

RMS Royal Review 2016-2017

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Wattpad Review By: Aidan Flanagan

Recently I was talking to a friend about books and they brought up the subject of an app called Wattpad. They told me to check it out and I went in with extremely low expectations. Suffice it to say that my expectations were blown away, and more. Wattpad is an app that let's users create and upload

self written stories, while reading other users stories. A few stories and their authors have been picked up by publishers and officially published. All of these different features are incredible but what sold me on it was how you can choose to copyright your work, and if the system catches

anything plagiarized it bans you from the app. I would highly recommend this to anyone who loves reading and/or writing!

Joke of the Issue

Where did the pencil go for vacation?

To Pencil-vania



April is National Poetry Month. It is celebrated in America and Canada and started in 1996. We inspire everyone to stop and appreciate some poetry and maybe even write some of your own!

Regionals are Here!!! By William Miller

That's it regionals are finally here and some of the smartest and nerdiest kids are ready to go kick it at regionals. Starting in early spring scholastic bowl has been an outlet for keen kids to

show just how well they do in school. Team two has done incredibly well with the best record of the three teams with an outstanding 8 wins and 4 losses. With a team of Madison Cumberland,

Marley Oros, Mia Delashmit, Quinn Staples, Mariam So-hail, William Miller. Good job Team two you've represented your school and raced your minds to the finish. Good luck to the 2017 scholastic bowl regional team.

Guardians Of The Galaxy Review by Elsie Gordon

Guardians of the Galaxy Volume Two is a sci-fi comedy filled with crude humor and a devastating backstory. Peter Quill's Background is revealed and new characters are introduced. Despite some of the humor, this movie is mostly clean. Parents should be

warned that this film is not really intended for younger audiences. This is a movie where the rating PG-13 is accurate. The main characters have stayed true to themselves, which is pleasing to see. The special effects are done very well

and I enjoyed the overall quality. Various plot twists involving Peter and Yondu keep you on the edge of your seat. It is definitely worth it to go see this film.

Cinderella: A Musical Review By Elsie Gordon

The Dixon High school recently put on Cinderella. Talented high schoolers from freshman year to senior year displayed their talents in song, dance, and a live orchestra. Nobody faltered in this excellent

performance, from the main characters, to the most minuscule ensemble role. The soundtrack was wonderful, and the acting, superb. It is obvious that this group of teens had vastly improved in every way since the beginning of the year, despite them

being already wonderful. The costumes were beautifully crafted, and the directors did a fabulous job making sure everything came together. The crew worked with intense concentration and speed, and the whole show was awe inspiring.



RMS 7th Grade Project 2k17

“WELL we’re trying to make a difference. WATER you doing?” This year for the 7th Grade Global Project Madison Cumberland, Kelsey Woolard, and Holli Miller chose to raise money for clean drinking water in Ethiopia. They chose this topic because they feel that clean water is needed for animals, bathing, crops, drinking, and cooking. It could also help multiple other problems that are not listed. The money collected for their cause will be

going to The Water Project and The American Red Cross. The Water Project brings clean water through new or rehabbed wells, sand dams, rainwater catchment systems, and spring protections to schools, medical clinics, and villages. Meaning, they make sure that no insects or animals dirty the water so it is not contaminated.

Madison, Kelsey, and Holli will be hosting many activities for the students to be a part of. They involve

outdoor eating, homeroom competitions, and the selling of treats! The proceeds of this year’s RMS talent show will also go to the Global Project!

Thank you to the student body for helping these girls accomplish their goal of clean drinking water for Ethiopians! We hope that this project will make a huge impact on the thirsty people in Ethiopia!

-Marlee Oros





February RMS Student of the Month: Loni Azemi

Q: Do you participate in any extracurricular activities?

Yes, I have participated in extracurricular activities, but not recently. In sixth grade, I participated in student council.

Q: What is your favorite subject?

Science is my favorite subject.

Q: What advice would you give to younger students?

Stay focused, pay attention, study, do your homework, be respectful to teachers, and try your best.

Q: Would you say you are responsible?

In most ways, yes, but in others, not really.

Q: Why do you think you have been chosen?

I think I have been chosen because I have tried to do my best in all of my 3 years at

Reagan. Also, because I do my homework, do well on tests, and have very good relationships with teachers.

Q: How do you display good character?

I do my homework, I study, I don't get in trouble, I am nice to teachers, and I try my best to help other students.

Q: Do you do any volunteer work?

No, I do not.

Q: What do you do to help your classmates?

I try to help my classmates in all ways possible.

Q: Would you say you balance homework and other activities well?

Yes, I believe I do.

Q: What are your hobbies?

I like to play soccer and draw.

March RMS Student of the Month: Riley Bally

Q: Do you participate in any extracurricular activities?

Yes, I participate in Scholastic Bowl.

Q: What is your favorite subject?

Science is my favorite subject.

Q: What advice would you give to younger students?

The best piece of advice I could give is to respect your teachers, do your homework, and stay out of trouble. Being popular won't matter in the long run. Focus on your education.

Q: Would you say you are responsible?

I would say that I am responsible because I do my homework and listen to the teachers.

Q: Why do you think you have been chosen?

I think I have been chosen because I show responsibility, I am respectful, and I obey the rules.

Q: How do you display good character?

I display good character by listening to teach-

ers, staying out of trouble, and showing respect to teachers and peers.

Q: Do you do any volunteer work?

I am involved in 4-H, so I do a lot of volunteer work.

Q: What do you do to help your classmates?

I respect them and assist them when they need help.

Q: How are you making a difference in the school?

I am making a difference in the school by treating everyone with respect, no matter how 'popular' or 'unpopular' they may be.

