



ROCKET CITY NEWS

Vision, Mission and Out-of-the-Box Thinking!

Dear R-P Community:

Strategic planning is critical to school success. Strategic planning involves vision, mission and out-of-the-box thinking. Strategic planning describes where we want to go, not necessarily how we're going to get there. Like all other travel plans, without knowing where we want to go, creating details on how to arrive are meaningless. Strategic planning defines the "where" that our school district is heading.

In strategic planning, it is also essential to benchmark progress or movement. In this article, I'd like to highlight several important, meaningful, and impactful initiatives that have been implemented or improved over the past school year. While this list is neither exhaustive nor comprehensive, it should give you a good look at the progress being made.



Goal #1: 100% of Rocket Graduates are College and Career Aware and Ready – Initiatives:

- 23 Initiative - The awareness and building of a culture that adopts, accepts, and works toward high educational standards for all kids.
- Summer and early reading campaign - Creating the awareness of the research behind the powerful benefits of reading early and reading often.
- Rockets on Campus - An initiative to put "boots on the ground" at campuses all over Michigan. Three hundred 6th graders spent one or more days on a college campus during the 2013-2014 school year.
- ACT and GPA requirements for all colleges and universities in Michigan prominently displayed in all buildings.
- Significant increase in the breadth and depth of the Career Speakers Forum at RPHS with a heightened emphasis on Rocket alumni who've been successful in their chosen careers.
- A formal mentoring program initiated at the high school for freshmen students who are/were struggling.

Goal #2: No Boundaries, No Limits: Anytime, Anyplace, Any Level Learning for All – Initiatives:

- One of the first districts to fully implement the Common Core with a particular emphasis on teaching problem solving skills.
- Summer reading and reward initiative.
- Additional online course options through Michigan Virtual University.
- Increase in blended courses, Advanced Placement enrollment, dual enrollment, and early college enrollment.
- Significant increase in the offering of pre-kindergarten education from two sections of GSRP (Great Start Readiness Programs) to 11 sections.
- Increase in place based and environmental teaching strategies.

Goal #3: On Demand, Continuous, and Personalized Communication – Initiatives:

- Creation of the concept of Rocket City to put a geographic identity with an exemplary school system.
- Hosting the inaugural Rocket City Games day to increase awareness of R-P opportunities and pride.
- Increase in school to home communication through Facebook, Twitter, blogs, e-mail listservs, and electronic newsletters.
- Significant increase in parental involvement in PTO groups and most booster groups.
- Implementation of K-4 standards based report cards to give a more in-depth perspective to parents relative to student growth and achievement.

Goal #4: 100% Plugged In: Every Child Connected to an Out of School, Coordinated, Value Added Activity – Initiatives:

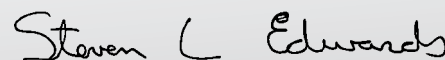
- Implementation of a Rocket City Traveler and Summer Reading Challenge initiative.
- Significant increase in the coordination of athletic and extra-curricular activities from the high school through the youth programs.
- Links Program to connect students with autism to peer buddies and mentors at Central Elementary.
- Stinky Shoe Award for the greatest school level participation in the Seaway Run.
- Fun and creative methods for getting students active and inspired such as Run the Spruce with Dr. Seuss.

Goal #5: Green and Clean: Environmentally and Economically Independent – Initiatives:

- We have now exceeded \$2 million in savings since the inception of our Energy Management and Conservation Program.
- Three schools now identified as Michigan Green Schools for their energy and environmental stewardship.
- Doubling of the number of community gardens in the school district.
- Piloting of a "green roof" at R-PEL.
- Decrease in the amount of paper communication; replaced by electronic communication.
- Host of Muskegon County Earth Fair.
- Passing of a balanced budget for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Significant increase in recycling and composting at most school buildings.
- Focused and intentional allocation of budget to meet student needs.

Here's to continuing the progress already begun to make R-P Schools the best place to learn, contribute, and compete.

Sincerely,



Steve Edwards, Superintendent of Schools

REETHS-PUFFER SCHOOLS ■ 2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 2	First Day of School (Full Day)	December 4	K - 4 AM ONLY K-4 Conferences: 12:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.	March 12	K - 4 AM ONLY K-4 Conferences: 12:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.
October 31	K - 12 AM Only 5-12 Records Day PM End of 1st Marking Period	December 22	K - 12 No School Christmas Recess Begins	March 27	5 - 12 AM ONLY Records Day PM End of 3rd Marking Period
November 5	5 -12 Evening Conferences (School is in Session) 5-6 • 5 to 8 p.m. 7-8 • 4 to 7 p.m. 9-12 • 5 to 8 p.m.	January 5	School Resumes	March 31	5-12 Conferences (School is in Session) 5-6 • 5 to 8 p.m. 7-8 • 4 to 7 p.m. 9-12 • 5 to 8 p.m.
November 6	5 - 12 Conferences 5-8 AM Only (Conferences Afternoon and Evening) 5-6 • Noon to 3 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. 7-8 • 11:30 to 2:30 p.m. and 5 to 8 pm 9-12 • Evening Conferences (School is in Session) 9-12 • 5 to 8 p.m.	January 19	K - 12 No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day	April 1	5-8 AM Only (Conferences) 5-6 • Noon to 3 and 4 to 7 p.m. 7-8 • 11:30 to 2:30 and 5 to 8 pm
November 21	K-4 AM Only Records Day PM End of 1st Tri-Reporting	January 21	9-12 AM Only – High School Exams	April 3	K-12 No School
November 26	K - 12 No School	January 22	9-12 AM Only – High School Exams	April 6-10	K-12 No School - Spring Break
Nov. 27 & 28	K - 12 No School – Thanksgiving Holiday	January 23	5-12 AM Only Records Day PM End of 2nd Marking Period	May 25	K-12 No School - Memorial Day
December 3	K - 4 Conferences (School is in Session) K-4 Conferences: 5 to 8 p.m.	Feb. 13 & 16	K-12 No School Mid-Winter Break	June 2	9-12 AM Only – High School Exams
		March 6	K-4 AM Only Records Day PM End of 2nd Tri-Reporting	June 3	9-12 AM Only – High School Exams
		March 11	K-4 Conferences (School is in Session) K-4 Conferences 5 to 8 p.m.	June 4	K-12 AM Only - Last Day for High School Students
				June 5	K-8 AM Only - Last Day of School for K-8



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Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Students,
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back the families of Central Elementary. I hope your summer has been filled with enjoyable events. At Central Elementary, we take great pride in working with our students and parents to ensure each student's success in future years to come. As we start to gear up for the coming year, here are some important dates to take note of:



Tuesday, August 12: Office Staff Returns
Thursday, August 21: Welcome Back Letters and Student Placement Sent Out
Tuesday, August 26: Kindergarten Parent Orientation, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 27: Open House (All students and parents), 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 28: Rocket City Games
Tuesday, September 2: First Day of School

The staff and I look forward to seeing our families at Open House. Please enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,
Mike Lyons

Principal, Central Elementary

Famous Author Visits Central Elementary

Laurie Keller is an American children's book author and illustrator. She has written and illustrated books for Henry Holt & Co. Books for Young Readers and produced illustrations for others. Ms. Keller came to Mrs. Mason's second grade classroom to share her story, *The Scrambled States of America*, as part of their 50 states post card challenge. Students and their families were asked to send post cards to Mrs. Mason in hopes of receiving one from each of the fifty states by the end of the school year. Students achieved their goal by Thanksgiving break!!! Each child received a signed copy of Ms. Keller's book and lessons in drawing and editing.



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Robert Wei and Reese Tryska cuddle their feathered friends.

Central's Baby Chicks

Continuing with tradition, Central Elementary first grade students enjoyed nurturing fertilized chicken eggs through to their hatching. Incubators in the classrooms held a dozen eggs. Most eggs hatched into adorable baby chicks within 21 days and then the real work took place when students had to feed, water and clean the cages. Embedded in their experience, students learned the life cycle of a chicken first hand. Lots of chirping, cuddling, and more chirping filled the days.

Cows, Heifers, and Calves, oh my!

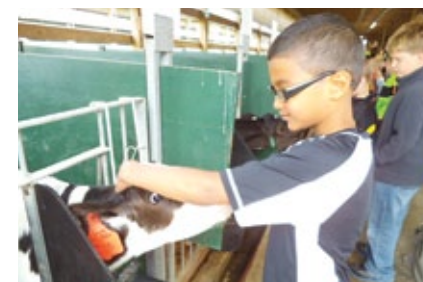
First grade students at Central Elementary experienced "cow-lickin" fun at Country Dairy of New Era. Students saw the manufacturing plant where milk is bottled, viewed the history and products of a local dairy, they learned health benefits of dairy, and best of all was the tasting of Country Dairy's products. Yum! <http://www.countrydairy.com/>



Yuri Mills, Gavin Wright, Emma Streblow, Lauren Burkett, Isabella Hermes get prepped to walk into the milk-house.

The study trip to Country Dairy ties directly into the Common Core Standards:

- Understand how humans and the environment interact within the local community.
- Understand My Plate as a tool for selecting nutritious foods.
- Understand characteristics of various environments and behaviors of humans that enable plants and animals to survive.



Izyk Gerling pets a little friend he made at the dairy farm.

3rd Grade Mystery Unit



Officer Mack explains detective tactics to Sophia Corradin, Jarrod Wilson and Lauren Douglas

After students finished their reading unit on Mysteries, Officer Mack from the Norton Shores Police Department visited their classrooms. Officer Mack shared with the third grade classes his expertise on being a detective. He has worked as a detective for 12 years and shared the tools used when solving mysteries. Students also had the opportunity to ask some great questions and see how detectives lift prints off a glass! Students were very excited and it was a nice way to wrap up the reading unit!

