

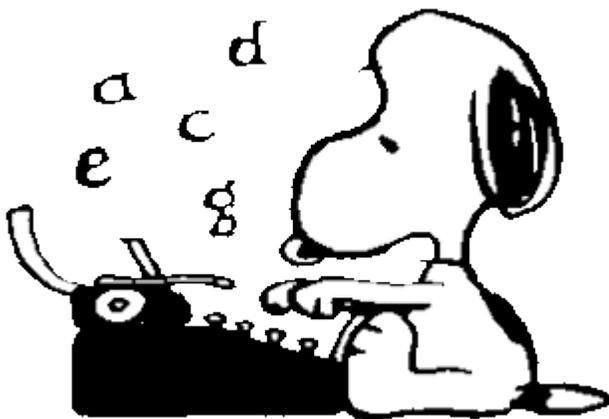
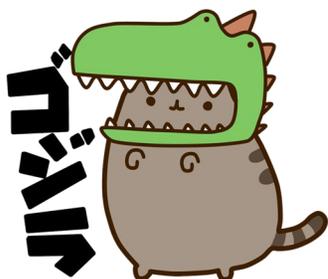


Reagan Middle School



REAGAN MIDDLE SCHOOL ROYAL REVIEW SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2016

Welcome fellow people of the community! This is the official newspaper of Reagan Middle School by Middle Schoolers! On here you will find articles about school activities like band, choir, sports, assemblies, plays, and polls explaining how we feel about certain topics. We talk politics, Student Council, Builder's Club, and Early Act. We also have fun little articles like recipes, jokes, quotes, and interviews. We post every few months on the official RMS website and we hope you enjoy this one, and future articles to come!



Stand For The Silent

By Grace Gates

On October 11, 2016 our school and the Lee County Health Department sponsored an assembly on bullying. One by one, RMS students read the bios of students who tragically escaped their individual battle with bullying. These stories were hard to listen to because they were so sad. Many people, students and teachers, were crying and some even had to leave the gym because it was so hard to think of kids treating other kids in such a horrible way that they would actually feel their only way out of the pain and fear was to end their lives.

The assembly was put on by the group Stand for the Silent. This group was started in 2010 by a student at Oklahoma State University that heard the story of suicide by Ty Smalley who was 11 years old. The organization travels around the world giving similar presentations to students just like those here at RMS. Stand for the Silent is supported solely by donations. Over the past 4 years, SFTS has spoken to more than 1,000,000 students at 1,000 schools. Ty's father, Mr. Kirk Smalley was our presenter.

Mr. Smalley led the discussion and went more in-

depth in to each child's story and how they ended their lives because of bullying. Mr. Smalley, whose own son took his own life because of being bullied, explained that his son was suspended from school after he retaliated against the student who was bullying him.

According to the Stand for the Silent web site (www.standforthesilent.org), more than 55,000 children have taken their lives in the last 7 years due to being bullied. That's 8,000 per year, or 22 per day. Their website reports one person per hour for the past 7 years has been bullied.

They also have a Facebook page that you can follow. Their site has lots of resources for children and adults.

Blue bracelets with the saying STFS - Stand for the Silent - and a heart were distributed to many RMS students. They also gave out pledge cards that said:

"From this day forward, I promise to respect those around me, as well as respect myself. I am somebody and I can make a difference. I can make others feel loved. I can be the helping hand

that leads another back to the path of hope and appreciation. I will not stand silent as others try to spread hatred through my community. Instead, I pledge to lift up those victims and show them their lives matters. I will be the change because I am somebody."

As I sat listening to Mr. Smalley, I thought of those times when a classmate said something cruel or mean to another student just to "fit-in" or to avoid being picked on themselves. I knew that bullying was going on in our schools, but I didn't know until this assembly that it was this bad.

I hope that all the students listening that day had the same thoughts I did....that we should not be cruel or judgmental of others because of their differences or disability, that we should stick up for kids that are not feeling strong enough to stand up for themselves, and that we should report bullying when we see it. No one should ever have to feel worthless, hopeless, left-out, or unheard.

I hope all the students at RMS take the challenge Mr. Smalley gave us that day and sign their pledge statements

Beauty and the Beast

We have a play coming!!!! Any 4th - 8th graders will be able to participate in the Beauty and the Beast play, but only the first 60 people who enroll will be able to participate in the play so don't wait to sign up!!! No matter what grade you are in you have the chance to be cast as any part. If you participate in the play some important information you should know is that even though that most rehearsals will be at Madison school but some will be at Dixon High School and the actual play will be held at Dixon High School. The cost to participate in the play is \$100 if you have any questions about enrollment, costs, or if you just want to sign up for the play call Woodlawn Arts Academy at 815-626-4278. Rehearsals will start on November 1st, 2016 and you must be enrolled by then. Good luck to all the participants in the play have a good time and do your best job!!!

