

Richwood Middle School Newsletter

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Principal's News

It is hard to believe that 2011 is almost over! It is a very busy time of the year and also very special because we have the opportunity to share special moments with family and friends. November was a time for us to reflect on the importance of providing all of our students with the quality education they so richly deserve and offering our gratitude to those that enable our students to be successful!

Richwood Middle School is focused on expressing our appreciation to those that have provided guidance, support, and encouragement so that our students can be ready to prosper, achieve, and be academically ready for the 21st century.

I would like to recognize our bus drivers, cafeteria staff, custodians, instructional aides, and teachers for their hard work, patience, determination, and encouragement that enables our school to be great.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 12/1 - Band performs at Capitol Ceremony
- ◆ 12/2 - RMS vs. SMS at Summersville 6:00 (boys)
- ◆ 12/5 - Ms. West Virginia visits
- ◆ 12/5- RMS vs. Glade at Home 6:00
- ◆ 12/9 - RMS vs. SMS at Home 6:00 (girls)
- ◆ 12/12 - RMS vs. Braxton at Home 6:00
- ◆ 12/14 - 3 Hour Early Release
- ◆ 12/19 - Band/Choir Concert at 7:00
- ◆ 12/20 - Spelling Bee
- ◆ 12/22 - Report Cards Go Home
- ◆ 12/23 ISE DAY
- ◆ 12/26 - 1/2/12 Christmas Break
- ◆ 5/14/12-5/18/12: WESTEST 2

Parent Tips

How to help a struggling reader

It can be difficult to engage struggling readers with books. Often, they've fallen years behind their classmates. Reading may be an activity they associate with failure—because the difficulty level of the reading materials for school has risen faster than their reading ability has grown. You can use Lexile® (www.lexile.com) measures to quickly find appropriate books for struggling readers—for school or independent reading.

For middle- and high-school readers, look specifically for books with the HL and GN Lexile codes. HL stands for high-interest plus low-readability. These books are about the lives and experiences of young adults, but are written at elementary school readability levels. GN books are graphic novels or comics. The combination of art and text appeal to readers of all abilities, but particularly motivate a struggling reader to engage with a text.

Richwood Middle School would like to thank the students that participated in the RMS Social Studies Fair for all their hard work and dedication.



Multicultural
Education Trait -
**Native American
History**

Character Education
Trait:
**Compassion or
Gratitude**

*"Teachers open
the door, but you
must enter by
yourself"*

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***Success is Expected
at Richwood Middle
School!***

6th Grade News

The sixth grade students at Richwood Middle School were given an opportunity to participate in Operation Christmas Child. This is an endeavor where organizations and groups fill shoeboxes with toys and useful items to be sent to children to other countries around the world. We will be able to track our boxes and see where they go. The following students brought in items and we were able to fill 8 boxes to be mailed out. Mackayla Holdren , Jahna Wright, Danielle Huffman, Caleb Hanna, Tasha Fields, Amelia Bard, Bralynn Meadows, Michael Coffey,

Dalton McGenney, Billy Bare and Kaitlin Hacker. We are very proud of the giving hearts of these boys and girls.

We are also in the process of arranging a good behavior trip to the movies for the first semester. More news will be forth coming in our weekly Sixth Grade Newsletter.

7th Grade News

The Richwood Middle School Seventh Grade team has nominated the following students for the Junior National Readers Conference in Washington, D.C.: Madison Frame, Tierra Mullins, Kendra Amick, Sheldon Baughman, Grayson Phillips, Mary Ellen Key, Justin Ritchie and Danielle Milam.



8th Grade News

November has been a busy month for the Eighth Grade. Two students, Kelsi Bennett and Zach Lyons were recognized by the Optimist Club. This award is to recognize students that believe that giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of man, the community and world. We are very proud of them.

Approximately twenty-four students are practicing on Fridays in the hopes of being one of the four selected to represent Richwood Middle

School in the Nicholas County West Virginia History Bowl. They know that it will take a lot of work and dedication to be selected and all of the children are up to the challenge.

In class this month, the students have been working hard.

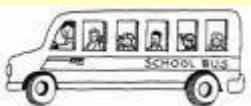
Mrs. Morris had a presenter from Bridgeport who conducted experiments in class.

Mrs. Poff's classes finished their descriptive essay and will begin working on expository writing in December.

Mrs. Cole's reading classes began reading the Christmas classic, "A Christmas Carol."

We encourage the students to continue to work hard and we know that their hard work and dedication will pay off in the spring.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING/ TRANSPORTATION CHANGES



It's that time of year when we have to think about snow and ice and plan for the possibility of school closures. We want everyone to be prepared in the event Richwood Middle School has to close during the day or school buses are cancelled in the morning before school starts.

Parents will be notified by the automatic call-in system.

Notification will also be provided to TV stations **WSAZ, WCHS/FOX, WOWK, WOAY and Radio 92.5, 95.7, and 97.1.**

Student of the Month



Sixth Grade: Dalton McGeeney and Ranielle Milam

Seventh Grade: Grayson Phillips and Danielle Milam

Eighth Grade: Brandon Criss and Amber Wingert