrs. Persinger). There was a nice mixture of pies including pumpkin, apple, pecan, lemon, strawberry, cherry and cheesecake (to name a few). After a day of indulging, all classes are officially back to work.

Mrs. Annear

Southwest Conference Math Contest



Ten students from the Richland Middle School traveled to Platteville to participate in the annual Southwest Conference math contest on Wednesday, March 9th. Jordan, Charlie t and Russell were gold medal winners, Noah, Marin and Keely won silver medals and bronze medalists were Keiyah, Hunter, Josiah and Jesse. All of these students represented the Richland Middle School very well!

Student Council News . . .

Hats off to our student council members who have been busy with community service. Our students designed Easter cards that were delivered to residents at Pine Valley; they were very happy to know we were thinking of them. We also held a dance and open gym on April 13th with the proceeds going to Team Sandy/G.R.A.C.E. Sandy Reetz was a former teacher at RMS who lost her life to cancer. We will be presenting a check to a Team Sandy representative during our end of the year awards' program. We will finish the year out with some ideas to show our appreciation to the staff members for Teacher Appreciation Day in May.

Good job student council members!

Music News

Learn About Upcoming Events and Music Department's Accomplishments



Spring Band Concert

The Richland Middle School Bands will have their concert on Tuesday, May 8th at the RCHS High School Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. The 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Bands will perform in this concert. The theme for the concert is remembering the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. All the 7th and 8th grade band students should wear their uniforms with plain black shoes and socks and be on stage by 7:00 p.m. to tune and warm up.. They should bring their uniforms back to school the next day to have them here to get ready for the Large Group Contest on Friday. Sixth grade girls should wear dresses, skirts or **black** dress pants, and boys should wear dress pants, shirt and tie for the concert.

Large Group Band and Choir Contest

The 7th and 8th grade bands and choirs will perform at Large Group Contest on Friday, May 11th at River Valley. Students will leave from RMS at 2:45. The Choirs perform at River Valley Middle School. The bands perform at River Valley High School Performance places and times are as follows:



8th Grade Choir: Warm Up-3:50 Perform-4:20 RVMS

7th Grade Band: Warm Up-4:00 Perform-4:30 RVHS

8th Grade Band: Warm Up-5:00 Perform-5:30 RVHS

7th Grade Choir: Warm Up-6:20 Perform-6:50 RVMS

Parents are invited to come to our performances. Students may ride home with parents as soon as our performance is over. Please send a note to Mrs. Peterson-Kintz by Thursday, May 10th if your son/daughter will be riding with parents instead of riding the bus. The buses should return to RMS around 7:30 p.m.

Memorial Day Parade

The 7th and 8th grade bands will be participating in the Memorial Day Parade on May 28th at 10:00 a.m. Band members should line up by Bailey's Paint Store on Court Street at 9:30 a.m. with instruments, in full uniform (Black shoes and socks please). We will march to the cemetery and then be released before entering it. Listen to WRCO in case of inclement weather.

June Dairy Day Parade

The 7th and 8th grade bands will participate in a final parade together for June Dairy Days/Rodeo Parade on Saturday, June 16th at 10:30 a.m. Line up will be at the Eunice Keepers shelter at Krouskop Park at 10:00. Students should be in full uniform (Black shoes and socks). Students will turn their uniforms in after this parade, so they should bring clothes to change into afterward. Listen to WRCO in case of inclement weather.

Band Party/Rehearsal

The 2011-12 seventh and eighth grade bands will have a party/rehearsal on Thursday, June 14th at RMS. Water balloons, ice cream, fun! More info on times will be sent in the mail later.

7th & 8th Grade Summer Band Lessons

Incoming 7th and 8th grade band students will have group sectionals Wed. June 15 (7th grade) and Thurs. June 16 (8th Grade) to get new lesson books, marching music, and establish warm up and practice routines for the summer. The rest of the summer lessons will take place in July and August.

Band lesson days are Tuesdays (8th grade), Wednesdays (7th grade), and Thursdays (7th & 8th grade percussionists and students on individual instruments. Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Percussion for the Non-Percussionists which are optional opportunities for all 7th & 8th graders are on Thursday afternoons. We will have two days of band camp during the third week in August when we will focus on marching and get fit for band uniforms. More specific information will be sent in the mail later.