R-P Links



Peer to Peer is here!!! Central Elementary has recently implemented an evidence-based practice program to help its students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). R-P Links, a Peer to Peer program, pairs students with ASD (target students) with peers to help them academically and socially. Links (peers assisting those students with ASD) had to fill out an application and get parent permission in order to be considered for a Links. Once the Links were chosen, they attended a week long, very intensive training where they learned what ASD is and how to positively support students with ASD. Since January, R-P Links has successfully "linked" three target students with Links to assist them in the classroom, at lunch, out for recess and on the bus.



Links students Deondrick, Carmen and Ben pose with Mrs. Graham.

Teachers of the target students have commented on the benefits of the program. Not only do the target students benefit from this linking, but the Links benefit from the program as well. Peers model typical academic and social behavior in educational environments throughout the school day and in return they gain increased skills in organization, responsibility, problem solving, decision-making, and accountability.



Links students and their peer assistants hang out at the bounce house.

In recognition of all their hard work and dedication, R-P Links celebrated the end of the year with a pizza lunch, bounce house, group games and prizes. This was made possible thanks to donations from Pizza Hut, Coney Island, Hometown Creamery, Meijer, Y-knot Embroidery, Redi Rental and ASD Crayon sales. Central also had a large amount of balls, hula hoops, and scooters along with many other recess toys ordered with Coke Reward donations. Thank you parents! This year, the project will partially be funded through two grants Mrs. Graham has written at the NEA and at Walmart. Thank you to these foundations also.

The Peer Team at Central included: Jennifer Russell, Jen Ruud, Rita Whitaker, Tish Hoffman, Marsha Fowler, Sherri Foster, Amanda Brooks, Mike Lyons, Eve Mills and Vicki Graham (coach /coordinator). There are 57 peer assistants (Links) in the program at this time.



Central Kindergarteners Research and Write about their Favorite Zoo Animals!

The Kindergarteners at Central Elementary went on a study trip to John Ball Zoo. At the zoo, they went on a scavenger hunt to find some of their favorite animals.

Later, back at school, they continued their study of zoo animals by researching and writing about some of the animals they saw at the zoo. Students had fun forming questions about their favorite animals and then researching to find the answers to their questions.



Top photo: Mrs. Smith's Kindergarten Class

Center photo, right: Carlee Bowen

Bottom photo, right: Travis Thelen & Milo Sapone



Dear Mighty Families,

Welcome back to another terrific year of learning! It's hard to believe that this will be my fifth year serving as your building leader. The staff and I have been planning all summer to make this another great year of learning for your children!

We look forward to seeing everyone at Family Orientation Night (includes Kindergarten Orientation) on Wednesday, August 27 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Our K-4 teaching team is eager to share several grade level highlights, including curriculum expectations and suggestions for supporting your little learner at home. First through fourth grade families will begin with an orientation in the gym from 6:30 -7:00 and classroom visits will follow. Kindergarten families will begin in the classroom with their teacher from 6:30 – 7:00 with an orientation from 7:00 – 7:30 in the gym. Our computer lab will also be available for completing online registration for those without Internet access at home. Please be sure to check our Facebook page for updates (www.facebook.com/mcmillanel).

Our third annual Community Fair will be held during this time, as well. We are thrilled to include the following groups:

- Department of Human Services
- Muskegon Community College
- Baker College
- McMillan's PTO
- White Lake Community Education
- Every Woman's Place
- Americore
- R-P Transportation and Food Service
- Muskegon County Prosecutor
- Muskegon County Library
- Love Inc.
- Catholic Social Services
- YMCA
- R-P Youth Sports Representatives
- ARC Muskegon
- Muskegon Family Care
- R-P Curriculum
- Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts

What a great opportunity to learn more about our amazing community and the services provided to benefit your family! The booths will be open from 6:00 – 6:30 and 7:30 – 8:00.

Finally, please remember that YOU are the most significant part of the "Mighty" in McMillan and we NEED your support! We are excited to work with you again this school year!

See you on August 27th!

Sincerely,

Dawn Schmitt

Principal, McMillan Elementary

Happy Birthday Ringleigh!!

Our McMillan-mites adore their therapy dog Ringleigh and couldn't let her 3rd birthday pass without celebrating. So, Miss Sparks, Ringleigh's momma, went all out. On the last day of Title One reading services, Ringleigh celebrated with the kids. Instead of receiving gifts, Ringleigh gave to the children. Each child received a bookmark and stickers with Ringleigh's picture, dog pencils and a dog tattoo. They also had cupcakes in the shape of a dog paw! The classroom was decked out with balloons and the children read stories to Ringleigh all day long. We love our Ringleigh!

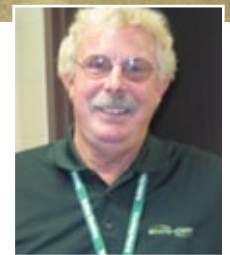


It Takes a Mighty Village Our Dedicated "Mr. Dave"

Dave Plank, known by our McMillan-mites as "Mr. Dave" is more than just a custodian. He's a role model, a father figure, a counselor, a mentor, a coach and a friend to our community. And, this will be our last school year with Mr. Dave, as he looks to retire in June 2015.

Mr. Dave has served our country in the armed forces. He was employed by a local factory for many years and has been a custodian for Enviro-Clean since 2006. During his time at Mighty McMillan, he has touched the lives of our students and families. He sits with children at lunch sharing stories and building relationships. He has been our Santa's helper during holiday parties, and has taught children how to show respect and be respectful to our school. Mr. Dave can be seen in classrooms visiting our students, reading a story, or walking a child down the hall. The children enjoy working with Mr. Dave in the lunchroom, as well as doing odd jobs around the school.

Mr. Dave takes pride in Mighty McMillan and treats the grounds as though they were his own. Most importantly, he treats our kids as though they were his own. We will miss his kind heart and wish him well as he moves to his next adventure.



"Because I'm Happy..."



Mighty McMillan-mites Were Happy to Support Relay for Life

One of the greatest lessons that we can teach our children is to be self-less, and not self-ish. It's important to present opportunities for our students to experience this first hand. Thanks to many people, especially Jenny Anderson, high school assistant principal, for organizing the Mock Rock that gave our kids just that: an opportunity! Nineteen of our Mighty students came together after school, several times last Spring to prepare a dance routine to "Happy" by Pharrell. On May 21, our kids, as well as other performers, rocked it out in front of a sold out crowd, raising over \$3,000 for a great cause. Bonus - they had a ball! Many thanks to Miss Nauta and Ms. Pflaum, two of our Mighty teachers, who facilitated the experience! Everyone is already looking forward to next year, knowing we can make a difference for our community!

Parents, Teachers and Students ... Working Together for Academic Success!

Every September, the McMillan teaching team develops professional goals, or areas in which they would like to improve over the course of the school year. Our Reading Specialists, Kristi Sparks and Melanie Worthing, were focused on involving parents in reading with their children. Over the course of the 2013-2014 school year, they offered many opportunities for parents to come into their classrooms, either during the day or in



the evening, to experience what their children were learning and to learn how to offer support at home. The results were amazing! The majority of parents came to school, engaged with their child and left thanking teachers for the opportunity. We also noticed that the students whose parents were involved made gains in their end of the year benchmark assessments in reading. Research has shown that

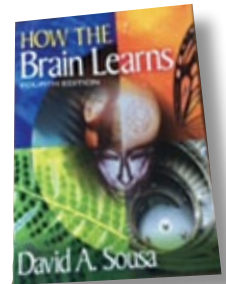
parent involvement in school has a profound impact on student achievement, and students who read every night at home will be more successful in a learning environment.

Melanie and Kristi extended their program to include several literature studies in the summer months to distribute new books and discuss books that had been read. Staff looks forward to measuring the growth that students make with this extended support.

Thanks to our dedicated professionals for their hard work in planning, as well as being available for their students and families! You put the Mighty in McMillan!



Learning Continues in the Summer for the Mighty Teaching Team



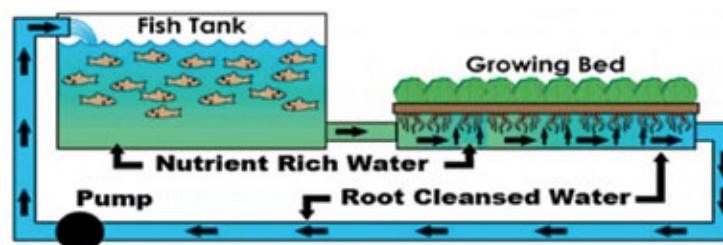
Our Mighty Teaching Team continued their learning through the summer by engaging in a variety of professional development opportunities with colleagues. Collaborative planning in reading, writing and math, best practice instructional strategies and technology integration were a few of the areas. A group of teachers also took an online course called, "How the Brain Learns," which will be the book used with the Mighty McMillan Team as a book study this school year. Summers off? Not for many. Educators come together to engage in learning so they will be more effective for their students when they return in the fall.



Growing Food with Aquaponics

Kindergarten students at the Pennsylvania Campus are learning about a unique way to grow food-year round!

aq-ua-pon-ics: a system of aquaculture in which the waste produced by farmed fish (Talapia) or other aquatic animals supplies nutrients for plants grown hydroponically, which in turn purify the water.





