

RIS Board Report: December 2024

Celebrations:

- RIS and Mr. Toland have been awarded the Reaching Out and Building Bridges Award from the Illinois Principals Association for the Abe Lincoln Region. This award recognizes a school that has done outstanding collaborative work with an organization or local community entity. RIS's recognition was based on the work our school did last spring with the Kids Heart Challenge in conjunction with the American Heart Association. This program works on giving families training and information about "hands only" CPR. The award presentation for this recognition will be sometime in February.
- We will have our end of the semester assembly on December 19th in the afternoon. Students will find out at that assembly if they have collected enough RISE tickets as a school to earn their building wide rewards! The schoolwide goal was 30,000 tickets.
- Congratulations to Nurse Laci on passing with excellent marks the Illinois Department of Public Health Vision and Hearing Screening Certification examinations and skills assessments. She will now be able to complete all mandatory screenings for students at RIS and assist in other buildings as needed. We would like to thank her for the hard work put in to complete these certifications.

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

- RIS Medieval Production will take place on December 12th featuring our 6th grade choir members in the RHS/RJHS Auditorium.
- Our big buddy program is up and running again this year led by Mrs. Turner and Mr. Howland. Our students meet with their big buddy during either their lunch or study hall times once a month. The program has been around for many years and is something that students in our building look forward to each year.
- Our Fall/Winter band concert took place November 21st with many of our students playing live music with a band for the first time. Congratulations to Mrs. Roberts and the 5th and 6th grade bands for a great performance.

What We're Reading/Listening to/Exploring:

Mr. Toland

- *180 Days Of Awesome* by Monica Genta

Mrs. Sutton

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