

RIS Board Report: January 2025

Celebrations:

- RIS welcomed back all of our teachers and staff remotely on January 6th. This virtual institute was very effective and collaborative. Staff worked on Academic goals for individual students and school wide goals also. RIS has a new scoreboard system to track our student academic successes associated with these goals that will be displayed in our front lobby. We also met on grade level expectations, lunch and morning procedures, building-wide feedback and input, and learning about our New Line boards. All-in-all, it was a great day despite not all being in the same location.
- Our 5th grade team has begun working with some of the classes and local engineers on their Rube Goldberg designs. This is an annual event that allows our students to submit engineering structures and compete at LincolnLand Community College later this spring. Finalists then move on to a competition at the University of Illinois.
- Congratulations to all our December staff members who were “pinned”! Each month, our Fun Committee sends out a form for teacher/staff recognition to allow our staff to receive a pin for being recognized as outstanding staff members at RIS.

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

- Many of our 6th graders are participating in volleyball, boys basketball, and wrestling. All three seasons are underway. Home games at RIS will begin this week.
- Plans and planning are underway for our Spring Carnival sponsored by RIS PTO. The date for this event this year will be Friday April 11th. More information to follow.
- Initial discussions for the Fine Arts Festival, headed up this year by Mr. Romang, are in the works as well. That event will take place mid-May.
- In general, our staff is working on plans for spring field trips, fine arts performances, and other student leadership jobs for this second semester.

What We're Reading/Listening to/Exploring:

Mr. Toland

- *A Year Of Thinking Positive (Daily Inspiration, Wisdom, and Courage)* by Cyndie Spiegel

Mrs. Sutton

- *Instructional Agility* by Erkens, Schimmer, & Dimich