Dear Students and Parents,

I am happy to take this opportunity to welcome our school community back to RPEL for another exciting year. I hope you have had an enjoyable, relaxing summer. As we prepare for another educationally rich school year, full of opportunities to get involved within our school community, I have some important dates to ensure another smooth start to the school year.

- Wednesday, August 14 Office Staff Return
- Monday, August 18 Welcome Back Letters and Student Placements Sent Out
- Tuesday, August 26 Kindergarten Parents Only Night, 6:00-7:00, Cafeteria
- Wednesday, August 27 All School Open House (K-4), 5:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria (Hot Dog Picnic to Follow)
- Tuesday, September 2 First Full Day of School

The staff and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Open House. Please enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,

Paul Klimsza

Principal, Reeths-Puffer Elementary School



Student-Inspired Projects Represent Reeths-Puffer in Symposium

RPEL was well represented at the 2014 West Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative Youth Symposium. Student-initiated projects ranged from planting a fruit orchard on campus, to growing a living green roof for the new garden shed (with a farmer's market stand), to developing a website on grey wolves. Riverside Park was also a focus – kids cleaned up the park, weeded the butterfly garden, cleaned bluebird nesting boxes, and planted flowers. Students presented what they



accomplished to a full auditorium. A big thank you to RPEL's

community partners: The Market Place, Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative, ABC Supply, Jeremiah Johnson, Judy Clarke-Ochs, RPHS Theatre, Mike Unger, and RPEL parents. Way to go RPEL!



Track & Field Day 2014

RPEL re-invented Track & Field Day - all students, kindergarten through fourth grade, participated at the same time. The theme of the year was Community. The entire RPEL school community came together for the wonderful event. The event celebrates competition, personal best and being a supportive member of our school community. Every student fully participated in field and running events. RPEL has wonderful students that exhibited Rocket Pride the entire day. Go Rockets!

BUS SCHEDULES

Bus routes will be posted on the District web site and in the front window of each building beginning August 18. If you have further questions contact the Transportation Office at 719-0110.



Welcome Back to School!

It's almost time to say good-bye to summer and join friends at school once again.

Here are some important dates for your calendar:

- August 12: TLE Office Opens
- August 26: Kindergarten Orientation (for parents), 5:30 to 6:30
- August 27: Open House, All Grades 5:30 – 6:30
- August 28: Rocket City Games on the R-P High School Campus
- September 2: First Day of School
- September 2-5: Turn in Ultimate Read 23 Summer Reading Challenge Forms

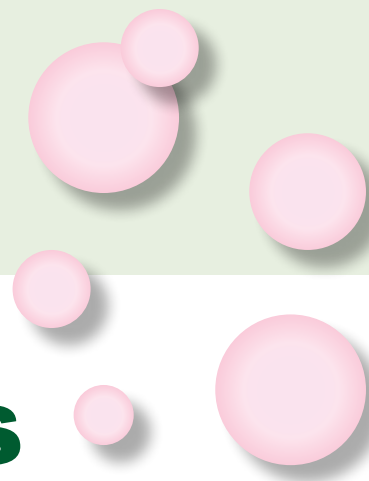
A welcome back letter will be mailed to homes the week of August 11 with the name of your child's teacher. Please watch your mail during this week! If you have not received a letter by Monday, August 18, please call Mrs. Wilkinson at 719-3190, extension 2200.

It's going to be another great year!

Sincerely,

Pam Turner

Principal, Twin Lake Elementary



Bubbles and Fractions

Bubble gum in school? No way! Not unless you're studying fractions. With some help from Hubba Bubba and Bubble Yum, students blew big bubbles while studying math. The learning goal was to measure bubbles to the nearest 1/4 inch. Now it's your turn. Try it at home. Get out a ruler, blow a big bubble and measure it. Have fun!



Students Rewarded for Outstanding Behavior



Twin Lake Elementary students love Rocket Slips! Rockets Slips are acknowledgements for going "above and beyond" behavior expectations. Last year, small rewards were given monthly by drawing names from the Rocket Slips that were collected. At the end of the year, one boy and one girl were drawn from the mountain of slips that had been collected all year.

To be eligible for the final drawing, students could have no major behavior referrals for the year and no more than one minor referral. There were lots and lots of students in the drawing! The winners were: Brook Buchan, 1st grader in Ms. Zweigle's class, and Mason Corlew, 2nd grader in Mrs. Wheeler's class.

Brook and Mason were each awarded a new bicycle! Both students were very excited about riding their new bikes all summer long. The bicycles were a

donation from **Horace Mann** and **Frank Lundell**. Thank you for your support!

Twin Lake Supports Relay for Life

Twin Lake Elementary fourth grader Britney Pell approached her principal one day and said, "Can we do a fundraiser to help fight cancer?" What a wonderful idea... but what to do and when to do it? In the busy-ness of a school year, the idea simmered. Britney shared her idea with a couple friends. There were ideas like having a bake sale and different charities were discussed.

An announcement was made and all students in the school were invited to bring a quarter "or whatever they could give" to donate to the cause. For the last week of May, Britney and friends spent their snack and recess time visiting classrooms, inspiring interest in helping others, and counting coins. Every donation, whether large or small, was making a difference! Every donor was thanked for their generosity.

After the final count on Friday, Mrs. Turner gathered all the donations and headed to the Relay for Life walk. On behalf of Twin Lake Elementary and student Britney Pell, Relay for Life was presented with a donation of \$171.78! What an incredible accomplishment!

"Yes Britney, we CAN do a fundraiser to help fight cancer!" Thank you for all of your hard work to make this happen.

Twin Lake Elementary... Calm and Safe



A school that is *calm* and *safe* is so important in setting an environment where children are ready to learn. Last year at Twin Lake Elementary, students learned new expectations for behavior all around the school.

Students were supported in many ways to make sure they would be successful, with lots of direct instruction, guidance, accountability, and positive supports. The response from students and parents has been very positive!

Calm and *safe* are outcomes of a structured environment where students can predict what will happen and rely on its consistency. Twin Lake students were challenged to follow specific expectations in the hallways, on the playground, in the cafeteria, and on the bus. When students follow the same general procedures in these common areas, there is less noise, less physical contact and less chaos. Students have responded really well to this change, and many have stepped forward to share how much they like it!

Making a school feel safe takes more than locks on doors. Emotional safety is necessary so students can learn, and that means feeling safe around other children. Staff members have participated in professional development with Dr. Marcia McEvoy, psychologist and renowned school behavior expert. Dr. McEvoy's

work is particularly focused on setting up a school environment where bullying is not tolerated. She came to Twin Lake for two days last year, working directly with students on strategies they can use with friends and peers. Teachers and staff used these opportunities for their own learning, carefully observing how Dr. McEvoy interacted with the students.

To make sure students would have fun and feel rewarded for following these new expectations, the TLE Rocket Slip program was established. Students were acknowledged whenever they showed behaviors "above and beyond" staff expectations. Each month, drawings were held for small rewards such as tickets to events, small toys or games, restaurant certificates, and more. At the end of the year, we drew from the *mountain* of Rocket Slips for two special rewards! (See article on page 8.)

School-wide behavior expectations continue to be adjusted and improved. Students need structures that are just tight enough to feel safe but not rigid. They need a system that is reliable and predictable but also flexible in adapting to their needs. Staff will continue with the school-wide behavior program in the coming year, with focused efforts on recess and playground.

School-Wide Behavior at TLE

At Twin Lake Elementary, students learn to

Be Respectful – Showing caring and kindness in all they do.

Be Honest – Honesty is at the heart of every good relationship.

Be Smart – Use what they know.

Be Safe – Do the right thing, even when it's hard.

Staff looks forward to sharing their learning expectations with students. See you in September!

Reading to Feed Those in Need

Third grade students at Twin Lake Elementary spent the month of March reading to feed the community. Food pantries were low, and the students were excited to help out. Meijer Inc. paid the third graders for every minute they read outside of school. In addition, the students wrote letters, inviting community members and friends to lend a hand. After sending out over 100 letters and reading over 70,000 minutes outside of school, they raised a whopping \$6,500 to help feed the needy in the community. A majority of the money was spent shopping at Meijer. The groceries purchased were hand delivered to the Muskegon Rescue Mission. The third graders used the remaining funds to bring a Feeding America food truck to the Twin Lake community. They sorted and



bagged food, greeted guests with smiles, served them with care, and even helped deliver food to vehicles. When the night was finished, 134 individuals and families were served in the Twin Lake community.

A generous thanks to Meijer Inc. for their enthusiasm, funding and positive example of what it means to give back. Additional thanks to the community for answering letters and donating to this great cause.



Staff are so proud of these third graders for their endless reading, dedication, teamwork and compassion for others. You are never too small to do something big!

