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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL 01-21-2022



Dear Parents,

If you Google supportive person, this is what you will find: A supportive person is kind and helpful to someone at a difficult or unhappy time in their life. They are always supportive of others. Synonyms: helpful, caring, encouraging, understanding.

We are in a time of really needing to be supportive of each other. COVID is on the rise and we have asked students to be in masks for at least the next two weeks. THANK YOU for being so supportive and collaborative as we work to keep everyone safe! The weather has been bitterly cold this week, parent pick up has been a little slower so we can keep kids inside and students have not been able to go outside for recess. THANK YOU for being patient and for your help in dressing your kids super warm each day.

Absences in students and staff have risen and everyone has jumped in to help keep the day as normal as possible for your kids when we are short staffed. THANK YOU to the staff who step up every single day to assist their colleagues, and to the students, who take it all in stride.

I am a firm believer that we are a big family here at REAMS and I am so very proud of the many, many ways that staff, students, and parents are working to support each other during these difficult times. I hear three words a lot this year and they always make me smile...WE'VE GOT THIS!!

Warmly,
Brenda Nyhus
Principal

News

Use the drive thru lane for drop off and pick up

Parents, please use the drive thru lane in the morning and in the afternoon to drop off and pick up your child. We are still seeing many parents who are parking in the parking lot and walking their child to the median or waiting at the median for their child to cross the line of cars to get to the median. Using the median as a drop off and pick up platform creates an extremely unsafe environment for your kids, for our staff who are outside helping kids stay safe and for parents who are using the drive through lane. We recently had a child almost get hit by a car as the child ran across the parking lot to get to their parents at the median. Your child's safety is our priority and you can help us keep everyone safe. In the morning, parents are in the drive through lane for approximately one minute and in the afternoon all of the cars are through the lane by 3:10 p.m. (dismissal is 3 p.m.).

LATE START - MONDAY, JAN. 24.

As a reminder, Monday, Jan 24 is a district-wide late start day. School at REAMS will begin at 10 a.m.

Peek at the Week

Find your gear at the Lost and Found tables

It happens every year around this same time of year. Elementary students go to school with boots, hats, mittens, and lunch boxes and at the end of the day, they go home without them. And like the past years, the Lost and Found tables are overflowing with outdoor and indoor gear that are looking for an owner. If you know your child went to school with outdoor gear and they return home without it at the end of the day, please have them check the lost and found.



RTR Superstars 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.

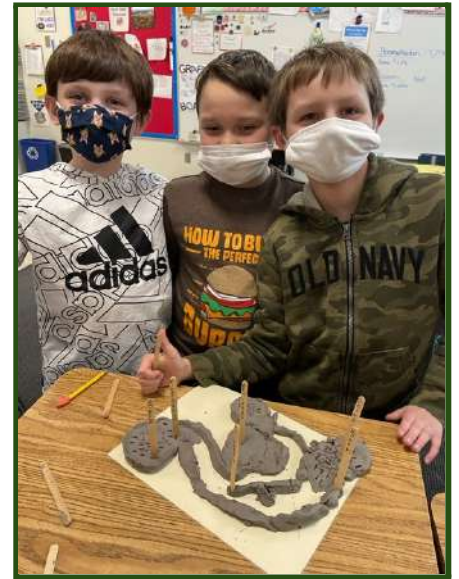
Kindergarten	Coden Chanhchanh and Josie Braaten
First grade	Ava Arvold and Darwin Henriquez-Millan
Second grade	Krystal Vazquez, Timothy McGrath and Lacy Haase
Third grade	Samuel Oluwafemi and Ethan Hillstrom
Fourth grade	Kaleb Bury and Suzanna Davis



