

A Message from Mr. Ross...

We look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back to school on April 8th. The final two months of the school year will afford students the opportunity to learn new things and refine skills in preparation for their next grade-level. A positive attitude about learning and “best” effort will help students find success during our final grading quarter.

I have discovered over the course of my career in education that in many cases “good” teaching practices are often interrelated to “good” parenting practices. Over the past several years our staff has engaged in professional learning centered on Reinforcing Effort and Providing Recognition to our students. Promoting effort and providing recognition to children is also a fundamental parenting technique that will lead to the development of stronger, more resilient young men and women.

Getting our students to buy in to and believe that “effort” is critical in the learning process can be challenging with the 11-15 year olds that we serve. Middle school students often develop a fixed mindset about their own skills and abilities as a learner. “I’m not a good math student” or “I’m not very artistic” are common statements made by our students. Both parents and educators can help students overcome a fixed mindset by getting them to believe in the power of effort. Educational researchers Marzano, Pickering, and Pollock bring to light “If you believe that effort is the most important factor in achievement, you have a motivational tool that can apply to any situation.”

Ultimately, parents and educators should be working together to establish a culture of effort by encouraging every child to achieve their personal best. In some cases, a student’s personal best may be earning a “C” in every class or just passing every class. For other students, a personal best may include making the honor roll by earning all “A’s” and “B’s” or achieving Blue Renaissance status for improving their grade point average by a 1/2 point. For the achievement of any personal best, let’s be sure as educators and parents to provide authentic praise and recognition for the EFFORT put forth by our students.

Riley Street Reminder

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM RILEY STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL

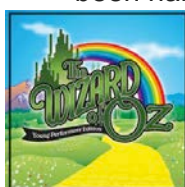
Riley Street Middle School
2745 Riley Street, Hudsonville, MI 49426
Phone: 616-896-1920



HUDSONVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOLS PRESENT...

Wizard of Oz Youth Edition

The musical is coming together with both cast and crew!! They have been hard at work finishing sets and memorizing lines!



Showtimes are:

April 19th at 7 PM
April 20th at 2 PM



Ticket Details will be Communicated soon!

If you have any questions please contact Jessica Jenema
at jjenema@hpseagles.net

Science Olympiad ~ Congratulations to our Science Olympiad team who placed 6th overall at the regional science olympiad tournament last weekend at GVSU. The Science olympiad team is going to “state” for the 8th consecutive year. Congratulations Science Olympiad!

7th Grade Field Trip ~ The **7th grade class** will be going to the 3-mile project on **Tuesday, May 7** for their end of the year celebration field trip.

The cost will be \$3 per student and there will be options to purchase pizza, bring a lunch from home or order a school lunch.

Permission slips with all the details went home last week with students. Permission slips, money and lunch choice is due on April 19th.

HOMEWORK HELP

Homework Help will be offered to **6th grade** students on **Monday-Friday mornings from 7:20AM-7:45AM in Room 203.**

Homework Help will be offered for **7th & 8th grade** students **Tuesday-Friday from 7:20AM-7:45AM in Room 319.**

These are **quiet** environments where students will receive academic support, if needed, from instructional para professionals, study quietly on their own, read, etc.

Additionally, **Lunch and Learn** is offered **Monday-Thursday in Room 319.** Students may get their lunch, sign in, and complete homework, study, or take (or retake) tests or quizzes (with teacher permission). This quiet environment allows students to receive academic support or complete missing work from absences. This room is staffed by one RMS staff member as well as volunteer parents.



Hudsonville Public Schools Art Show 2024

The Annual Hudsonville Public Schools Art Show will feature over 800 selected works from students in Pre-K through 12th grade. The show will be open for public viewing at the Hudsonville City Hall April 15-24, 2024 from 8am-5pm daily. There will also be special "Artist Reception" nights for each school. The reception night for Riley will be **Monday, April 22, from 5pm-7pm**. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the amazing pieces created by our Riley Street Middle School artists! Hope to see you there!

The following students have artwork in the 2024 Art Show:

6th Grade

Bailey Ahrendt
Ashlynn Avink
Hadley Avison
Hadley Baer
Reese Balkema
Saveah Boucher
Aubrey Bourdon
Nolan DeBlaay
Maple Dieleman
Taylor Gunnell
Yeonseo Kim
Bryna Lundvick
Anna Oosting
Zander Pohler
Abigail Tanis
Landon Verburg

7th Grade

Addisyn Apol
Charlotte Bailey
Karissa Benjamin
Alec Bolles
Bethany Broersma
Addison Brott
Payton Bruinsslot
Zoey Cajina
June Disher
Sidney Eaton
Adryanna Fedewa
Samantha Garzelloni
Ella Harmer
Faith Hartman
Chloe Huffman
Livia Kalabus

7th Grade Cont.