REETHS-PUFFER SCHOOLS

2014-15 FINE ARTS CALENDAR

- 9/20 HS Marching Band Fall Preview Show at Rocket Stadium
- 10/14 MS Choir Fall Concert, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- 10/22 HS Choir Fall Concert, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- 11/6-9 HS Theatre Fall Play, Rocket Centre, 7 p.m. (11/9 at 2 p.m.)
- 11/18 5th Grade Band Fall Concert, RPI Gym, 7:00 p.m.
- 11/19 HS Marching Band Stadium Echoes Concert, Arena, 7 p.m.
- 12/5 Children's Theater Performance, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- 12/10 MS Band Holiday Concert, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- 12/11 MS Choir Holiday Concert, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- 12/17 HS Choir Candlelight Carols Concert, Rocket Centre, 7 p.m.
- 12/18 HS Band Holiday Concert, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- 1/7 HS Winter Eve of Theatre, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- 1/8 MS Night of Theater, RPMS, 7:00 p.m.
- 2/4 Collage Concert, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- 2/12 HS Talent Show, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- 2/24 HS Band Festival Concert, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- 2/25 MS Band Festival Concert, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- 2/26 District Band Festival
- 3/12-14 HS Musical, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m. (3/14 at 2 & 7 p.m.)
- 3/18-19 District Choral Festival
- 3/22 Band-O-Rama (All R-P Bands in HS Arena), 2:30 p.m.
- 3/24 Festival of Choirs (All R-P Choirs in HS Auditorium), 7 p.m.
- 4/24 Children's Theater Spring Show, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- 4/26 HS Band Spring Concert, Rocket Centre, 2:30 p.m.
- 4/30 HS/MS Band State Festival
- 5/1 HS/MS Band State Festival
- 5/6 MS Band Spring Concert, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- 5/14 HS Choir Pops Concert, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- 5/14 MS Night of Theater at MS, 7:00 p.m.
- 5/15 HS Choir Pops Concert, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- 5/19 HS Spring Evening of Theater, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- 5/20 Relay for Life Mock Rock, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- 5/21 RPI Band Spring Concert, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m.
- 5/22 HS Jazz Band Steak Fry, VFW Hall, 5:00-9:00 p.m.
- 5/28 MS Spring Musical, Rocket Centre, 7:00 p.m.

R-P Choirs Seized the Day in 2014

It is never too early for an exciting education in music. Sixth, seventh and eighth grade singers celebrated their accomplishments of a great school year and now gear up for another exciting new year to come.

With over 180 singers, the 2013-14 school year began with big dreams and goals. The fall Coffee Shop Concert set the stage as the theme "Seize the Day" helped the community catch a vision for the future. The middle school singers kicked off the Acquire the Attire campaign in hopes of raising \$6,000 to fund formal concert attire. The choir program hasn't seen new concert attire in over 30 years, and the kids excitedly set their sights on gowns and suits that would help them look as good as they sound.



Students followed up with a fully-staged Christmas musical, "A Seussified Christmas Carol," that entertained audiences with the charm of Charles Dickens with some Dr. Seuss flair. R-P singers coped with the long winter by shifting gears and studying a more classically

based repertoire and participating in a Choral Day Clinic and Solo and Ensemble Festivals. Middle school singers had the opportunity to perform as soloists or in small groups and receive ratings and feedback from collegiate level judges. All singers received Very Good and Excellent ratings! The select after-school ensemble, The Treble Makers, received an Excellent rating and was one of the youngest participating groups of the day.

RPI hosted the Second Annual Elementary Choral Festival in our own Rocket Center in February, bringing five other school districts into Rocket City for a morning of singing and learning under the fabulous Shirley Lemon, retiree from Grand Haven High School and current Hope College faculty. Our high school Madrigals acted as performers and on-site mentors for our participants.

The choirs teamed up with R-P's amazing high school theatre and choir departments and held two different camps. Camps Break A Leg and Blast Off gave our youngest students an opportunity for a hands on experience in musical theatre. Many of our singers participated in the phenomenal production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" in early March. The year wrapped up with a Spring Pops Concert celebrating music from stage and screen. Many talented special acts were featured and we graduated many 8th grade singers into our renowned high school program.

Check out the fine arts schedule (left) and catch these amazing singers in action in the 2014-2015 school year! If you'd like to make a tax deductible donation to the **Acquire the Attire campaign**, please contact Deidra Ross at rossd@reeths-puffer.org.

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2014-2015 FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

VARSITY FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Monday, Aug. 11	1st Practice (Practice)	Reeths-Puffer HS	TBA
Thursday, Aug. 21	Forest Hills Northern	Reeths-Puffer HS	TBA
Thursday, Aug. 28	Holland HS	Reeths-Puffer HS	7:00PM
Friday, Sep. 05	@ Fremont	Fremont	7:00PM
Friday, Sep. 12	@ Grand Haven	Grand Haven High School	7:00PM
Friday, Sep. 19	Lowell HS	Reeths-Puffer HS	7:00PM
Friday, Sep. 26	Zeeland East (Homecoming)	Reeths-Puffer HS	7:00PM
Friday, Oct. 03	@ G.R. Union	Houseman Field	7:00PM
Friday, Oct. 10	Mona Shores	Reeths-Puffer HS	7:00PM
Friday, Oct. 17	Muskegon	Reeths-Puffer HS	7:00PM
Friday, Oct. 24	@ Kenowa Hills	Kenowa Hills HS	7:00PM
Friday, Nov. 28	@ State Finals (Practice)		TBA

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Monday, Aug. 11	1st Practice (Practice)	Reeths-Puffer HS	TBA
Thursday, Aug. 21	Forest Hills Northern	Reeths-Puffer HS	TBA
Wednesday, Aug. 27	@ Holland HS	Holland HS	6:30PM
Thursday, Sep. 04	Fremont	Reeths-Puffer HS	6:30PM
Thursday, Sep. 11	Grand Haven	Reeths-Puffer High School	6:30PM
Thursday, Sep. 18	@ Lowell HS	Lowell HS	6:30PM
Thursday, Sep. 25	@ Zeeland East	Zeeland East	6:30PM
Thursday, Oct. 02	G.R. Union	Reeths-Puffer HS	6:30PM
Thursday, Oct. 09	@ Mona Shores	Mona Shores	6:30PM
Thursday, Oct. 16	@ Muskegon	Muskegon	6:30PM
Thursday, Oct. 23	Kenowa Hills	Reeths-Puffer HS	6:30PM

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Monday, Aug. 11	(Practice)	Reeths-Puffer HS	TBA
Thursday, Aug. 21	Forest Hills Northern	Reeths-Puffer HS	TBA
Wednesday, Aug. 27	@ Holland HS	Holland HS	4:30PM
Thursday, Sep. 04	Fremont	Reeths-Puffer HS	4:30PM
Thursday, Sep. 11	Grand Haven	Reeths-Puffer HS	4:30PM
Thursday, Sep. 18	@ Lowell HS	Lowell HS	4:30PM
Thursday, Sep. 25	@ Zeeland East	Zeeland East	4:30PM
Thursday, Oct. 02	G.R. Union	Reeths-Puffer HS	4:30PM
Thursday, Oct. 09	@ Mona Shores	Mona Shores	4:30PM
Thursday, Oct. 16	@ Muskegon	Muskegon	4:30PM
Thursday, Oct. 23	Kenowa Hills	Reeths-Puffer HS	4:30PM

VARSITY GOLF (GIRLS)

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Friday, Aug. 22	@ Jenison Invitational	The Meadows	8:00PM
Monday, Aug. 25	Rocket Invitational	Lincoln Golf Course	9:00AM
Tuesday, Sep. 02	@ Jamboree @ Mona Shores	Jamboree @ Mona Shores	3:30PM
Thursday, Sep. 04	@ Holland HS	Holland HS	TBA

Monda, Sep. 08	@ Jamboree @ GR Union	Jamboree @ GR Union	3:30PM
Monday, Sep. 15	@ Jamboree @ Kenowa Hills	Jamboree @ Kenowa Hills	3:30PM
Monda, Sep. 22	@ East Lansing High School (Walnut Hills Country Club)	East Lansing High School	TBA
Wednesday, Sep. 24	GMAA- Reeths-Puffer (Host)	Stonegate Golf Club	TBA
Thursday, Sep. 25	@ Post Conference Tourney	The Meadows	9:00AM
Friday, Sep. 26	@ Ludington Oriole Invitational	Lincoln Hills GC	9:30AM
Thursday, Oct. 02	@ Spring Lake	Spring Lake Country Club	TBA
Monday, Oct. 06	Whitehall	Lincoln Golf Course	3:30PM

VARSITY SOCCER (BOYS)

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Wednesday, Aug. 13	(Practice)	Reeths-Puffer HS	TBA
Saturday, Aug. 23	Portage Invitational	Portage Soccer Club Complex	9:00AM
Thursday, Aug. 28	Grand Haven	Grand Haven HS	2:00PM
Tuesday, Sep. 02	Spring Lake	Reeths-Puffer HS	6:45PM
Thursday, Sep. 04	Sparta	Reeths-Puffer HS	6:45PM
Saturday, Sep. 06	North Muskegon	Reeths-Puffer HS	2:00PM
Tuesday, Sep. 09	Zeeland East	Reeths-Puffer HS	6:45PM
Thursday, Sep. 11	G.R. Union	Union HS	6:45PM
Tuesday, Sep. 16	Mona Shores	Mona Shores HS	6:45PM
Thursday, Sep. 18	Muskegon	Reeths-Puffer HS	6:45PM
Tuesday, Sep. 23	Kenowa Hills	Kenowa Hills HS	6:45PM
Thursday, Sep. 25	Zeeland East	Zeeland East	6:45PM
Saturday, Sep. 27	Holland HS	Reeths-Puffer HS	2:00PM
Tuesday, Sep. 30	G.R. Union	Reeths-Puffer HS	6:45PM
Thursday, Oct. 02	Mona Shores	Mona Shores HS	6:45PM
Saturday, Oct. 04	Fruitport HS	Fruitport HS	7:00PM
Tuesday, Oct. 07	Muskegon	Muskegon	6:45PM
Thursday, Oct. 09	Kenowa Hills	Reeths-Puffer HS	6:45PM

JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER (BOYS)

