

# Richwood Middle School Newsletter

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## Principal's News

Welcome to a new and exciting year at RMS. I would like to stress how proud I am of our students and teachers on last year's success. I'm sure that you have heard about some of our accomplishments, such as:

- Scored higher than the state in every academic area.
- Ranked 31st middle school in the state, which is a 93 point jump!
- Received 3 of the 4 county allotted Golden Horseshoes.
- Received various awards in county/state Math Field Day, Young Writers, Art, Science Fair, Spelling Bee, and WV History Bowl.

I challenge this year's student body to exceed the accomplishments met last year.

## Parent Tips

Parents, each month we will be providing tips on how you can help your child in the areas of Reading or Mathematics by using their lexile and quantile scores from their WESTEST scores that was sent home last week.

The idea behind The Lexile Framework for Reading is simple: if we know how well a student can read and how hard a specific book is to comprehend, we can predict how well that student will likely understand the book.

When a Lexile text measure matches a Lexile reader measure, this is called a "targeted" reading experience. The reader will likely

Parents, I encourage you to take an active role in your child's education. With us working as a team, we can ensure that your child will reach their fullest potential.

If you have concerns or would like to speak to your child's teacher, please call the school (304-846-2638) and set up an appointment.

encounter some level of difficulty with the text, but not enough to get frustrated. This is the best way to grow as a reader—with text that's not too hard but not too easy

For books, the Lexile Book Database (at [www.Lexile.com](http://www.Lexile.com)) and "Find a Book" Web site (at [www.lexile.com/findabook](http://www.lexile.com/findabook)) are available to create customized reading lists. These free databases allow you to search for books based on Lexile measures and by interest categories or school assignment topics.

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 9-15-11: RMS vs. Webster Springs(H)
- ◆ 9-22-11: RMS vs. Fayetteville(A)
- ◆ 9-23-11: Heritage Day
- ◆ 9-26-11: Sports Pictures
- ◆ 9-27-11: Band Spectacular
- ◆ 9-28-11: RMS Marlinton(A)
- ◆ 10-12-11: Parent Teacher Conference
- ◆ 3/6/12-3/9/12: Online Writing Assessment
- ◆ 5/14/12-5/18/12: WESTEST 2

Character Trait of  
the Month-  
**Responsibility**

*“A child educated  
only at school is an  
uneducated child.”*

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

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

New Special Education Teacher-  
Jason Miller

We would like to welcome Mr. Miller to our school. He joins us from Beaver Elementary and has quickly developed positive relationships with his students and co-workers.

Sixth grade students are

adjusting to their new school environment and are making progress in their daily routines. We are confident that they will all adjust to the rigors of middle school.

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

Seventh grade students picked up where they left off last year. They have been working very hard in all of their classes and are excited about the new year.

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

The eighth grade students are very excited about the year. They have been planning the Heritage Day and their first field trip to the Beckley Coal Mines and Tamarack. They are also developing great leadership skills.

New Science Teacher- Mrs. Terri  
Morris

We would like to welcome our new science teacher to the team. She has been teaching in the county for 13 years and her experience is an asset to our school