

RIS Board Report: March 2024

Celebrations:

- Our 3rd quarter RISE assembly was held on March 15th. During that time we recognized our Spelling Bee finalists, presented a check/donation to St. Jude's Hospital from our Student Council for \$1000, recognized our "RISE-ing" students (nominated by teachers and staff) and awarded our top classes and grade levels for their efforts to meet our RISE expectations.
- Our Faculty Fun Committee recently hosted our annual Chili Cook Off. This year's winner was Mrs. Bilyeu. They also did a sign up for snacks during our most recent SIP Day.
- In 5th grade, Mrs. Fox and Ms. Lounsberry's classes competed in the RUBE Goldberg contest at LLCC earlier this month. Ms. Lounsberry's class finished 5th out of 15 teams. Neither team advanced to the finals at U of I this year.
- RIS was chosen to host the spring IASB Abe Lincoln Region dinner meeting on March 5th. Members of our RIS 6th grade jazz band performed, two of our sixth grade choir members sang solos and a duet, and our art classes displayed their various art projects for all to observe. Thanks to Mrs. Seaton, custodial staff, tech department, fine arts, and our buildings and grounds crews for all their work in making this a special event.

What's Been Happening & What We're Doing:

- Our 6th grade classes went to the auditorium to preview the spring musical on March 7th.
- IAR testing is taking place this week of March 18th. Our theme is "Don't Sweat The Test" with students and staff invited to wear sweats and comfortable clothes each day of testing.
- Our school completed Finn's Mission/Kids Heart Challenge in conjunction with the American Heart Association. RIS met its participation and fundraising goals for this joint effort with the AHA.
- 5th and 6th grade band members participated in the Spring Band Concert on Thursday March 14th in the RHS/RJH Auditorium. Congratulations to Mr. Gunn and crew for a great performance.
- Our 5th graders finished their Tar Wars anti-smoking posters. The winner this year was Brooke Pham.
- 4th graders completed their cow eye dissection project in Science.

What We're Reading/Listening to/Exploring:

Mr. Toland

- *Positivity: Top Notch Research* by Dr. Barbara Fredrickson

Mr. Krepel

- *Hacking Leadership: 10 Ways Great Leaders Inspire Learning That Teachers, Students, and Parents Love* - Joe Sanfelippo and Tony Sinanis