

## The Bulldog Bulletin

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(Bulldog by Max Beck)

### Track And Field

(By Eli Moyse)

On April 18, 2017 The track and field had their first meet. I spoke with 8th graders Tess Stapleton And Carter Lambo about the experience. They told me that the meet was hosted by New Fairfield and had 10 teams compete. Ludlowe got 1st for the boys and 2nd for the girls. Some of the leading scorers were Tess Stapleton, Carter Lambo. Overall in the meet the team broke one record by one second and had a very successful day. It was a fun experience for all the members of the team .

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### Movie Night

(By Eli Moyse)

On April 27, 2017 the Student Leadership Club hosted a free movie night for RLMS students. The movie shown was *Middle School: The Worst Years Of My Life*. There were snacks for sale in the cafeteria and the movie was shown in the auditorium. Henry Schott said that he hadn't seen the movie before. They sold chips junior mints, skittle, water and much more at the concession stand. The event lasted about two hours and about 20 people

showed to see the movie. Despite the small turnout, it was a fun night and a great pick for a movie for the students who went.

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Italy Trip  
(By: Eli Moyse)

Just before April Break started, some musicians in the 8th grade and chamber orchestra were getting ready and getting excited for their trip to Italy. They were going under the guidance of Mr. Kroqui, the 6th, 7th, 8th and chamber orchestra teacher here at RLMS. This year the trip was going to Italy. I interviewed Mr. Kroqui on the details of the trip that they are taking this year. He said that they landed in Milan, than went to Pisa, and Florence, Siena, Rome, Bologna Venice, Verona, and Milan again. Mr. Kroqui said that he loves the whole experience but if he had to pick a favorite city, it would be Rome and Florence. He also had a great time showing the students Italy. They saw the downtowns of a lot of cities, music museums and many sites in Rome including St. Peter's Cathedral and the Sistine chapel. 27 kids came and it was an overwhelming success.

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The Spring Concerts  
(By Eli Moyse)

On May 8th,9th and 10th of 2017, RLMS had their spring concerts. The concerts consisted of 8th 7th and 6th grade orchestra, chorus and band and RLMS'S Jazz ensemble, chamber choir and the chamber orchestra which is made up of students from every grade. During the concerts, we saw many different styles of song from classic to pop hit singles. They split the concerts into separate grades for separate days. May 8th was the 8th grade orchestra chorus band, Jazz ensemble, Chamber Choir and the chamber orchestra, May 9th consisted of the 7th grade orchestra chorus, band, chamber choir and the chamber orchestra and may 10th was

consisting of the 6th grade orchestra chorus , band and the chamber orchestra. The teachers were Mrs. Lafond, Mr. Kroqui, Mrs. Brion, Mrs. Torrence, and Mr Fumasoli. Overall, you could tell that the teachers and students both worked very hard on their songs and executed them beautifully during all of the nights the RLMS community preformed.

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6th, 7th , 8th and Chamber Orchestra High Note Festival Trip  
(by Eli Moyse)

On May 25, 2017 the 6th grade, 7th grade, 8th grade and chamber orchestra participated in the high note festival. The high note festival is held each year at Lake Compounce and is a musical competition. The sixth grade played several pieces in front of 2 adjudicators who listened and commented on the music. After that was finished they got to have fun at the park with chaperones who volunteered to go. The 6th graders played La Rejouissance, La Bocca Grande and Mystical Quest. Not only The 6th graders but the chamber orchestra, 7th grade and 8th grade orchestra brought home the highest rating (supreme) and had so much fun in the competition and inside the park.

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Drama Club Performs Their Annual Show  
(By: Eli Moyse)

On March 31 and April 1, 2017 the RLMS drama club performed their annual show. This year, it was *13! 13!* Is about a boy named Evan Goldman who deals with a move from The Big Apple to Small town Indiana and has to navigate the drama of middle school. The play was an overwhelming success.

This year the drama club tradition of an 8th grader passing down a purple bear to a sixth grader that showed great achievement continued with Eli

Moyse winning the bear. The play was a great time for the cast, crew and the audiences alike.

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### South America assembly

(By Amy McMorris)

On Monday March 27th there was an assembly about music & dance from South America that follows with our studies on South America in the 3rd markiplier period. When we sat down in the auditorium we had some idea of what was going to happen during the assembly. My side of the auditorium was told to go out to the lobby of the auditorium for the first part of the assembly.

We all sat down in the lobby with a bunch of kids and some kids were handed instruments such as tambourines, some sort of a cowbell, and a guiro. There was a guy there to talk to us about these instruments some of the kids were handed; Each of the kids that had the instruments played them to show what the instruments sound like. Then he taught us a song to sing that went something like, "angola e, angola e". We repeated this song a couple of time until it was time to move on to the dancing portion of the assembly.

