

# Richwood Middle School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 10-12-11: Parent Teacher Conference
- ◆ 3/6/12-3/9/12: Online Writing Assessment
- ◆ 5/14/12-5/18/12: WESTEST 2

## Parent-Teacher Conference

The first six-week grading period has ended, and it is now time for our first Parent-Teacher Conference of the year. It will be held on Wednesday evening, October 12, from 3:15 to 6:15 pm. Teachers will be available to discuss your child's progress in each class. Parents who attend will be able to pick up their child's report card. Also, our computer lab will be open to allow parents the opportunity to learn to use EDline to monitor student progress from your home computer. All parents are encouraged to attend.

## Attendance Update

Research has shown that regular school attendance is the greatest predictor of financial success after graduation. Students who attend school faithfully not only have higher grades, but also exhibit lower levels of stress and fewer discipline problems at home. The Nicholas County Schools Attendance Policy requires that students provide an excuse for any absence during the school day. Students who have five or more unexcused absences will be reported to the Attendance Director, who then will work with the Nicholas County Prosecuting Attorney to find a solution. Parents of truant students can be fined or imprisoned and in some extreme cases lose custody of their children. It is essential that every student provide an excuse to the school following any absence. Examples of

## Students of the Month

### Sixth Grade

*Ann Rader*

*Justin Hamrick*

### Seventh Grade

*Nick Keffer*

*Kendra Amick*

### Eighth Grade

*Samuel Cunningham*

*Heather Peyatt*

***Congratulations!!!***

absences that can be excused include:

- Doctor appointments
- Legal obligations
- Illness verified by doctor
- School activities

Parents can also write up to five notes each semester verifying a student illness. For more information regarding the Nicholas County Schools Attendance Policy, contact the school.

Character Trait of the  
Month-  
**RESPONSIBILITY**

*“The mind is not  
a vessel to be  
filled,  
but a fire to be  
ignited.”-*  
**Plutarch**

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

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade News

As the end of the first grading period draws near, the sixth grade teachers are extremely pleased to say that most of our students have made a wonderful transition into Richwood Middle School. This time of numerous changes and routines can be complicated and full of anxiety for our students and we are here to help. We fully expect that our students will continue to become more independent and mature, while growing intellectually throughout the year.

Remember to be watching for the “weekly” Sixth Grade Newsletter that your child is given every Monday. You will find any pertinent information and dates on it. Weekly lessons and any tests and project due dates are listed also. Every sixth grader is expected to have a book report the last day of each month.

Please let us know if any problem arises with your child. The sixth grade team has an open-door policy. You are welcome at any time. We are available every day from 10:15 - 11:00 to speak with you. Just call the school (304-846-2638) and ask to speak to a sixth grade teacher to set up a meeting. We are here to help you and your child with any problem that comes up.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade News

The Seventh Grade Reading Classes are involved in studying Irony and O Henry. We are studying his life and ironic endings by completing graphic organizers of his stories. We will be writing an essay on O Henry's Life and Short Stories.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade News

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade has been busy! On September 19, they went to Beckley and went through the Exhibition Coal Mine and Tamarack. Both were a kick-off to our Heritage Day which was held on September 23. In October, Ms. Poff's English classes will be working on Narrative Stories. In keeping with the season, they will be re-telling eerie tales. This means **ghost--not gore**. Please make sure your child knows a story to tell. Mrs. Cole would also like to remind her Algebra I students that they need to be working on Cognitive Tutor at home. This student-led computer program is a part of their weekly grade.

## Art Department News

Time has arrived for the Mt. Color Art Show at Richwood City Hall. This year is the 25th anniversary of the show. It was started 25 years ago by the late Victor Deloe, who ran the video store in Cherry River Plaza, and art teacher Carl O'Dell. The show was a chance for local artists in Nicholas County to display their talents through painting, carving, drawing, and pottery. This year, as in the past, all 8th grade Art students will have a piece of Art displayed in the show. The collagraph prints created this year are exceptional. The designs range from cars and trucks to animals, flowers and butterflies. Entries from Summersville Middle School are also included in the show. The Mt. Color Show will open on Sunday, Oct. 2nd at 2:00pm. Refreshments will be served for the reception. The show will also be open each evening from 5pm until 8pm, Monday through Friday and Saturday 10am until 4pm. The public is welcome to come and enjoy the beautiful art on display.