

Semester Three 2017-2018 Bulldog Bulletin



Bulldog by Mr. McAleese

RLMS Girls and Boys Basketball

By Eli Moyse

Girls Basketball

The coach of the girls basketball team is Mr. O'Hara, also a soccer coach and 7th grade math Teacher. He said that the team this year was amazing, one of the best he had ever coached. Team chemistry was outstanding with everybody getting along with each other on and off the court. He said that if he was being "Nitpicky" the team could work on their shooting but the whole team was outstanding overall.

On February 7th 2017, the girls team played in the basketball championship for a third year. They were defeated by Madison but the students had a lot of fun playing the game and they were very happy to make it to the championship. Coach O'Hara also would like to send a positive message to anyone who wants to try out- the team overall has a bunch of fun and it is a great experience.

Boys Basketball

The coach of the boys basketball team is Mr. Tomei, a sixth grade math teacher. He said that overall they had a great season going 11-5 and playing in one playoff game. He also mentioned that the whole team did an excellent job, but Charlie Began and Harrison O'keefe, the captains, were true leaders in tough situations and always were

there for the team. He also mentioned how great the team chemistry was. The team had good sportsmanship to all teams and were friends off and on the court. The old rival of RLMS is Fairfield Woods. Though we didn't beat them, we still put up a good fight this year. He also said that the team would be losing a lot of important players on the team, but is still confident because he knows new great players will tryout. He also sends a message out to anybody who wants to tryout: Harrison O'Keefe was not on the team his first two years here. Then, he tried out and was a leader on the team. Remember to stay positive and just tryout you have nothing to lose from the experience.

Book Review

By Ryan Brenner

Percy Jackson And The Olympians By Rick Riordan

The *Percy Jackson And The Olympians* series by Rick Riordan, book 1 ©2005, is by far one of the best series I've ever read, and definitely one of the funniest. It is about a boy named Percy who is very troubled. He has a stepfather who abused him and his mother, he has severe ADHD, so he can't go to school without being expelled, which is very troublesome for him and his mother. However, when it seems he can not tolerate any more verbal abuse from his stepfather, or dealing with any more school trouble, he learns he's the son of a Greek Olympic God, and that he's a "half-blood": half human, half Olympic god. Percy is shocked, because he thought that this kind of thing only happened in Ancient myths. Read the book(s) to find out Percy's life as a newly-discovered half-blood!

Book Review

By Kailee Shea

The Selection Series By Kiera Cass

The Selection book series is a fantasy novel about how love can be found in unlikely scenarios. Maxon, a charming and handsome prince, is picking 35 girls to compete for his hand in marriage, and one lucky girl America Singer is chosen. Here's the thing; she doesn't want to compete for his hand in marriage. She isn't interested in a boyfriend at the moment. But when America started to fall for Maxon an unlikely turn of events gets in the way. Will America ever get a future with Maxon? *The Selection* is an amazingly detailed book series and will leave you wanting to read more at every turn. This is a book for readers who love drama and comedy and just a bit of despair. Read the books to know more about this intriguing tale.

Student Projects from the Unified Arts



Janiya Riley holds up the quilt she made in 8th grade Fabric Arts class



Watercolor painting by Angelina Larracuenta



Quilt by Ethan Sprague



Pencil drawing by Arushi Mallarapui



Pencil drawing by Finn Moynahan



When I grow up
I want to be an
animator, I
have always
loved drawing
and I want to
make my
drawings move
and be more
animated.