- Emiah Diaz



Quote of the Week

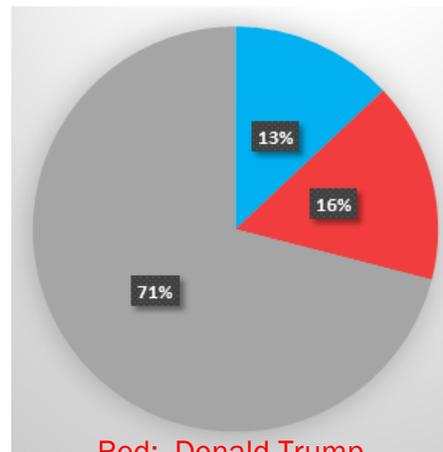
By Kaylen Blumhoff

“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is to not stop questioning.” – Albert Einstein

Congratulations to our Reagan middle school student council officers; Elsie Gordon-President, Mariam Sohail-Vice President, and Marlee Oros-Secretary. Student council serves a primary purpose of being a voice for the students in our school, and I am excited to be a part of it. Meetings are every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. If you have any ideas or concerns for the improvement of our school, please see one of our officers.

We have also discussed the possibility of having a school dance at the end of every quarter. You will have to meet certain criteria in order to be able to participate. You will need to have no detentions, no office referrals, and be passing all of your classes. The date of our first dance will be October 28th. RMS student council meetings are every other Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to join!

-Marlee Oros



Red: Donald Trump

Blue: Hillary Clinton

Grey: Other/ Neither

(Info founded by Elsie Gordon)

Builder's Club Update

By Elsie Gordon

This school year has kicked off and that means it is time for school clubs. Builder's club has elected its officials and is ready to help the community.

This year's officials are:

- President- Elsie Gordon(8th grade)
- Vice President- Cade Schier(8th grade)
- Secretary- Ellenor Zimmerman(7th grade)

During previous meetings, assembly of ghost pops was ensuing. These ghost pops will be for sale during October for Halloween. Builder's club has also recently agreed to take part in activities alongside the Kiwanis Club. On October 29th, member's of the club will be volunteering at the Monster Pancake Breakfast. A costume contest will be held and volunteers are permitted to come in costume. In December there is the possibility of the members working at Culver's to raise money for the club itself. The members of Royal Review wish the best of luck to Builder's club this year and its officers.

Joke of the Week

By Kaylen Blumhoff

A teacher asked her students to use the word "beans" in a sentence. "My father grows beans," said one girl. "My mother cooks beans," said a boy. A third student spoke up, "We are all human beans."



Pumpkin Spice Latte

It's that time of year again Halloween, Candy, and Homework how all of these people get all of this energy I have no idea, but I have an easy recipe for a delicious drink. The prep time is five minutes and the cook time is five minutes.

The ingredients are simple 1 cup of milk, 2 tablespoons of pure pumpkin puree, 1 tablespoon of sugar, ¼ teaspoon of pumpkin pie spice, plus more for sprinkling, ¼ teaspoon of pure vanilla extract, ¼ cup of hot espresso or your favorite strong brewed coffee, and whipped cream, for serving.

What you want to do first is combine the milk, pumpkin puree, sugar, pumpkin pie spice, and vanilla in a medium microwave safe bowl, cover the bowl with plastic wrap and vent with a small hole. Microwave until the milk is hot, 1 to 2 minutes. Stir vigorously until the milk mixture is foamy, about 30 second.

Pour the espresso or coffee into a large mug and add the foamed milk. Top with whipped cream and a sprinkle of pumpkin pie spice.

Student Council has planned our 2016 Halloween Dance on October 28th from 6-8! Come to the gym with two dollars or two canned foods. We will have concessions, a costume contest, bags, a cookie walk, and a Wii. The top two winners of the costume contest will receive candy and a gift card. Come join us for a night of frights, with tricks and treats galore!

-Marlee Oros

This is one of my favorite fall recipes and it's super easy! 3 ingredients and POOF! Instant pumpkin spice chocolate chip cookies!

Mix one box of spice cake mix with 1 15oz can of pumpkin purée and add as many chocolate chips as you desire. Stir until fully combined and scoop by the spoonful onto a cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Apply flour to your face and clothes to make your family believe you have been slaving all day long to provide these delicious fall treats...and enjoy!