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Wednesday, Aug. 13	1st Practice (Practice)	Reeths-Puffer HS	TBA
Thursday, Aug. 28	Grand Haven	Grand Haven HS	4:00PM
Tuesday, Sep. 02	Spring Lake	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:00PM
Thursday, Sep. 04	Sparta	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:00PM
Tuesday, Sep. 09	Zeeland East	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:00PM
Thursday, Sep. 11	G.R. Union	G.R. Union	5:00PM
Tuesday, Sep. 16	Mona Shores	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:00PM
Thursday, Sep. 18	Muskegon	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:00PM
Tuesday, Sep. 23	Kenowa Hills	Kenowa Hills	5:00PM
Thursday, Sep. 25	Zeeland East	Zeeland East	5:00PM
Saturday, Sep. 27	Holland HS	Reeths-Puffer HS	12:00PM
Tuesday, Sep. 30	G.R. Union	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:00PM
Thursday, Oct. 02	Mona Shores	Mona Shores	5:00PM
Saturday, Oct. 04	Fruitport HS	Fruitport HS	5:00PM
Tuesday, Oct. 07	Muskegon	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:00PM
Thursday, Oct. 09	Kenowa Hills	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:00PM

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VARSITY SWIMMING (GIRLS)

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Wednesday, Aug. 13	1st Practice (Practice)	Reeths-Puffer HS	TBA
Thursday, Sep. 04	Spring Lake	Spring Lake HS	6:00PM
Tuesday, Sep. 09	Double Dual w/ Unity Christian and Wayland Christian	Muskegon HS	6:00PM
Tuesday, Sep. 16	Jenison	Muskegon HS	6:30PM
Saturday, Sep. 20	Spring Lake Invitational	Spring Lake HS	9:00AM
Tuesday, Sep. 23	Grand Rapids Christian	Grand Rapids Christian	6:30PM
Tuesday, Oct. 07	East Grand Rapids HS	Muskegon HS	6:30PM
Tuesday, Oct. 14	Northview	Northview HS	6:30PM
Tuesday, Oct. 21	Forest Hills Northern	Muskegon HS	6:30PM
Tuesday, Oct. 28	Forest Hills Central	Forest Hills Central	6:30PM
Thursday, Nov. 06	Conference Diving	Conference Diving	TBA
Friday, Nov. 07	Conference Swim Prelims	East Grand Rapids HS	TBA
Friday, Nov. 07	Conference Swim Prelims	East Grand Rapids HS	TBA
Saturday, Nov. 08	Conference Swim Finals	East Grand Rapids HS	TBA

VARSITY TENNIS (BOYS)

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Wednesday, Aug. 20	Nothview Quad	Northview HS	TBA
Thursday, Aug. 21	Fruitport Invitational	Fruitport HS	9:00AM
Wednesday, Sep. 03	G.R. Union	G. R. Union HS	4:30PM
Thursday, Sep. 04	North Muskegon	North Muskegon HS	4:00PM
Saturday, Sep. 06	Rocket Invitational	Reeths-Puffer HS	9:00AM
Wednesday, Sep. 10	Mona Shores	Reeths-Puffer HS	4:30PM
Thursday, Sep. 18	Grand Haven	Reeths-Puffer HS	3:30PM
Saturday, Sep. 20	Caledonia Invitational	Caledonia Invitational	9:00AM
Monday, Sep. 22	Zeeland East	Zeeland East	4:30PM
Wednesday, Sep. 24	Kenowa Hills	Reeths-Puffer HS	4:30PM
Saturday, Sep. 27	GMAA	Fruitport HS	TBA
Saturday, Oct. 04	Conference Tournament	Mona Shores HS	TBA

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS)

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Saturday, Aug. 23	Rocket Invitational	Reeths-Puffer HS	9:00AM
Thursday, Aug. 28	Fremont	Reeths-Puffer HS	12:00PM
Thursday, Sep. 11	Grand Haven	Grand Haven HS	5:00PM
Saturday, Sep. 13	Grandville Invitational	Grandville Invitational	8:30AM
Thursday, Sep. 18	Zeeland East	Reeths-Puffer HS	6:30PM
Thursday, Sep. 25	Mona Shores	Mona Shores HS	6:30PM
Thursday, Oct. 02	Muskegon	Muskegon HS	6:30PM
Saturday, Oct. 04	Spring Lake Invitational	Spring Lake HS	8:30AM
Tuesday, Oct. 07	G.R. Union	Reeths-Puffer HS	6:30PM
Thursday, Oct. 09	Kenowa Hills	Reeths-Puffer HS	6:30PM
Monday, Oct. 13	Grandville Quad	Grandville Quad	TBA
Thursday, Oct. 16	Zeeland East	Zeeland East	6:30PM
Saturday, Oct. 18	GMAA	Reeths-Puffer HS	TBA
Tuesday, Oct. 21	Mona Shores	Reeths-Puffer HS	6:30PM
Thursday, Oct. 23	Muskegon	Reeths-Puffer HS	6:30PM
Saturday, Oct. 25	Western Michigan Christian	Western Michigan Christian	9:00AM
Tuesday, Oct. 28	G.R. Union	G. R. Union HS	6:30PM
Thursday, Oct. 30	Kenowa Hills	Kenowa Hills HS	6:30PM

JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS)

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Saturday, Sep. 13	Rocket Invite	Reeths-Puffer HS	9:00AM
Thursday, Sep. 18	Zeeland East	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:30PM
Saturday, Sep. 20	Spring Lake Invitational	Spring Lake Invitational	8:30AM
Thursday, Sep. 25	Mona Shores	Mona Shores HS	5:30PM
Saturday, Sep. 27	Mona Shores Invitational	Mona Shores HS	8:30PM

Monday, Sep. 29	Rocket Quad	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:00PM
Thursday, Oct. 02	Muskegon	Muskegon HS	5:30PM
Tuesday, Oct. 07	G.R. Union	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:30PM
Thursday, Oct. 09	Kenowa Hills	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:30PM
Monday, Oct. 13	Grandville Quad	Grandville Quad	TBA
Thursday, Oct. 16	Zeeland East	Zeeland East	5:30PM
Tuesday, Oct. 21	Mona Shores	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:30PM
Thursday, Oct. 23	Muskegon	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:30PM
Saturday, Oct. 25	WM Christian Invite	Western Michigan Christian HS	9:00AM
Tuesday, Oct. 28	G.R. Union	G.R. Union	5:30PM
Thursday, Oct. 30	Kenowa Hills	Kenowa Hills	5:30PM

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS)

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Monday, Aug. 26	Quad @ Grand Haven	Grand Haven HS	3:00PM
Wednesday, Aug. 28	Fruitport Invitational	Fruitport HS	9:00AM
Thursday, Sep. 05	Quad @ Sparta	Quad @ Sparta	5:00PM
Saturday, Sep. 07	Rocket Invitational	Reeths-Puffer HS	9:00AM
Monday, Sep. 09	Grand Haven Quad	Grand Haven HS	5:00PM
Thursday, Sep. 19	Kenowa Hills	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:30PM
Thursday, Sep. 26	Zeeland East	Zeeland East	5:30PM
Monday, Sep. 30	Reeths-Puffer Quad	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:00PM
Thursday, Oct. 03	Mona Shores	Mona Shores HS	5:30PM
Saturday, Oct. 05	Mona Shores Invitational	Mona Shores HS	8:30AM
Tuesday, Oct. 08	Muskegon	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:30PM
Thursday, Oct. 10	G.R. Union	Union HS	5:30PM
Thursday, Oct. 17	Kenowa Hills	Kenowa Hills HS	5:30PM
Tuesday, Oct. 22	Zeeland East	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:30PM
Thursday, Oct. 24	Mona Shores	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:30PM
Tuesday, Oct. 29	Muskegon	Muskegon HS	5:30PM
Wednesday, Oct. 30	G.R. Union	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:30PM

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY (GIRLS)

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Wednesday, Aug. 13	1st Practice (Practice)	Reeths-Puffer HS	TBA
Monday, Aug. 25	Orchard View Invitational	University Park Golf Course	5:00PM
Thursday, Aug. 28	Holland HS	Reeths-Puffer HS	6:45PM
Saturday, Sep. 06	Big Red Invitational	McGraft Park	9:00AM
Wednesday, Sep. 17	G.R. Union (Tri w/Union and Kenowa)	Union HS	5:00PM
Saturday, Sep. 20	Eagles Cougar Falcon Invite	Eagles Nest	9:00AM
Wednesday, Sep. 24	Zeeland East	Ridgepointe Church	5:00PM
Saturday, Sep. 27	Allendale Invitational	Allendale HS	8:30PM
Wednesday, Oct. 01	Mona Shores	Reeths-Puffer HS	5:00PM
Tuesday, Oct. 07	Muskegon	Muskegon	5:00PM
Friday, Oct. 10	GMAA Meet	University Park Golf Course	TBA
Wednesday, Oct. 15	Conference Finals @ Zeeland East	Ridgepointe Church	TBA
Friday, Oct. 24	Regionals (Practice)	TBA	
Saturday, Nov. 01	State Finals (Practice)	TBA	

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY (BOYS)

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Wednesday, Aug. 13	1st Practice (Practice)	Reeths-Puffer HS	TBA
Monday, Aug. 25	Orchard View Invitational	University Park Golf Course	5:00PM
Thursday, Aug. 28	Holland HS	Reeths-Puffer HS	6:45PM
Saturday, Sep. 06	Big Red Invite	McGraft Park	TBA
Wednesday, Sep. 17	G.R. Union (Tri w/Union and Kenowa)	Union HS	4:30PM
Saturday, Sep. 20	Cougar Falcon Invite @ Eagle's Nest	Cougar Falcon Invite @ Eagle's Nest	9:00AM
Wednesday, Sep. 24	Zeeland East	Ridgepointe Church	4:30PM
Saturday, Sep. 27	Allendale Invitational	Allendale HS	8:30PM
Wednesday, Oct. 01	Mona Shores	Reeths-Puffer HS	4:30PM
Tuesday, Oct. 07	Muskegon	McGraft Park	4:30PM
Friday, Oct. 10	GMAA Meet	University Park Golf Course	TBA
Wednesday, Oct. 15	Conference Finals	Ridgepointe Church	TBA
Friday, Oct. 24	Regionals (Practice)	TBA	
Saturday, Nov. 01	State Finals (Practice)	TBA	