Karly Katsma
Cameron Kurth
Ethan Marcano
Mia McClure
Alexander McCoy
Lucas Meerman
Judah Molchan
Michaela Pries
Alaina Reed
Molly Sadler
Pella Schoen
Grace Snyder
Lexie Snyder
Bradley Souser
Lillie Tuttle

8th Grade

Sophie Barricklow
Fiona Bielecki
Sparrow Canale
Eden Davidson
Kyla DeKock
Jael Gamboa-Zavala
Jack Laning
Makenzie Ryan
Kameryn Tromp
Jocelyn VanAntwerpen
Brycen West

East Coast Trip Parents ~ Mark your calendar for the Mandatory Meeting with Countryside Tour Company on Tuesday, April 30 at 7:30 pm in the Riley Street cafeteria. You and your child are required to attend to finalize documents for the trip and hear essential information - including a conversation with your child's chaperone. Contact Mrs. Atkins with any questions or concerns.



Chromebooks ~ The Media Center has a limited number of loaner devices available for students who forget their Chromebooks or need a loaner while their unit is being repaired. Often times, we don't have enough loaners to go around. Encouraging your child to bring their Chromebooks to school every day would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Parents of 6th Grade Students:

Immunizations ~ Most 6th grade students need a couple of new immunizations (Meningitis and T-dap) after turning 11 and before entering 7th grade. Students are assessed as they enter 7th grade and must be up-to-date before they can start school for their 7th grade year. As your 6th grader has their well-child check-ups and receives the updated immunizations, please obtain a copy of their updated official immunization record and give a copy to the RMS office anytime this year. (We are required to have a copy of this official document in their file.)



Immunization Waivers ~ If you are a parent who chooses to waive immunizations for your child, please know that if you haven't gotten a new waiver since your child turned 11, you will most likely need to get a new waiver which states Riley Street Middle School as the current school and also includes the new immunizations that were not previously required. Getting a new waiver requires making an appointment at the Ottawa County Department of Public Health 616.396.5266. Only waivers that are obtained this way are accepted as valid. If you have any questions or would like us to check on the current waiver, please contact Anne Erickson at 616.896.1920 or at aerickso@hpseagles.net.

M-STEP/PSAT TESTING DATES - PLEASE READ

Please keep in mind when you are making Orthodontist, Dentist or Doctor appointments for your child that our PSAT/M-Step Testing dates are coming up. **Please avoid making appointments on your student's testing dates.** It is important that students are in school during their M-Step Testing window.

Listed below are specific testing dates for 6th, 7th and 8th Grade:

Tuesday, April 16, 2024				Tuesday, April 23, 2024			
Testing Schedule A	MSTEP ELA	MSTEP ELA	PSAT8	Testing Schedule B	Makeup	Makeup	MSTEP SS
	6th	7th	8th		6th	7th	8th
7:50 - 10:55 (185)	Testing	Testing	Testing	7:50 - 9:10 (80)	Testing	Testing	Testing
11:00 - 11:30 (30)	1st hour	Lunch	1st hour	9:15 - 10:00 (45)	1st hour	1st hour	1st hour
11:35 - 12:05 (30)	2nd hour	1st hour	Lunch	10:05 - 10:50 (45)	2nd hour	2nd hour	2nd hour
12:10 - 12:40 (30)	Lunch	2nd hour	2nd hour	3rd+4th (45) 10:55 - 1:05 (130) Lunch (30)	10:55-11:40	10:55-11:25	10:55-11:40
12:45 - 1:10 (25)	3rd hour	3rd hour	3rd hour		11:45-12:30	11:30-12:15	11:45-12:15
1:15 - 1:40 (25)	4th hour	4th hour	4th hour		12:35-1:05	12:20-1:05	12:20-1:05
1:45 - 2:10 (25)	5th hour	5th hour	5th hour	1:10 - 1:55 (45)	5th hour	5th hour	5th hour
2:15 - 2:45 (30)	6th hour	6th hour	6th hour	2:00 - 2:45 (45)	6th hour	6th hour	6th hour



Tuesday, April 30, 2024			
Testing Schedule A	MSTEP Math	MSTEP Math	MSTEP Sci
	6th	7th	8th
7:50 - 10:55 (185)	Testing	Testing	Testing
11:00 - 11:30 (30)	1st hour	Lunch	1st hour
11:35 - 12:05 (30)	2nd hour	1st hour	Lunch
12:10 - 12:40 (30)	Lunch	2nd hour	2nd hour
12:45 - 1:10 (25)	3rd hour	3rd hour	3rd hour
1:15 - 1:40 (25)	4th hour	4th hour	4th hour
1:45 - 2:10 (25)	5th hour	5th hour	5th hour
2:15 - 2:45 (30)	6th hour	6th hour	6th hour





SPRING SPORTS

Spring Sports start the week of April 8th. For the most up to date schedules please visit hudsonvilleathletics.com.

