

RIS Board Report: October 2023

Celebrations:

- From the RIS Library: Congratulations to our “Link to Learn” Library drawing winners. Over **250** books have been read by our RIS students and 6 links have been randomly drawn for gift cards. Also, blue links have been added to our “Staff Chaser Chain” and 2 links have been randomly drawn for gift cards. All students grades 4-6 and staff are encouraged to continue reading books completely through and adding links to their chain.
- RIS completed their first round of Data Days team and grade level analysis. The team spent time with teachers looking at the academic and social emotional (SEL) needs of our students based on academic benchmarks and teacher feedback. Thank you to Dr. Sullivan, Mrs. Ihnen, and Mrs. Kramer for all their hard work and excellent information and support for all our students and staff.
- Our first quarter PBS assembly is taking place on Monday October 23rd. We will set our semester ticket goal and recognize student leadership.

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

- RIS 6th graders JH Cross Country this fall is finishing up their season which included 4 of our 6th graders who participated in the postseason. Both the boys and girls teams advanced to the IESA State Finals.
- Our RIS 6th grade Girls Basketball Team season is currently underway led by Coaches Harvill and Bilyeu
- The 5th grade Halloween Spooktacular under the direction of Mr. David McCafferty will take place on Thursday October 26th in the RHS/RJHS Auditorium at 4:30pm.
- 6th graders have begun auditions for their Medieval Production. More information is coming soon.
- Mr. Toland will be attending the Illinois Principals Association in Peoria, IL from Oct. 15-17th. He will represent Rochester schools as the Region Director Elect and Membership Chair for our region (Abe Lincoln). Additionally, Mr. Toland will be a congressional delegate and will present on Monday the 16th during a spotlight session about his first year transitioning from roles as a secondary educator and administrator to becoming an elementary building principal.

What We're Reading/Listening to/Exploring:

Mr. Toland

- *Lead From Where You Are* - Joe Sanfelippo

Mr. Krepel

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