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2014-2015 FALL MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

BOYS 8TH GRADE FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
8/25/2014	OPEN DATE (1st day of Football)	Home, Reeths-Puffer Middle School	TBA
9/10/2014	Muskegon Public	Home, Reeths-Puffer Middle School	5:45PM
9/17/2014	Zeeland Creekside	Home, Reeths-Puffer Middle School	5:45PM
9/24/2014	Mona Shores Middle	Away, Mona Shores Middle	5:45PM
10/1/2014	Zeeland Cityside	Away, Zeeland Cityside	5:45PM
10/8/2014	West Ottawa Harbor Lights	Away, West Ottawa Harbor Lights	5:45PM
10/15/2014	Grand Haven Middle School	Home, Reeths-Puffer High School	5:45PM

BOYS 7TH GRADE FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
8/25/2014	OPEN DATE (1st day of Football)	Home, Reeths-Puffer Middle School	TBA
9/10/2014	Muskegon Public	Home, Reeths-Puffer Middle School	4:00PM
9/17/2014	Zeeland Creekside	Home, Reeths-Puffer Middle School	4:00PM
9/24/2014	Mona Shores Middle	Away, Mona Shores Middle	4:00PM
10/1/2014	Zeeland Cityside	Away, Zeeland Cityside	4:00PM
10/8/2014	West Ottawa Harbor Lights	Away, West Ottawa Harbor Lights	4:00PM
10/15/2014	Grand Haven Middle School	Home, Reeths-Puffer High School	4:00PM

CO-ED CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
9/11/2014	Mona Shores MS (MS Invite)	Away, Mona Shores Middle School	4:00PM
9/17/2014	Byron Center	Away, Byron Center	4:00PM
9/24/2014	Zeeland	Away, Zeeland	4:00PM
10/1/2014	Holland	Home, Reeths-Puffer Middle School	4:00PM
10/1/2014	Zeeland	Home, Reeths-Puffer Middle School	4:00PM
10/1/2014	Rockford North	Home, Reeths-Puffer Middle School	4:00PM
10/9/2014	Grandville	Away, Grandville	4:00PM

GIRLS 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
9/16/2014	Mona Shores Middle School	Home, Reeths-Puffer Middle School	5:00PM
9/18/2014	West Ottawa Harbor Lights	Away, West Ottawa Harbor Lights	5:00PM
9/23/2014	Lakeshore Middle School	Home, Reeths-Puffer Middle School	5:00PM
9/25/2014	Zeeland Creekside	Home, Reeths-Puffer Middle School	5:00PM
9/27/2014	Grand Haven Middle School (Grand Haven Volleyball Tournament)	Away, Grand Haven High School	8:30AM
9/30/2014	Zeeland Cityside	Away, Zeeland Cityside	5:00PM
10/2/2014	East Rockford	Home, Reeths-Puffer Middle School	5:00PM
10/7/2014	Muskegon Public	Away, Muskegon Public	5:00PM
10/9/2014	White Pines Middle School	Away, White Pines Middle School	5:00PM
10/11/2014	R-P Invite	Home, Reeths-Puffer Middle School	9:00AM
10/14/2014	West Ottawa Mac Bay	Away, West Ottawa Mac Bay	5:00PM
10/15/2014	Holland Middle School	Home, Reeths-Puffer High School	4:00PM
10/15/2014	Zeeland Creekside	Home, Reeths-Puffer High School	4:00PM
10/15/2014	Mona Shores Middle	Home, Reeths-Puffer High School	4:00PM

GIRLS 7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
9/16/2014	Mona Shores Middle School	Home, Middle School Gym	4:00PM
9/18/2014	West Ottawa Harbor Lights	Away, West Ottawa Harbor Lights	4:00PM
9/23/2014	Lakeshore Middle School	Home, Middle School Gym	4:00PM
9/25/2014	Zeeland Creekside	Home, Middle School Gym	4:00PM
9/27/2014	Grand Haven Volleyball Tournament	Away, Grand Haven High School	8:30AM
9/30/2014	Zeeland Cityside	Away, Zeeland Cityside	4:00PM
10/2/2014	East Rockford	Home, Middle School Gym	4:00PM
10/7/2014	Muskegon Public	Away, Muskegon Public	4:00PM
10/9/2014	White Pines Middle School	Away, White Pines Middle School	4:00PM
10/11/2014	Mona Shores Invite	Away, Mona Shores High School	9:00AM
10/14/2014	West Ottawa Mac Bay	Away, West Ottawa Mac Bay	4:00PM
10/15/2014	Holland Middle School	Home, Reeths-Puffer High School	4:00PM
10/15/2014	Zeeland Creekside	Home, Reeths-Puffer High School	4:00PM
10/15/2014	Mona Shores Middle	Home, Reeths-Puffer High School	4:00PM

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or Todd Farmer (farmert@reeths-puffer.org)



Mock Rock 2014: A Sell-Out!

In its second year, MOCK ROCK sold out the 1,000 seat Rocket Centre in a fun-filled evening of pantomime acts that helped to raise over \$2,300.00 for Muskegon's Relay for Life. Rockets of all ages came together for an evening of music, dance and laughter. There were individual acts, group acts and ZOMBIES walking among the crowd. Get your tickets early for MOCK ROCK 2015! It's sure to be another sell-out!





Terri Portice

Director of Teaching
and Learning

The Lazy Days of Summer Turn into Exciting Times of Returning to School

As summer comes to a close, it's time to turn our attention back to the routines of a new school year. Many times our summer routines are relaxed and sometimes they are non-existent. The transition back to a school routine can sometimes be difficult for students and parents alike.

Below are 10 tips that will help families start the back to school routines in a positive manner.

1. Create a family back to school plan a few weeks before school begins so that routines can be established in advance of school starting. Slowly transition bedtime and morning wake up time back to the schedules that will become routine with the return to school. By making these transitions in advance, it will reduce the struggles of getting everyone up and out of the house on time when school is officially back in session.
2. Consider doing some daily school routine items in the evening instead of the morning before school. By making small changes in routines, it can have a huge impact on starting everyone's day in a positive direction. Some of the routines you may consider moving to the night before rather than trying to do them in the morning include: laying out clothes to wear; making lunches; and completing and signing off on all homework.
3. Plan at least one meal per day to eat together as a family. This meal could be a 15 minute breakfast where everyone shares their plans for the day. Try and keep the time focused on the people in front of you, which means that all electronics are turned off at this time. Enjoy this precious family time together!
4. As you sort through all the beginning of the year paperwork and fill out all the updated forms as a part of the registration process, be sure to have a calendar available where all the school events are recorded. Some items that you may want to consider adding into the calendar could include things such as: Open house dates and times, parent/teacher conferences, scheduled breaks and "no school days" for students; special concerts; due dates for special school projects, state testing dates, sporting event schedules, etc. This calendar of events can help keep the entire family organized, reducing the stress for parents and students.
5. If your child is moving to a new building within the district, or is new to the district, please make sure to bring your child to the respective building(s) and take a tour. A transition from one school to another can create a great deal of anxiety for any child. Meeting the office staff, meeting some teachers, touring the building, finding the classroom(s) and lockers, etc., can greatly reduce the anxiety your child might be feeling. This pre-visit will help make the first day of school an enjoyable and memorable event.
6. As a family, create a designated space where your child can concentrate on homework. Make sure to have all the supplies (paper, pencils, computer, rulers, sticky notes, calculator, tape, markers, a book box/storage space) for each child so that weekly homework materials don't get lost. Having this area set up in advance will ensure that when it is homework time, no time is wasted finding their materials to complete their homework assignments. This pre-organization system will help keep longer-term assignments in a safe place with easy access to the work until the project is completed.
7. Create a system for processing school work and school papers. Whether you use a mailbox organizer, a file folder system, or an accordion folder, having something set up prior to school beginning will help keep everyone organized and will set a positive routine right from the beginning of the year.

8. If you have a child who struggles staying organized, create simple check-lists (words or pictures) that the child can use to help them complete the routine without constant reminders from an adult or sibling. A checklist and/or a written contract developed in advance will remove many of the power struggles that often occur regarding what, when, and where something needs to be completed.
9. To help your child(ren) get back into the school routine, sit down as partners or as a family and collaboratively develop a schedule, checklist, goals, etc., to help outline the routines that everyone will follow. Having your child included in the decision making of this plan, will increase the likelihood that these routines and expectations will be followed. Once completed, make sure to display the agreed upon routines and expectations in a highly visible area.
For example, a plan might state: Amanda will complete her homework by 7:00 p.m. on school nights. School work will be completed at the designated workstation set up in the family room. After completing her homework, Amanda will have mom or dad sign the assignment and/or agenda. Once signed, Amanda will place the completed homework in the homework folder inside her backpack. Amanda will turn in her homework folder to her teacher as soon as she walks in the classroom each morning.
10. Students need to be in school on a regular basis to have a continuous learning environment that will help them succeed in school and life. There is a great deal of research that shows that when students are absent from school, even 10 days throughout the year, it can have a negative impact on math skills, standardized testing scores, graduation rates, and increases the chance that a child will drop out of school in later grades. Please get your child to school on time, every day so that learning can occur and your child will find continuous success.