Soccer

4/9 - 7th grade soccer at Grandville
4/9 - 8th grade Holland Christian soccer at Riley
4/11 - WO soccer at Riley

Week of 4/8 - no track events

Tennis

4/10 - Riley at Jenison
4/11 - Jenison at Riley

For questions, please contact:
Josh Magley (jmagley@hpseagles.net) or
Karen Hill (Khill@hpseagles.net)



UPCOMING DATES

Mar. 27	End of Quarter 3
Mar. 28	Spring Break Begins
April 8	Classes Resume
April 19 & 20	MS Musical
May 3	Early Release (Classes dismiss at 11:15)
May 24	*No School (unless snow day make-up is needed)
May 27	Memorial Day Break
June 4	8th grade Recognition at 7:00 PM
June 5	Last Day-Early Release (dismiss at 11:15)



Important Links

Food Service Menu	https://jenhudfood.nutrislice.com/menu/hudsonville-public-schools/riley-street-middle
Hudsonville Athletics	https://hudsonvilleathletics.com/
Community Ed Information	http://www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org/communityed/
Community Bulletin Board	http://www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org/rileystreet/community-bulletin-board

GOLD LEVEL MEMBERS-MARCH

Our March Business of the month is Arrows Restaurant of Hudsonville. They are offering a free burger, wrap or sandwich with the purchase of a drink. Thanks to Arrows Restaurant of Hudsonville for being a proud supporter of the program. We appreciate their efforts in honoring our Renaissance Gold kids. It's businesses like this that make our community great!



RILEY RENAISSANCE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Riley Street Middle School prides itself in having students that do what is right, do their best and treat others as they want to be treated. Earlier this month, the staff had the opportunity to nominate four students from each grade to showcase as our Riley Renaissance Students of the Month. The criteria is broad and we left it very open ended to our teachers. After considering a number of nominations, we are pleased and honored to announce the following students as March Students of the Month.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH-MARCH

6th Grade

Eli Keil & Brooklyn Malloch

7th Grade

Aubrey Gatza & Lucas Elderkin

8th Grade

Drey Krikke & Lilian Siler

MONTHLY FUN

**-WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ALL YEAR
TOWARDS A GRADE LEVEL COMPETITION
LINKED TO OUR SPIRIT DAYS! THIS WEEK
ENDS OUR COMPETITION!**

**-THIS WEDNESDAY WE HAVE OUR STAFF
VS. STUDENT BASKETBALL GAME. ASK
YOUR CHILD WHO WON THE GAME.**

**CHECK OUT OUR EAGLE
RENAISSANCE WEBSITE
FOR MORE INFORMATION!**



WHAT IS EAGLE RENAISSANCE

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EAGLE RENAISSANCE IS A PROGRAM BUILT TO ENCOURAGE:

- ★ **ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE**
- ★ **IMPROVEMENT**
- ★ **INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**
- ★ **INCREASED ATTENDANCE**
- ★ **POSITIVE BEHAVIOR**

.... THROUGH CREATIVE RECOGNITION AND REWARDS.



THERE ARE TWO LEVELS OF INCENTIVE FOR STUDENTS: BLUE LEVEL AND GOLD LEVEL.

BLUE LEVEL IS BASED ON THE PREVIOUS QUARTER'S ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1. 3.5 G.P.A., NO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES, NO TARDY DETENTIONS, NO SUSPENSIONS, NO IN-HOUSE SUSPENSIONS, AND LIFE SKILLS PROFICIENT OR BETTER**
- OR**
- 2. .5 G.P.A. INCREASE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, NO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES, NO TARDY DETENTIONS, NO SUSPENSIONS, NO IN-HOUSE SUSPENSIONS, AND LIFE SKILLS PROFICIENT OR BETTER**
- OR**
- 3. PERFECT ATTENDANCE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, NO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES, NO TARDY DETENTIONS, NO SUSPENSIONS, NO IN-HOUSE SUSPENSIONS, AND LIFE SKILLS PROFICIENT OR BETTER**

GOLD LEVEL IS BASED ON CUMULATIVE ACHIEVEMENT ON THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR

- 1. CUMULATIVE G.P.A. OF 3.75 OR ABOVE, NO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES, NO TARDY DETENTIONS, NO SUSPENSIONS, NO IN-HOUSE SUSPENSIONS, AND LIFE SKILLS PROFICIENT OR BETTER**

EAGLE RENAISSANCE/STUDENT COUNCIL CREW IS FOR ANY STUDENT INTERESTED IN IMPROVING SCHOOL CLIMATE. WE SPONSOR SPIRIT DAYS, STUDENTS OF THE MONTH, LOCKER SIGNS, TEACHER APPRECIATION, AS WELL AS CELEBRATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS IN AREAS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM. MEETINGS TAKE PLACE IN ROOM 217 AFTER SCHOOL OR DURING WIN! PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT TO GET INVOLVED IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL CREW!