

K-8 NEWS AND REVIEWS

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STEPPING INTO SPRING!

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEAM TAKES TOP HONORS

On April 9, 2011 our RSD Middle School Mathletes traveled to NTID for the National Math Competition for Deaf Students. See the results and highlights of the weekend!

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K-8 STUDENTS SHOW THEIR STORYTELLING TALENTS

The Patrick A. Graybill Storytelling Festival was a successful event for our students. Author and illustrator Suzanne Bloom joined us on April 14 to share some of her favorite books!

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FUN WITH FITNESS

Our middle school girls' volleyball team enjoyed a terrific spring season, while our families came out for Zumba and exercise at our Family Fun Night sponsored by PSA.

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RSD Families ZUMBA at Family Fitness Night at RSD.



RSD Math Team team captain, Brianna DiGiovanni with mascot Fred, prepare for the competition!

Middle School Winners: Brianna DiGiovanni and Luisa Chastel



Harrison Oliver, 1st Grade with Patrick Graybill



Elementary Winners: Tre Vaughn, Emma Doughty, and Elizabeth Mayes

Sharing Our Love of Literature

Our annual Patrick A. Graybill Storytelling Festival on March 30 was a tremendous success. Students in grades K-8 participated in a day-long event that was filled with engaging tales both new and old. Top rated storytellers from this year's festival will go on to compete on April 14 at the Rochester City School District Storytelling Festival. These student entertainers are:

- Third Grade: Emma Doughty
- Fourth Grade: Elizabeth Mayes
- Fifth Grade: Tre Vaughn
- Middle School: Brianna DiGiovanni
- Middle School: Luisa Chastel

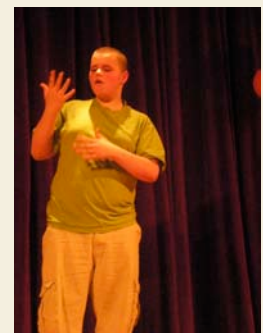
Congratulations to all of our students who participated this year, and to Margaret Jennings for another successful event! On Thursday, April 14, author and illustrator Suzanne Bloom came to RSD to spend the day sharing her

love of literature with our K-8 students. To prepare for her visit students read books by Suzanne Bloom and enjoyed getting to know her work. Some of our favorites include The Bus for Us and A Splendid Friend Indeed. Mrs. Ouzer-Mauro's class has brought her work to life in their own class version of their favorite book, Piggy Monday.

Welcome Suzanne Bloom!



Mrs. Ouzer-Mauro's class as characters from Piggy Monday



Hunter Luther, 6th Grade



Amaya Clark, 5th Grade



Clarence Market, 5th Grade

MATH ADDS UP! AND RSD STUDENTS SHOW JUST HOW MUCH

☐ The RSD Middle School Math Team was coached by Heather Mooney, RSD Middle School Math teacher. Under her expert guidance, the team met twice a week (and sometimes with homework in between!) in preparation for this year's Math Competition for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students, hosted by RIT/NTID.

The team was made up of Brianna DiGiovanni (captain), David Mayes, Madi Smith, Gabby Simons, and Felicia McGinnis. Watching them in action this weekend, one could easily see that they were truly a team that worked hard together and also played well together.

Saturday morning began with individual math activities in a large room closed off to the public. It concluded with a team competition, also unavailable to be seen except on closed-circuit television that was made available to the coaches anxiously awaiting the completion of the match.

After lunch, the teams gathered in Panera Theater for the results. RSD's team made it to the final round, scoring as one of the top six teams at the event. They

competed against teams from the Indiana School for the Deaf (ISD), and Haggerton School in Texas, finally winning the championship match against ISD to take the title!

Following the team competition, the top ten individual scorers from the morning were announced. David Mayes represented RSD as our lone competitor in this portion of the competition. He played a particularly challenging round against a young man from Barker Road Middle School in Pittsford, and prevailed in the end to take the title of CHAMPION! In recognition of David's accomplishments, he received a check in the amount of \$100 in addition to his medal.

Since RSD had to share some of the glory, we were not selected as the top winner of school spirit. We did, however, have a team decked out in beautiful shirts, designed by Madi Smith for the event! Many positive comments were made not only about the team's appearance, but on the way they conducted themselves the entire weekend. Way to go



State Testing 3-8

*ELA May 4th-8th
ELA makeup dates
through May 11th*

*Math May 12-May
18th*

*Science May 31 -
June 6*

Summer School Dates

July 11 - August 19

MS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TAKES TO THE COURT

The middle school girls' volleyball season kicked off this quarter with some dedicated female players. Coach Kim Kotel and assistant coach Eileen Todesco were fortunate to have eight, hard working young ladies eager to learn skills and develop their abilities. Die hard fans came out to watch many of the home games that were played against area schools. We are proud of our young players!

Team members include:

Amaya Clark, Brianna DiGiovanni, Allison Higgins, Marlena Rauber, Bryanna Swift, Luisa Chastel, Gabby Simons, and Felicia McGinnis (not pictured).



Sports Recognition Night
Thursday, June 2

RSD River Ramble
Saturday, June 4

RSD FAMILIES SHOW OFF THEIR MOVES AT FITNESS NIGHT

Special thank yous go out to the Parent Staff Association, the Physical Education Staff, and to Melissa Petz for their support of our Family Fitness Night on April 7. Families had an opportunity to try out the exercise room equipment that was purchased through the support of the Carol M White Physical Education Program (PEP) grant two years ago. Melissa Petz, mother of high school student Alexis Petz, got the crowd going with a rousing class of Zumba, and parents were thankful to be able to bring home tired children who were ready for a good night's sleep!



Teacher
Appreciation
Week
May 2-6



Elementary Awards
and Moving Up
Monday, June 20

Middle School
Awards
Thursday, June 23rd