A river runs through fourth grade

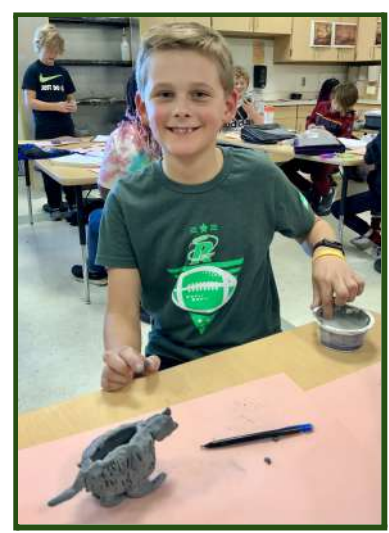
Students in Social Studies have been learning about the geography of the United States, and recently focussed on river systems. Students learned some river terms, read about rivers, watched videos about rivers, and were able to match vocabulary to a picture. As a review, students worked in small groups to create a clay river systems model. Members of the group had to decide on a source for their river (the beginning) create it, then continue the model, showing all of the following terms: river basin, tributary, mouth, delta and wetlands.

Most students enjoyed the creativity and the practice before they have to take a test on rivers next week.



“Who am I?” Illustrations and Identity Containers

Fourth grade Visual Arts students incorporate identity and culture into illustrations about themselves. This work is then translated into a clay piece along with an artist statement and presentation shared with their class.



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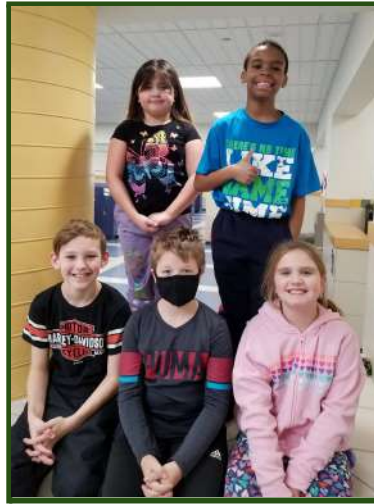
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Congratulations to the top “Final Four” third grade readers

Top readers from each 3rd grade class.

Back row: K S Reyes, K Edwards

Front Row: E Vergin, B White, A Stendahl



School store - open for business

The school store is open and full of all your Rocket Gear. Stop by the next time you're at the High School.

[Jan and Feb School store hours.](#)

Kids Heart Challenge is On the Move!

Our students are halfway through our Kids Heart Challenge Road Trip, and if you haven't already, the time is now to JUMP ON BOARD! <http://www2.heart.org/goto/rockfordhasheart>



Captain KHC and the KHC Explorers are taking OUR students to landmarks all around the United States to learn the importance of heart and brain health along with the rewards of helping others and making an impact in the mission of the Am Heart Assoc. All who raise \$150 or more will earn the “Limited Edition Captain KHC!”



Take a Detour to Complete Finn's Mission – just register online and complete the challenges. Your whole family can learn Hands-Only CPR and the Signs of Stroke. ALL students who complete Finn's Mission will earn Finn's Lifesaver Backpack Clip! To date, we have 13 students who have completed Finn's Mission! Great job! Who will be next. Click here to learn more about Finn's Mission



Registering is easy as 1, 2, 3... Just click our school link!

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Don't forget we have **BONUS incentives for classrooms & students this year:**

- Every \$50 Raised: Receive a Mystery Gift
- Classroom Challenge Incentive:
 - When 75% of a classroom registers - the classroom teacher will earn a \$25 Amazon Gift Card.

- When 3 or more students in a classroom complete Finn's mission – the classroom teacher will earn another \$25 Amazon Gift Card.
- All classes with 50%-74% registered will be entered into an inter school drawing for a \$25 Amazon Gift Card. (# of winners TBD)
- We are well on our way to beating our goals of 28+ completing Finn's Mission & 175 Registering to choose a heart healthy challenge to be kind or move more! Way to go!

Put it on your calendar

Jan. 24	District wide two-hour late start day. Day at REAMS begins, 10 a.m.
Jan. 27	3rd Grade Spotlight Concert, 6:30 p.m. High School Auditorium.
Jan. 28	Grades online.