WSMA Middle Level Honors Band and Choir

Eight music students auditioned for the WSMA Middle Level Honors Band and Choir for next year. Students who auditioned for band include: Chay on Flute; Janessa and Emma on Clarinet; Aaron on Tenor Saxophone; Keely on Alto Saxophone; Rachel on Baritone, and Mary Clare on Tuba. Keely and Cody auditioned for the choir. We will receive results in June.

State Solo and Ensemble

Four music students performed at State Solo and Ensemble at UW-Platteville on Saturday, April 28th. Aaron received a 2nd on a tenor saxophone solo. Keely received a 1st on an alto saxophone solo. Cody and Nolan received a 1st on a vocal duet.

Kalahari Band Festival

The eighth grade band participated in the 5th Annual Kalahari Band Festival on Friday, May 20th. Our band was one of 37 participating bands to perform 3 selections for 3 judges. They received recorded comments, a written critique, and worked with a clinician to help them identify their strengths and weaknesses and work to continue improving as a band. The band also listened and critiqued two other bands. They also enjoyed time together at the water park and indoor theme park.

No-Cost Fundraising

We have had a very successful year with these no-cost fundraisers which provide funds for special events/projects for our students. Please continue collecting boxtops, labels, milkcaps, etc. during the summer months – we'll be having more contests in the fall. (Fundraisers we participate with are: "Boxtops for Education," Kemps "Nickels for Schools," Kwik Trip's "Moola for the Schoola," Land O Lakes "Save 5 for Schools," "Cartridges for Kids," Our Family "Labels for Learning," and "Campbell's Labels for Education.) Thanks for your participation in these programs.

7th Graders Do Well in Local Writing Competitions

Congratulations to the following 7th graders that have done an excellent job in recent writing contests.

Acacia was recognized at an awards ceremony on Thursday, March 29th for her 2nd place finish in the 7th grade division of the Delta Kappa Gamma literacy competition. Students were asked to write and illustrate a book, and Acacia did very well with her story entitled "Friends."



The following students were also recognized for their Americanism essays for the American Legion Auxiliary at an awards ceremony on Monday, April 2nd. Three place winners in the 7th and 8th grade category for the district and surrounding area came from RMS! The topic was "How can I show patriotism in my community?" and while there were a number of outstanding essays submitted, three stood out to the judges. They are: Hunter - 3rd Place, Ian - 2nd Place, and Dante - 1st Place. Dante's essay will now go on to the next regional competition.

Congratulations to all of these writers on a job well done!

Hands, Hands, and More Hands!

If you have walked down the main hallway of the middle school lately, you may have noticed the border of hands that lines the upper wall. These are there to honor those good acts that students have been doing at RMS since the beginning of March. Teachers have been awarding these "Helping Hands" to students for positive acts of kindness, sharing, stepping up in class, helping others, and showing respect to fellow classmates and teachers. Every couple of weeks, these acts have been shared with the school and the names of the students who have earned these hands have been placed in a drawing for some really fun prizes.

Another way of honoring students is to award students who did not receive a late slip in the month of March. Those students have a gold star hanging up with their name on it. This will be repeated for April and (hopefully) May as well.

If you get a chance, please take a look at some of the wonderful things that our students are doing here at RMS and congratulate those students on their positive actions!

At the end of the year there will be a final drawing for some grand prizes. The goal of the committee and the staff is to have every student represented in that drawing!

Summer School

The Richland Middle School will be offering summer school in the areas of Math and English for students who need some extra help in those classes. Summer School will be held June 11-14 and 18-21, 8:00 a.m. until approximately noon. Letters will be sent home to parents of students who we feel would benefit from the program, If you would like to enroll your child in one or both of these classes (without receiving a letter from us), just call the Middle School office (647-6381).

Also during the summer, the band teachers will be conducting summer lessons. Mrs. Clary and Mrs. Peterson-Kintz will be sending letters home with lesson schedules.

SADD Kick-off to A Safe Summer



The Richland Middle School SADD members plan to sponsor a speaker to have a Kick-off to a safe summer. Students will plan other activities to go along with the message of the speaker.

7th Grade Students Help Stop World Hunger

Twenty-six students traveled to Dodgeville on March 30th to hand-pack meals for Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). From 1:30-3:30 pm, students packed enough food to feed 84 children for one year. Feed My Starving Children has worked to develop a food mixture that is easy and safe to transport, simple to make with only boiling water, and culturally acceptable worldwide. FMSC food is designed specially for starving children. The formula was designed to save the lives of severely malnourished and starving children, the ingredients also improve the health, growth and physical well-being of children who are no longer in immediate danger of starvation. Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) ships meals to more than 70 countries around the world.