-Marlee Oros

6th Grade Volleyball

This volley ball season we have had two games so far the first game Coach Gates team took the victory the 2nd game Coach Janssen's team took the victory we have yet to see who wins the last game. Each team has very good players and even though we only have one game left in the season I think that honestly its anyone's game! All the teams have been working but these two teams have really been working very hard and that's why have decided to put them in the article for this issuing of the newspaper. They have worked very hard in practices and in games. These two teams are very productive and very good at the sport they play.

-Emiah Diaz

Pokémon

By: William Miller

Pokémon is a media franchise managed by The Pokémon Company, a Japanese consortium between Nintendo, Game Freak, and Creatures. Originally called Pocket Monsters this game has brought smiles to lucky kids all around the world. From the first game named Pocket Monsters Red and Green. To the most recent and what some people would say the most popular, Pokémon GO.

When I interviewed Isaiah I asked him some basic questions about Pokémon. I asked Isaiah when he started playing. Here are a few words. "I started playing the game when my cousin gave me one of his old Pokémon Gameboy games. I got Pokémon black and white. And ever since then I've gotten into other versions of Pokémon. When I asked him what made Pokémon fun for him he had a smile on his face. "Probably trying to catch 'em all. And being able to battle or trade with friends.

Then I decided to ask some of my classmates what they their thoughts about Pokémon go is. I asked Max because he seemed privy to Pokémon go so I decided to interview him. Max had a few words for me when I asked him about when he played Pokémon GO. "I get to go out in the real world and catch things and I can do it while on the bus," Max said. And it was the same thing for all the other people.

Thanks to Isaiah, Skyler, Erica, and Max for giving the time to be interviewed.

Mrs. Bilharz

Q: Why did you decide to become a science teacher?

A: Originally, she was just a generic school teacher, but science soon became her specialty.

Q: How long have you taught science?

A: Mrs. Bilharz has taught science for 5 years.

Q: What college did you attend?

A: Northeastern University in Chicago, Illinois.

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Bagels with butter and cream cheese.

Q: What is your favorite science topic to teach about?

A: Her favorite topic to teach about is Engineering.

Q: What is your favorite sport?

A: Mrs. Bilharz's favorite sport is basketball. She coaches girls basketball at Westwood.

Q: In what state/ city do you originate from?

A: She comes from Chicago, IL.

Q: What is your favorite animal?

A: Her favorite animal is a monkey.

Q: What is your favorite book?

A: The Selection by Kiera Cass.

Q: Who is your favorite scientist?

A: Her favorite scientist is Mrs. Frizzle from the Magic School Bus series.

Interview with the Health Teacher

I had the opportunity to Mr. Siebert, the recently hired health teacher, a few questions about himself and the year.

E: Have you ever taught before?

S: "Nope, this is my first time."

E: Why did you decide to teach?

S: "My dad was a teacher and I always liked seeing the interaction between him and the kids and how the students were always happy to see him."

E: Why did you decide to teach health?

S: "Because I majored in Physical Education."

E: Did you ever want to do anything before teaching?

S: "Yeah, I wanted to go into business, my mom was an accountant."

E: Did you go into college wanting to teach health?

S: "I wanted to do business, but I thought about it more and reconsidered."

E: What college did you go to?

S: "Benedictine University."

E: How many years?

S: "Four and a half years."

E: Are you glad you are teaching here?

S: "Yes, I enjoy the interaction between students and teachers."

E: How do you feel the rest of the year will go based on the past quarter?

S: "I feel only good things will happen from here."

E: Is there anything you would like to change about the school?

S: I would only ask to be in a different classroom."

Mrs. Breedlove is back at RMS!

Mrs. Breedlove is very happy to be back at RMS, she missed teaching 8th grade science. The reason Mrs. Breedlove left 8th grade is because she got asked to teach 5th grade for a little bit.

Mrs. Breedlove liked teaching 5th grade a lot and she cannot pick between 8th grade science and 5th grade because there are challenges between each grade.

One thing that Mrs. Breedlove misses the most about teaching 5th grade is math but there is some math in science. Mrs. Breedlove enjoyed teaching elementary for a change.

8th grade is a little bit easier than 5th grade planning wise, but it is a little bit harder because you have to set up lab more than what you would in 5th grade. The old teacher was Mr. Mauch. There have been things that have changed since Mrs. Breedlove came back from teaching 5th grade. One of the things is the teachers used to teach on teams, but not any more.