The Ultimate Read 23 Summer Reading Challenge Comes to a Close

Students who completed the "Ultimate Read 23 Summer Reading Challenge" need to submit the completed calendars and the challenge form, signed by their parent or guardian, anytime between September 2 and September 5, 2014. The

completed and signed forms can be dropped off to either the District office at 991 W. Giles Road (mail or drop off) or can be dropped off to your child's school building office the first week of school. A winner from each "level" will be drawn on Monday, September 8 and will be announced at each building and on the district website on Tuesday, September 9.

Rockets Lift Off to Summer Adventures

In the May edition of Rocket City News, I invited all Reeths-Puffer students/families to share their summer travels with the community.

If you haven't already sent your postcards in, please make sure to do it today. We are asking all Rockets to consider sharing a postcard with your family adventures. Make sure to include the following information on your postcard.

- Student Name(s):
- Date:
- Location:
- A short highlight of your favorite travel activity related to the post card

Send postcards addressed to Reeths-Puffer Schools, 991 W. Giles Road, Muskegon, MI 49445. All postcards will be displayed on wall maps (Michigan, United States, or a World Map) in the District Office. Please feel free to stop into the office to see where our "Rocket Families" have traveled this summer.





What Does Preparing Students for the 21st Century Really Mean?

In partnership with business and Industry, Reeths-Puffer's

educational staff is committed to ensuring that students receive a set of core knowledge and experiences that will ensure students leaving Reeths-Puffer High School will be prepared for college and careers.

We live and work in a technological and media-driven world. The amount and speed of information that comes at us daily along with the ongoing technological advancements requires students to have a stronger academic foundation and a deeper understanding of how to analyze all this information. We are all faced with learning how to navigate life situations, working in ever-changing work environments, and having the knowledge and skills to be competitive today, as well as in the next generation work force.

Below are the skills and life-long learning habits that students must demonstrate to succeed in this ever changing world and the competitive work force. As we make changes to our curriculum, beginning at the early grades and moving through the progression of grades, we are embedding these critical 21st Century habits and skills into our course curriculum. As a staff, we are committed to ensuring that all students leave our district with the knowledge, skills, and habits to be prepared for their future. The following is a list of the 21st Century skills and habits that students need to demonstrate in order to graduate college and be career ready.

- Critical thinker
- Problem solver
- Effective communicator
- Flexible, adaptable, and self-directed learner/worker
- Creator or Innovator
- Productive team-player
- Higher level thinking and communication skills
- Mindset of being a global citizen
- Cross-cultural knowledge and language skills
- Awareness of environmental and health issues
- Proficient user of technology

What Content and Skills Will My Child Be Learning This Year?

As a parent, we sometimes feel unprepared as to the grade level learning expectations for our child(ren). To help you feel better prepared for conversations between you and your child throughout the year, I invite you to review the grade level brochures found on the Reeths-Puffer website. Once on the website, go to the "Our District" tab and select the link for "Departments," Next, select the "Curriculum" tab and then select the "Curriculum Corner for Parents" link. Finally, under the heading Math and ELA Curriculum Brochures, select the brochure that matches your child's grade level. These brochures are meant to give you a better idea of the content your child will be learning this year in school.

As always, if you have questions please feel free to call your child's school or call me, Terri Portice, Director of Teaching and Learning for Reeths-Puffer Schools. All numbers are listed on the back page of this newspaper. I'm looking forward to another outstanding year!

The Food Service Department welcomes students back for another great school year! Menus for each building can be found on the school website at www.reeths-puffer.org. Free/reduced school meal applications can be completed online through the school website under the tab "Internet Meal Manager" or at www.lunchapp.com. Paper applications will be available in all school offices. Free/reduced meal applications must be renewed every year.



Your food service staff will continue to provide healthy meals with more whole grains, fruits, vegetables and low-fat/fat free dairy products. Vegetables are broken down into sub groups (dark green, red/orange, bean/legumes, starch and other) which must be offered weekly. Students are required to take either a serving of fruit or a serving of vegetable. All a la carte items sold to students during the school day must meet the USDA's criteria for Smart Snacks.

Finally, in order to be compliant with the USDA's Paid Lunch Equity we are required to raise paid lunch prices. The cost of an elementary and intermediate paid lunch is now \$2.50 and the cost of a middle and high school paid lunch is \$2.85. Student breakfast prices and prices for reduced breakfast and lunch will not change.

Please call the food service office at 744-1647, extension 3715 if you have any questions regarding school meals and free/reduced applications.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Connie Falbe

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Hello Rocket City!

Welcome back to the start of our 2014/15 school year at RPI and Rocket City. We have an amazing year of learning ahead of us filled with wonder and positive learning experiences! In 2014/15, R-PI will be filled with learning energy that revolves around our RPIS support

system. Our students will be participating in learning that is Respectful of individual learning needs, full of Pride, doing the best in all that we do to represent ourselves positively, using Integrity by allowing our own determination and strength to guide choices that improve us and a determination to build on small Successes each day to improve ourselves as learners.

RPI students are going to create learning that is filled with problem solving, collaboration and creativity. Students will be working each day in flexible groups and supporting each other with their learning. Teachers will challenge the students to read like an investigator, debate current events and their impact on our lives, solve math problems in multiple ways with justification, engineer solutions in science and be challenged to take ownership over their learning.

The best day of the year is approaching and RPI is ready to support being "23"!

Sincerely,
Nate Smith

Principal, Reeths-Puffer Intermediate

Beyond the Walls of Rocket City

One year ago who would have guessed the entire Rocket City would be discussing the number 23? Rich, meaningful dialogue developed not just at school but throughout the community. What is the best way to help our Rocket Learners be prepared for life beyond our Rocket walls?



At R-P Intermediate, we approached the challenge with determination.

The 5th graders were offered a day of divergent thinking. This was an entire day of moving through eight centers set up by consultants, engineers and colleges to

challenge and intrigue the learners at RPI! This included a visual designer from Visualhero who walked the learners through a process of creating, engineers with real-world problems, and college reps guiding 5th graders through problem solving and demonstrating how the skills will be useful in their future. Students were challenged to engineer solutions that were challenges in area businesses. The 150 students that participated learned skills and processes that not only made their learning authentic but helped businesses with new innovative thinking!

RPI Rocket Rally (aka The RPI Open House)

Monday, August 25 • 5th grade - 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. • 6th grade - 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.

Goal: An evening of shared information and questions to launch our year of learning at RPI. RPI staff wants to make the start of the school year one that is filled with excitement and preparation for learning. Please make the Rocket Rally at RPI a must for your family.

The following will take place during the evening:

- School picture
- Meet the teacher
- Emergency form enrollment
- Volunteer registration
- 15 minute classroom teacher presentations
- Access to student schedules
- Concussion form confirmation
- Room and locker access
- A learning community gathering to support our Rockets!

LOOK FOR US ON FACEBOOK!



RPI MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS GO VIDEO!

During the 2013-14 school year, the RPI team started having the students lead morning announcements through a private Youtube account. Students participated on news teams, recruited special guests and edited the daily news for publication. Each Monday and Friday, the entire school experienced the Pledge of Allegiance, and heard of current events, and interviews through a private Youtube channel played directly in each classroom. Mrs. Skodack helped students with their scripts, supported the filming and directed the crew to a finished product. Students were encouraged to create their own catch phrases, improve fluency and articulate to the audience. That was only the beginning for RPI and creating a collaborative culture that is guided by student led learning. We may have been watching the next primetime anchor right here at Rocket City!

Positive Behaviors Rewarded



At RPI, rather than focusing on the negative, staff feels supporting and acknowledging positive behavior is a way to encourage students to make appropriate choices. Throughout the school year, students who displayed positive "On Target" behaviors received an On Target slip. On the last day of school, 5th grade student Walter David, had his On Target slip pulled from thousands of

others in the drawing. Walter won a new bike that was donated by Horace Mann.

The staff of RPI would like to thank Walter, and all of the other RPI Learners, for their hard work and On Target behaviors this past school year.

Open House Launch into Learning at R-P Middle School

Dear Parents and Students,

The staff and I are excited to welcome you back into the building for our annual Open House!

The Middle School Open House is scheduled for September 8th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The format this year gives parents the opportunity to walk their student's schedule. I encourage you to bring your student with you to go through their day. Staff looks forward to sharing information about their course, and online supports.

6:30 p.m. – Welcome and Introduction in Cafeteria

6:50 p.m. – Lockers and Q & A in Main Commons

6:56 p.m. – 'Warning bell'

7:00 p.m. – Bell Schedule begins for hours 1-6 for parents to meet their students' teachers

8:00 p.m. – Bell Schedule ends

Come join us to catch a glimpse of your student's day at R-P Middle School!