Row 1: Natalie, Summer **Row 2:** Tamara, Meghan, Blake, Dante, Sam, Kelsey, Nolan, and Hunter. **Row 3:** Ms. Anderson, Nicole, Cynthia, Kassie, Conner, Jed, Emma, Brittany, Brooklyn, and Elizabeth. **Absent from picture:** Kenya, Devon, Kourtne, Morgan, Maci, Ashley, and Sydni.

9th Grade Orientation Scheduled for August 1st along with Fall Sports Meeting

The Richland Center High School would like to welcome incoming freshmen with an orientation event on Wednesday, August 1st. It starts at 4:30 p.m. at the RCHS Auditorium with greetings from some of the RCHS Staff. After this, the students will be able to pick up schedules, maps, walk through the school, and ask questions! For more information, contact Mrs. Knowler, High School Counselor.

The Athletic Department will have a Fall Sports Meeting immediately following in the east commons. Mr. Bosworth will be meeting with athletes and parents at 6:00 p.m.

Reminder: W.I.A.A. Physicals for Students in Sports Next School Year

Any student who has not had an athletic physical since May 1, 2011, and plans to participate in athletics during the 2012-13 school year will need to have a physical prior to participation in his/her selected sport(s). The green athletic physical form is available at the Middle School Office. Just stop by and ask for a physical form before you see your physician or pick one up before the end of the school year.

Students, who have had a W.I.A.A. physical since May 1, 2011, and have a green card on file in the school office, do not need another physical this year—just need to have an alternate year (gold card)—on file prior to the first day of practice. The alternate year cards are also available in the Middle School office.

The Richland Medical Center will be offering sports physicals during the month of July for \$10. If you are needing an athletic physical, call the Medical Center and schedule one during July to get the special rate.

Summer Hours at RMS

Beginning June 4th through August 24th, the Middle School office will observe the following hours:

7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday

7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Friday

(Due to staff vacation schedules the office may be closed some dates)

Class Field Trips

Each spring we attempt to schedule field trips for each class. Again this year the 6th graders will be traveling to the Mississippi River Museum in Dubuque, IA. The date has not been set, but information will be sent home with the students as soon as everything is confirmed. The seventh graders, however, will not have a trip this spring but will be going to the UW-Platteville in September to participate in their high ropes facility. This is a very popular event and we were not able to get a date scheduled for this spring. The 8th graders have a trip scheduled for May 23rd to the Milwaukee Brewers game vs. the San Francisco Giants. Eighth graders should have brought information home about the trip earlier this week.

Calendar of Events

May 1	6 th , 7 th , 8 th Grade Choir Concert @RCHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
May 3	Track Meet @ River Valley	4:30 p.m.
May 7	2-Hour Late Start (Teacher in-service)	
May 7	Track Meet @ Boscobel	
May 8	6 th , 7 th , 8 th Grade Band Concert @RCHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
May 11	Large Group Contest @ River Valley - Band @ p.m.	
May 18	Raider Idol Talent Contest	Afternoon TBA
May 20	Deadline for pre-ordering yearbooks	
May 23	8 th Grade Trip to Milwaukee Brewers Game	
May 28	No School - Memorial Day	
May 28	Memorial Day Parade (7/8 grade bands meet @9:30 at Bailey's Paint)	10:00 a.m.
May 29-30	RMS Tech Expo	1:00-3:00 p.m.
May 31	Awards Assembly	2:25 p.m.
May 31	Wellness Day Activity	TBA
June 1	Spring Awards Assembly	1:00-2:30 p.m.
June 1	Last Day of School	
June 14	7/8 Grade Band Party and Rehearsal	TBA
June 16	Dairy Days/Rodeo Parade (7/8 grade bands meet at Eunice Keepers Shelter in Krouskop Park @10:00 a.m.)	10:30 a.m.
July	WIAA Physicals @ Richland Medical Center (\$10 - offered month of July - call for appt.)	
August 1	9 th Grade Orientation, RCHS Auditorium	4:30-6:00 p.m.
August 1	RCHS Fall Sports Meeting, East Commons	6:00 p.m.
September 4	First Day of School for 2012-13 School Year	

(Dates & Times Subject to Change)

Watch for the back-to-school edition of "The Midway" in early August, 2012, for more information about the 2012-13 school year events, etc.