Our group of kids walked on stage to begin to /learn the dance. The dancing was a mix of martial arts and some south american dance where you would go down to the ground and do a ninja kick and come back up; they repeated it for about 5-10 minutes until they did jumping and rolling at the end.

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### In The Classroom 6

(Eli Moyse)

On May 16, 2017 the 6th grade started a new project. The project was a closer to their earthquake unit and included designing and building our own earthquake house. All the classes were split into groups and were given an assortment of materials including stirrers straws, toothpicks, index cards, paper clips and two blocks of clay. A two day building phase ensued with the students building their own designs. After all of the buildings were finished there was a two day period where they put their buildings on a shake table and tested their designs. The students were graded were not graded on if their designs survived but on teamwork and how all of the teams worked together. Overall this project was a fun and educational experience for all students.

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### 8th Grade Gifted Trip

(By Eli Moyse)

On May 17, 2017, the 8th grade gifted group went on a trip to The Fairfield Historical society. Olivia Kiss, a student in gifted, told me that 4 kids from Ludlowe went on the trip and the academic focus was mainly The History of Fairfield. This was all chaperoned by Mrs. Kat Sagowitz, the gifted teacher for all the grades. It was a half day trip. Overall, the students not only learned a lot when they were on the trip but they also learned a lot throughout their time in the RLMS gifted program. The trip was a fun idea to close out their experience with gifted here at RLMS.

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### 8th Grade Dance

(By Eli Moyse)

On June 8th, RIMS held fun time at the 8th grade dance. Armonn Said that the dance went to to 8:30 and was a bring your friends not romantic dance, but there was some slow and romantic dances too. Student

leadership organized it with a tropical theme. It was just for 8th graders and was held in 1 half of the big gym. It was semi formal. There was also a snack table with refreshments and snacks relating to a tropical theme (for example Swedish fish.) The students were excited and a little nervous about the dance.

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### Our New RLMS Weather Man

(By: Eli Moyse)

RLMS recently got a weather man by the name of Charlie Buccellato. Charlie can be heard on the announcements 5 days a week and reports what is to come for our weather that day and usually a brief look into what we should be expecting the next day. I interviewed Charlie to get some more info on his job and how he does it. At first, Charlie was always excited to tell the weather to Mr. Friedrichs when he got into art class. After telling Mr. Friedrichs the weather for a while, Mr. Friedrichs recommended that Charlie do the weather over the loudspeaker. In fact, there was actually a student who had done the weather over the loudspeaker once before. Charlie went to Mrs. Tiley and Mrs. Mallet and the rest is history. Every night, Charlie goes to several different sources to get his weather. He types up his version of the weather and then reads it off in the morning. After a couple times of reporting on the weather Charlie states that he has found his groove.

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### Holocaust Survivor Visit

On Wednesday the 19th of April a special speaker was brought into RLMS to talk about a very traumatizing life experience of hers. Judith Altmann, currently 92, is a Holocaust survivor who came to RLMS to talk about her

experiences. Ms. Altmann grew up in Czechoslovakia and at the age of 14 with her mother, father, and niece were sent to Auschwitz. Auschwitz is a Nazi concentration camp located in Poland and was widely known as being a concentration and death camp. Ms. Altmann recalls of the horrid train car ride to Auschwitz without food or water, and nearly 70 people thrown into tiny box cars. Then after nearly 5 days, they arrive at Auschwitz and are met by dozens of nazis. They are then shoved in lines, separated into sick, children, men, and women. The children are sent to work camps to do grueling labor in terrible living conditions with little food and water. But, the parents however do not meet the same fate. The parents are told they are going to showers, but instead of water, gas fills the room and all are dead within seconds. Then Ms. Altmann follows with the sight of the barracks with her niece. The gigantic barracks cloud the sky and inside are hundred of children only with a small row of space tightly packed. NO filtration of air and the putrid odor encase the barrack.

In the labor camp there are numerous jobs to be done. Shaving hair, piling the dozens of bodies, cleaning, working in factories, and other horrid work. In the camp, the children were each given a 4 inch square of bread for one week, a sip of soup every few days, and minimal amounts of water. After a while though, she and her niece were transported to another camp. In this camp the labor was more tiring and the food was less. It seemed like there was no end to this torture.

At one point Judith recalls of this woman who saved her life, yet was a nazi. Judith was sick and got a bad cut that could get infected easily. All that were sick were killed in the camps. Taken away by a nazi woman, instead of heading to the death camp, Judith was taken to an officer. The nazi woman told the officer of Judith being very important as Judith spoke multiple languages. This was true, and the fact that Ms. Altmann spoke so many languages saved her life.

At the age of 18, she was liberated with her niece. They were free to go and they had a few choices. Later she came to America and started to share her stories of the Holocaust. Clearly, these events aren't as plain as described in this short article. In order to publish this, I wanted to keep the ideas central and not put a lot of detailed imagery into a school article.