6th Grade
Computers
project by
Scarlet Asaro

Cheerleading Team

By: Valeria Carbone and Arushi Mallarapu

The cheerleading team of RLMS are a group of hardworking girls, dedicated to spreading excitement throughout the school. After the first quarter of a basketball game the cheerleaders come in to excite both the players and the spectators. It's a roar of encouragement for our school to get back on their feet and finish that game. The cheerleading coach, Ms. Harder, pulled these group of girls together for their knack of flexibility and spirit to cheer RLMS. Giving joy throughout the school and having our cheer team to support us is a great pleasure that everyone can enjoy. "I started cheerleading in Tomlinson middle school in the fifth to eighth grade. It was fun, different, and I had the role to do something great," Mrs. Harder comments, " Seeing people competing inspired me to do this. I chose cheerleading because it had spirit and excitement." She had coached cheer for two years. Now, after taking a break, she's

back at it again. “November is when cheerleading tryouts commence. Fifteen girls make it, based on skill. They start practicing a cheer two days per week for the home game. It ends in the beginning of March.”

Cheerleaders interested in the school team can tryout to have a part in this excelling group. If you didn't get in last year, than we hope you'll give it another shot! One of the beautiful things about cheerleading is that the more experienced kids teach the newbies the cheers, much like a gift before they move on to high school. Carly DeSabella and Mia Senatore, the captains of the team, take a lead role with the rest of the girls and show true sportsmanship.

The cheerleading girls in the eighth grade are Anabelle Adams, Amanda Blanco, Liv de Jounge, Charlotte Esposito, Grace Ricco, Thea Ventura, and both team captains, Carly DeSabella and Mia Sentore. In seventh grade there's Jordyne Almeida, Katie Leonardo, Cassidy Milfort, Alexa Nenner and Emily Taylor. Olivia DeGregorio and Kayla Goby soley make up the sixth grade cheerleaders.

These girls are warriors of cheer and they all achieve Mrs. Harder's life rule “If you fall down, get back up and try again, never give up.” That's some pretty good advice to the girls and to RLMS.

RLMS Track

By Kailee Shea

The RLMS 2017-2018 track season is made up of an amazing an assortment of competitions that consist of long jump, 55 meter hurdles, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600 meter dash and shotput. The people competing in these competitions, are hardworking and driven. The track warm up consist of a mile run, lunges, butt kicks, high knees and shoo the chicken. After these several warm-up activities the team will break to there respective exercises.

8th grader Emma Peckham expressed that, “Track is like a family.” She also said that “Meets are fun and anxious”. This year our coaches are Mr. Zimmerman, Miss Barwise and Mr. DeAngelo. Mr. Zimmerman said what his greatest piece of advice is “Relax and always focus on having fun.”

Soccer Club

By Eli Moyse

With new incoming 6th graders, there always comes new and exciting ideas for the betterment of the school. This year one of the many is soccer club. The newspaper interviewed the creator and organizer of the club, Mr. Jason Lambert, about his new club. He said that he started the club when he thought that the sports program here was good, but was missing some things. He then proceeded to ask Mr. DeAngelo and Ms. Tiley to start it. The students were very exuberant about their desire for a soccer club and now, the soccer club meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the gym. Currently the club is in the midst of a mini tournament. In May they are planning on having a final for the tournament. They are seeking new members and anyone is welcome to join. Soccer club is a great opportunity to make new friends build soccer skills.

Citizenship and Top Dog Awards

By Arushi Mallarapu

This marking period eleven students were chosen for Top Dog awards. These students have shown that they act responsibly and exhibit good citizenship, show great respect for others, behave in a kind and compassionate manner and work “above and beyond” in the school environment. The RLMS School Climate Committee hosts the Top Dog program all through the year. The Top Dog Nominations can be voted on by students and staff. Students at RLMS do wonderful things each day, sometimes without realizing that they are improving the community and making our school a better place. Top Dog Nominations are a great way to show those people what they are doing. The recipients of this award have shown that they can do all these things and more.

Our 6th grade recipients were Ella Casano, Tyler Haggerty, Adain Reyes, Michael Sigal and Charlotte Teel. In 7th grade Ella Bartlett, Jack O’Connor and Kaleigh Sommers got Top Dog Awards. Finally, in 8th grade Charlie Began, Charlie Maloney and Ethan Sprague were chosen for the award. At the end of the year these children will meet for a special Top Dog Event.