Simeon Frang
Middle School Principal

The Transition to Middle School

Sometimes, the things we are not familiar with can be scary to us. This past spring, all incoming 7th Grade students had an opportunity to visit the middle school to learn all about passing time, how combination lockers work, and to enjoy lunch in the cafeteria! Middle school registration will be held on August 21 and 22. Parents and students are encouraged to join middle school staff on that day to walk your schedule, open your locker, and get comfortable before the year really begins. For some general advice about middle school years from one middle schooler to yours, scan the link here:



You can also watch a quick video on how to open a combination lock here:

Registration and Schedule Pick Up Information

Green- Clean- Clear. You can join us in helping to reduce our carbon footprint and paper waste by registering your student on-line beginning in August! The Middle School will have workstations available in the LMC for parents to access the on-line registration process. Once complete, you can print your confirmation at school or at home and speed through the schedule pick-up, student ID and school photo process! You can access the online registration site here: www.reeths-puffer.info

On-Line Registration –

Opens for all Middle School Students August 4th

Schedule Pick-up/Registration at Middle School:

August 21st – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

August 22nd – 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Middle School Years – Involvement and Experiences

Did you know our brains develop new neural connections as 11-12 year olds? Would you believe this growth happens in the areas of the brain that controls planning, working memory, organization, and modulating mood? Perhaps even more important for our middle school students, the connections they make and the experiences they have serve to help “hard-wire” thinking for the rest of their lives. Jay Gieed, a researcher at the National Institutes for Health in Bethesda, Maryland, calls this the “use it or lose it” principle.

By providing our students opportunities to experience sports, music, art, foreign language, read, think creatively about problems in mathematics, science and social studies and develop solutions for real world problems, we help “hard wire” them for success in high school and beyond. With the advent of technology and smart phones, we have access to most of human knowledge and it lies, literally, in the palms of our hands. Our focus for students includes this type of problem solving, exploration and creative thinking using technology to develop and support ideas. In terms of middle school learning, “this isn't your grandfather's Oldsmobile.”

Our focus on curriculum and instruction at Reeths-Puffer Middle School includes the experiences and practices that will help our students find success in today's world, as do our extra and co-curricular offerings. If your student doesn't see something below that interests them, please contact the Middle School to ask about starting a club! We look forward to ‘Reaching Higher’ with and for our students during the 2014-2015 school year!

Student Leadership Group

Men of Honor
Ladies of Honor
Airplane Club
Student Council
Art Club
Destination Imagination
Science Olympiad
100 Mile Club
Girls on Track
Endurance Adventure
Winterguard
Ski Club
Polar Plunge
Treble Makers
Calling All Colors

First Priority

Recycling Team
Reading Buddies
Lacrosse
Cross Country
7th Grade Football
8th Grade Football
7th Grade Volleyball
8th Grade volleyball
Track
Softball
Wrestling
7th Grade Boys Basketball
7th Grade Girls Basketball
8th Grade Boys Basketball
8th Grade Girls Basketball

Learning about the Impacts of Dangerous Decisions



Thanks to the efforts of Middle School Counselor Janie Mitchelson and guest, Tom Melin, learners at R-P Middle School had an opportunity to experience the effects of dangerous decisions in a learning activity to remember. Using “drunk goggles” and “drug goggles” students literally “saw” the effects that dangerous decisions can have on their vision. These activities help connect the struggle to make good choices to what happens when we make dangerous decisions. Simple tasks like catching a volley ball, steering a wheelchair, or tossing a tennis ball into a trash can are not so simple.

Talking to students after the challenge, the overwhelming lesson students walked away with was, “Don't drink and don't do drugs, because it just messes you up!” Just another way R-P Middle School is Reaching Higher to keep students healthy.

Rocket City Games 2014

The Second Annual Rocket City Games will take place on Thursday, August 28 for a day of celebration on the Reeths-Puffer High School Campus! Beginning with an Adventure Run at 9:00 a.m., participants of all ages will laugh and sweat their way through a course of mud, drill sergeants, sprinklers, colorful clouds, and a few other surprises.



From 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., the high school cafe will host the Rocket Science and Creative Studies Center. Don't miss this hands-on opportunity to explore exhibits focusing on



MSU's Cyclotron Lab, Mercy Health Partners Ask a Doctor, Speed and Agility by our Athletic Trainer, Wellness Project, R-P Elementary green roof and fresh food options, Pennsylvania Elementary's Farmer's Market, Central Elementary's Largest Chalk Drawing in the World, plus much more. Also in the Cafe from 4:00 to 6:00 will be the Taste of Rocket City. Bring your appetite for local culinary treats.

New this year is the Kid Zone from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. For \$5.00, our younger Rockets will have their own place (enclosed supervised area) to bounce, flop and play with kids their own age.



Great varsity competition from R-P tennis, volleyball, cross country, and football teams will be held. Special family pricing on 2014-2015 Athletic Passes will be available - 45% off family passes during Rocket City Games only!

At the conclusion of the football game, enjoy the fireworks with all the symbolism they bring for an outstanding academic year of learning.

For more information on Rocket City Games 2014, go to www.rocketcitygames-rp.org and "like us" on Facebook.



Madrigals outside of Carnegie Hall

The R-P Madrigals Take Manhattan!

Reeths-Puffer High School's top vocal select choir performed in New York City's world-famous Carnegie Hall on April 21st with the National Festival Chorus and the Kansas State University Chorale. This invitation was extended to Mrs. Regina Schlaff, director of choirs at Reeths-Puffer, by Dr. Craig Arnold, former director at Western Michigan University and currently the director of the Manhattan Chorale, after hearing the Madrigals sing at State Choral Festival.

Students diligently worked to learn seven advanced choral literature pieces performed at Carnegie Hall, with extra rehearsals outside of the school day. The group also worked hard to raise funds since September to make this extraordinary opportunity a reality.

The four-day trip was full of activity from the moment they stepped off the airplane. Students engaged in several rehearsals with Dr. Joshua Oppenheim and Dr. Julie Yu (a husband/wife directing duo at Kansas State University) to prepare for the performance. The Madrigals also visited the Modern Museum of Art, Rockefeller Center, Central Park, Times Square, and viewed a Broadway show. After the concert, they were treated to a post-concert dinner/dance reception in Times Square at Planet Hollywood, where dozens of screens flashed photos of their rehearsals!

The Madrigals were received by their hometown at their Post NYC Concert Celebration, April 25th which featured the songs performed at Carnegie Hall. Songs included: "Flanders Fields" by Paul A. Aitken, "MLK" arranged by Bob Chilcott, "How Can I Keep from Singing?" by Neil Ginsberg, "El Hombre Armado" arranged by Joshua Oppenheim, "Of Crows and Clusters" by Norman Dello Joio, "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord" by Moses Hogan, and "If Music Be the Food of Love" by David Dickau.

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High School Registration Portal opens August 4th!

Welcome back students! Here's the information you will need to register for the 2014-2015 school year. Registration will be online again this year. The student portal is at www.reeths-puffer.info, and the registration window is open beginning August 4th. Your login will be your student number and your 6 digit birthdate. After you have logged in, you need to complete the required forms plus any additional forms that would apply to you, such as athletic participation, medication release, and vehicle registration. New this year is a concussion form for everyone to complete. After you have registered, please print your receipt (emergency card information), and bring that form with you on your registration day.

Registration days are as follows:

August 21 – Seniors, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

August 22 – Juniors, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

August 22 – Sophomores, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

August 25 – Freshmen, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

During registration you will have your ID picture taken and pick up your schedule. Vocabulary books will be available to purchase for \$10 and vision screening will be on site for freshmen on August 25th. You may also pay for your parking permit and take care of any outstanding fines and fees.

Welcome back to another great year!



Stock Market Team Honored in D.C.

Mr. Corbin and a team of students earned a second trip to Washington D.C. to be honored as one of the top ten schools in the annual SIFMA Foundation's stock market competition. Our student team of Jessica Coffell, Alex Wyatt, Olivia Nelson, Garrett Blanshine and Matt Morrison were chaperoned by their personal finance instructor, Mr. Rich Corbin, to receive their recognition on Capitol Hill on June 11. The 14-week competition among teams of high school students is a special version of the Stock Market Game™ where student teams invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in listed stocks, bonds, mutual funds and cash while simultaneously learning the value of saving and investing as they work together to maximize the return of their portfolio. R-P finished with \$139,951.75 earning them a top ten finish and an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C.; the second year in a row for Mr. Corbin's class.



Citizenship The R-P Way Guides Positive Decisions

After two full years of implementation, Citizenship the R-P Way is guiding students to make positive decisions. Each marking period, students earn a Citizenship score that is separate from their academic grade in the area of work ethic and time management, respect, and attendance. The scores are cumulative and are on a four point rubric. The goal is for all students to reach a Citizenship score of 3.5 or higher. At the recent graduation on June 6, 64% of the students earned the honor of wearing a Citizenship metal as they walked across the stage with a cumulative score of 3.5 or above.



As identified by the data collected, our focus for the 2014-15 school year will be to support our students in building skills and life-long habits in the area of work ethic and time management. Thank you to the multitude of businesses that continue to support a partnership in building prepared students through Citizenship the R-P Way.



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REETHS-PUFFER SCHOOLS NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE RENEWAL

On Tuesday, November 4, 2014, Reeths-Puffer voters will be asked to approve a renewal of the 18 mill non-homestead property tax levy. This levy does not apply to primary residences. It is levied on businesses, rental homes, second homes, and commercial properties. Voters have approved the 18 mill non-homestead property tax renewals since passing Proposal A in 1993.

The proposal will ask voters to renew the 18 mill operating levy to fully fund our District, as prescribed by state law. The non-homestead levy raises \$3 million annually and represents 9% of the district's general fund budget. This allows the district to continue to receive the full state funding amount, currently \$7,026 per student. This does not affect the millage rate for primary residences and is essential to State of Michigan school funding.

Questions? Call Jason Helsen, Director of Finance, at (231) 719-3110.

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

Educational Services Building, 991 W. Giles Road, 5:30 p.m.

August 11, 2014	February 23, 2015
September 15, 2014	March 23, 2015
October 20, 2014	April 20, 2015
November 17, 2014	May 18, 2015
December 15, 2014	June 15, 2015
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