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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL 03 - 18 - 2022



Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that two years ago, we had just shut down school for what was to be the remainder of the school year, and COVID-19 was all we were thinking about and talking about. What a journey it has been! We have learned a lot, become more resilient, and have a greater appreciation for the little things we take for granted.

As we have just celebrated St Patrick's Day, the phrase Luck of the Irish is often used and commonly thought to mean "extreme good fortune." The origin of the term is really from the consistent bad luck that the Irish had, but was warped into a more positive term based on outlook and attitude over the years.

Each year, on St. Patrick's Day, I spend time reflecting on my own "luck" and my thoughts always come back to REAMS. Yesterday, I thought a lot about the past two years and how amazing the staff and students have been through it all, the work we do each day, and the struggles we push through...together. You, as parents, have been so supportive and we appreciate all of your collaboration and understanding.

We have come a long way in the last two years. I cannot say enough about the staff, students, and parents that I have the joy of connecting with every day. Yesterday, my shirt said, "One LUCKY Principal!" Yes, I am...YES, I AM!

Warmly,
Brenda Nyhus
Principal

Put it on your calendar

March 22 4th grade Spotlight Concert, 6:30 p.m. High School Auditorium

March 28 - April 1 Spring Break

April 4 District wide 2-hour late start. School starts at 10:05 a.m. at REAMS

April 12 First grade Spotlight Concert, 6:30 p.m. HS auditorium

Peek at the Week

Author comes to REAMS

Sponsored and fully funded by the Great River Regional Libraries, on April 21, 2022, author Mary Casanova is coming to REAMS. With a Powerpoint program including images of Northwoods animals and book covers and illustrations, Mary will recount her journey growing up in a family of ten, struggling with reading, and discovering that books are a window into the world and writing is a way to “have a voice.” Audiences of all ages engage with Mary’s warm presentation style and respond with a greater desire to read--and write stories of their own. Educators appreciate that Mary regularly addresses the writing process: dealing with writer’s block, drawing on personal experience, using the five senses; show, don’t tell, and the use of conflict.



When

Thursday, April 21

We have attached an [order form](#) If you are interested in purchasing one of Mary’s many books. Mary is happy to sign her books students have purchased elsewhere and brought from home on the day of her visit.

RTR students shine bright

The Respect, Trust and Responsibility (RTR) Superstar program promotes a culture of being kind to others, being accountable, honoring uniqueness and always doing the right thing at REAMS. Throughout the week, students who show exemplary acts or behaviors of respect, trust and responsibility are recognized as RTR Superstars and receive a special Star Student token from the school principal.

Kindergarten: Emalynn Nelson, Quinn Hummel, Aven Kaszubowski and Alexa Morrison.

First grade: Emily Hillstrom, Grayson Brown and Jocelyn Ladman.

Second grade: Jacob Figueroa, Callum Cihlar and Amelia Radde.

Third grade: Lilly McGerr, Jacob Studeman and Hudson Bright.

Fourth grade: Finn Raisanen, Sophia Barnes and Sebastian Marquez.

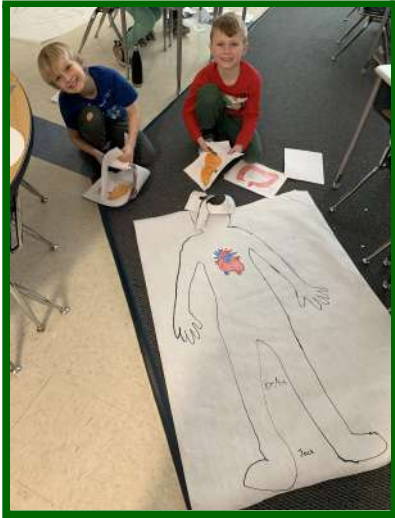


Kindergartners are under the sea

Kinder-kiddos spent the last two weeks learning about the ocean habitat and the animals that live and grow there. Students shared what they knew about various ocean creatures and learned new facts from non-fiction stories. Writing skills were practiced by recalling interesting facts learned about each animal and writing them down. They also took time to create crafts for some of the animals. It’s hard to say which ocean animal is the favorite, they are all pretty cool. Ask your kinder to share some ocean animal facts with you!

First graders and the human body

The 1st-graders in science/ health have been learning all about the Human Body. Throughout this unit, students are taught how each body system works and the parts that help our body move, grow and learn each day. The students learned all about the brain, heart, lungs, stomach, small intestines, large intestines, and kidneys. To help learn the location of these systems Miss Gotz's students partnered up to create paper models of where these body parts are located on a life-size 1st grader. The students also learned how we can help our bodies by making healthy choices and exercising each day.



Second graders wait for the first drip

Second grade students in Ms. Hedeem's classroom had the unique opportunity to tap Maple Trees in the school forest this week. Students learned about the process prior to the experience, and had a great time seeing it "first hand". They even got a little taste!



Fourth grade and figurative language

Fourth graders in Mrs. Snyder's Creative Writing Class culminated their figurative language unit with a "Figurative Language Tasting!" Classroom 800 was transformed into a fine dining establishment for the day while students were given samples of seven different foods. As students snacked on their treats, they wrote a different type of figurative language about each food that described its texture, smell, or taste. The Poprocks and marshmallows were fan favorites. It was an engaging way for students to demonstrate their knowledge at the end of the unit!



Other Opportunities

RAAA youth fastpitch softball

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Registration for the 2022 summer RAAA youth fastpitch softball season is now open at

<https://www.raaasports.com/summer-registration>

Registration Deadlines

- 6U and 8U House registration closes on March 31
- All late registrations will incur a late fee added to their registration.

2022 RAAA Baseball Registration starts soon

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8-14 YEAR-OLDS = REGISTRATION IS JAN 31 - MARCH 1
5-7 YEAR-OLDS = REGISTRATION IS FEB 28 - APRIL 4

REGISTER NOW:
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