Q: Would you say you balance homework and other activities well?

Yes, because I usually have a certain time that I set aside for homework.

Q: What are your hobbies?

Some of my hobbies include tennis, drawing, and reading.



May Student of the Month: Olivia Brooks

Q: Do you participate in any extracurricular activities?

I participate in yearbook club, volleyball, and Boy's Basketball Managing.

Q: What is your favorite subject in school?

My favorite subject is Language Arts.

Q: What advice would you give to younger students?

ALWAYS bring your gym clothes.

Q: Would you say that you are responsible?

Most of the time, yes.

Q: Why do you think that you have been chosen?

I pay attention in class, I'm always ready, and I try to always follow the rules

Q: How do you display good character?

I am kind to others and I respect everyone.

Q: Do you participate in any volunteer work?

No, I do not.

Q: What do you do to help your classmates?

I explain the lesson a little differently so that they will understand their homework better if they don't understand it.

Q: How are you making a difference at RMS?

I try to be kind to everyone so nobody feels left out in activities.

Q: Would you say you balance homework and other activities well?

It's a struggle, but yes.

Q: What are your hobbies?

I enjoy photography, volleyball, and soft-ball.

April Student of the Month: Maddy Verdick

Q: Do you participate in any extracurricular activities?

Yes, I participate in band.

Q: What is your favorite subject in school?

My favorite subject is Language Arts.

Q: What advice would you give to younger students?

Do not wait until the last minute to do projects and other homework.

Q: Would you say that you are responsible?

Yes, I would say that I am responsible.

Q: Why do you think that you have been chosen?

I am a good student, and not just academically.

Q: How do you display good character?

I am responsible, hard working, and respectful.

Q: Do you participate in any volunteer work?

I volunteer at the Dixon Public Library.

Q: What do you do to help your classmates?

I show them different ways to understand homework.

Q: How are you making a difference at RMS?

I try to be a positive role model.

Q: Would you say you balance homework and other activities well?

Yes, I believe that I do.

Q: What are your hobbies?

I like kayaking and hiking.

Meet the Authors of RMS Royal Review 2016-2017

William Miller

My name is Will I came in 8th grade scared. Now I come out with less friends. You may ask why? Well here I am to tell you. I'm not scared anymore. I do have less friends, less self-esteem, and more social anxiety. Though I don't have a more familiar anxiety its more about me having abandonment issues. I lost the friends of a lifetime but what you don't know is how much I liked hanging out with her. Now I have problems talking to her like never before. I have trouble saying things to anyone. I have the worst views ever. If anybody cared enough to read this story. Than seize every moment you get. It will keep the friends in the pocket. I will always wish to take things back but its life. You will never go back to the time before you had no friends. And now I have no chance of coming back. This I will make sure is not a sob story. It is a message to anybody willing enough to read it. Seize life by the throat and keep to yourself.

Aidan Flanagan

I'm 13 years old and a self-proclaimed weirdo. I love theater and have appeared in a few RMS productions as well as Dixon Stage Left's "Shadow Box". I am an avid reader and my favorite book would be one of the Harry Potter books (Can't decide which one!). I prefer punk and emo music and want nothing to do with the horrible pop music of late. My favorite movie is either The Dark Knight or La La Land. Have a great summer @whoever's reading this should god do something better with their lives !

Marlee Oros

My name is Marlee Oros. I am in 7th grade, transitioning to 8th, and this is my autobiography! A few little tidbits about me are that my favorite color is mint green, I love softball, volleyball, and reading, I am 12 years old and my favorite subject in school is Language Arts. I won my first Spelling Bee this year and I went on to the Regional Bee. (I placed 5th overall, and I am the top speller from Lee County!) My favorite animal is the red fox, and I am very energetic, smart, and friendly. If I could recommend a book series, it would be the Harry Potter series. I hope you enjoyed my autobiography!

Elsie Gordon

If all of you wonderful readers could not tell from the title, my name is Elsie Gordon. I am the editor of this glorious newspaper and have been since seventh grade. This year I won the eighth grade poetry slam and also the presidency of both Builders Club and Student Council. I am a proud member of band and choir, and I also enjoy theatre. This school year I have participated in "Beauty and the Beast," as Mrs. Potts, and "The Lion King," as Scar. My favorite activities include reading, drawing, writing, and spending time alone in my house drinking coffee for hours on end. Coffee is the best thing to exist. I drink my coffee as black as my soul, and call it "soul coffee." I am incredibly excited for high school and I hope this newspaper shall live on and carry on my legacy.

Lillian Deter

My name is Lillian Deter and I am a self and other proclaimed nerd. I am involved in band, choir, student council, builders club, glee choir, scholastic bowl, no sports, acting dance, art, piano, and of course newspaper. I enjoy listening to music, and musicals (Hamilton all the way). I love school and everyone thinks I'm weird. I have enjoyed newspaper this year and I plan on doing it again next year. My favorite book is probably Les Miserables. Owls rock

Mae Becker

My name is Mae Becker. I am 11 years old and in 6th grade. Three main characteristics I have are kindness, caring, and bravery. Some hobbies I have are archery, horseback riding, playing the piano, and swimming. Some things I love to do for fun are play outside, read, and go swimming. My favorite color is teal, and my favorite animal is a giraffe. My favorite subject in school is language Arts. Thank you for reading my autobiography. I hope you liked it. Make sure to read are RMS newspaper next year.

J Garnhart

Howdy I am J. I have worked on the newspaper for 2 years. I am going into high school in next year, so good luck! I am a nonbinary queer pal and I believe every needs some gay. Hopefully everyone will be okay and be happy. I wish you all luck in your lifes.