We talked to some of the recipients to see how it feels to win this prestigious award. Many of them, such as the 6th graders Ella Casano and Michael Sigal, said they were “proud and surprised” to win this award. These kids are hardworking and truly modest considering the caring work they do.

The Citizenship award is an award given to one girl and one boy for each crew in each grade. This marking period’s awards winners will be recognized on Friday, April 20, 2018. Winners of the Citizenship award have positive leadership, marked improvement

in academic or behavioral areas, and are exceptional role models. We congratulate them for their contribution to our school environment and their outlook to help.

The 6th grade winners of the second marking period are Christian Boehk, Jacobi Odin, Pierce Theissen, Olivia Filloramo, Zachary Rua and Elisa Merchan Arsuaga. In seventh grade the award winners are Andrew Barry, Sarin Bozuklu, Spencer Wright and Mia Antonios. Eighth grade winners included Harrison Keith, Esme Fagan, Daniel Maloney, Chloe Berry, Kristopher Mellor and Olivia Leal. The UA winners are Krish Parmi, Cayla Riordan, Aaron Field, Mia von Brauchitsch, James Revay and Emma Peckham.

The entire RLMS family would like thank these students for the care they give to our community and other students who have ensured that our community grows. The staff and students make RLMS a better place.

Book Reviews

By Ryan A. Brenner

Ungifted

Book By Gordon Korman

A book about a troublemaker who gets transferred into the gifted program by accident, *Ungifted* by Gordon Korman ©2012, is a very interesting and funny novel. Donovan accidentally destroys part of the school, when he is sent to the principal's office to be punished. The principal makes a paperwork error, and somehow Donovan is transferred to the gifted school. Donovan is obviously not supposed to be at this school, so he gets bad grades, and his teachers and classmates become suspicious why he is there. Read the book to find out more of Donovan (and his new classmates') adventure!



Bringing The Boy Home

By N.A Nelson

Bringing The Boy Home, by N.A. Nelson, ©2008, while not particularly long, is an amazing book that not only touches your heart, but leaves you wanting to turn the next page to learn what happens next. A boy named Tirio lives with his mother in the US, who adopted him after finding him abandoned in the forest as a baby. Tirio knows he

originates from the Amazon tribe called Takunami. Meanwhile, a boy named Luka, who is 13 and lives in the Takunami, is trying to pass a test, an initiation in which he becomes a man, and warrior, of his tribe. He relies on his father to use sixth sense to guide him home. Suddenly, the two boys sense each other's sixth sense from afar. Read the book to find what happens next!

The Ancient Greece/Rome Research project 6th Grade, 2018

By Michael Sigal

On May 6th, 13th and 15th were the fairs for the social studies ancient Greece and Rome projects. Valeria in crew S who studied ancient Greek architecture says, "It was fun and after but a while my voice got tired but I had to keep going. I finished the fair with joy." another Crew L student, Kailee, said "I think that it was fun and nerve wracking, because you're with your friends but you're being graded about this project that you worked really hard for."

The teachers had something to say as well. Mr. Swaller, the crew L social studies teacher said, "I think the fair was a major success. It was a great opportunity to show off work that the students did for the few weeks before the fair. I felt like the parents really enjoyed not only the work their kids did but also the kids with other varieties of posters, powerpoints and websites displayed." Mrs. Reilly, the crew S social studies teacher said, "The fair was a really good way to allow kids to be creative, share ideas, be more independent, collaborate and also get to share, speak and present about what they did and learned. These are all important skills for their future education. It is also fun because there is a lot of freedom in the design and fun of working together with other kids."

The crew M teacher Mr. Byrne said " I thought the fair was excellent this year. Students did a great job presenting their projects on the Ancient Greece and Rome topic and their oral presentations. The fair was well attended by parents and everyone seem to enjoy the fair. I was proud of the students work and their behavior at the fair."