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News

Student of the Month
By Becca Drezen

Maggie Bushman has been selected as one of the January students of the month for RMS. She told us that being chosen means that even though this is her last year at Reagan, she still feels that her unfailing courtesy is being noticed. She gives thanks to her parents for bringing her up the way they did. She loves school and says that Social Studies is her favorite class because she likes to learn about history and historical peoples and events. Maggie even considers every teacher is her favorite because in every class she learns something new and enjoys the different teaching methods of every different teacher. When Maggie grows up she would be elated if she became a lawyer, this is because she fancies solving puzzles and government. Maggie especially plans to go to law school so that she will acquire her dream job. So all in all, Maggie Bushman is a spectacular candidate for January student of the month.

Student of the Month
By Becca Drezen

Hannah Derksen was chosen as a January Student of the Month. She says her inspiration comes from everyone around her, her family in particular. Hannah cannot be choose her favorite teacher or class, because she likes each class for its individual studies. She also says that she doesn't' have a single favorite teacher because they are all great! In the future, Hannah would like to go into robotics. Technology and robotics fascinate her in every aspect. Hannah thinks that being chosen as Student of the Month shows that you have been showing exceptional respect, responsibility and readiness. Plus that they show good leadership and character qualities.

Arizona Tragedy

On January 8, 2011 a devastating event happened in Tucson, Arizona. 19 people were shot at an open meeting held by U.S. Representative, Gabrielle Giffords. Out of the 19 people, 13 were injured and 6 were killed including a 9-year-old girl and a federal judge. The person that committed this terrible crime was Jared Loughner, age 22 of Tucson, Arizona. It was said that he had notes with his plans to kill Giffords. We are deeply sorry for these terrible losses, and we will be thinking about all of the survivors.
By Hannah Acker

Golden Globe Awards

By Emily Brooks and Erika Renkes

Many people attended the awards with intentions of winning, but for some their hopes were lost. Still, with all the losses there were many winners. Among those lucky few were lead-acting awards for Natalie Portman in her thriller, "Black Swan" and Colin Firth for his role in "The King's Speech". Annette Bening and Paul Giamatti were also awarded with globes for musical and comedic lead roles. Most predict that this will be one of the best red carpet events of the year. For more on the Golden Globe Awards, check it out online.

Carnations

Student Council will be selling carnations soon for Valentines Day. We will be selling them on the 26th, the 28th, and the 31st during your lunch hour for a dollar. Please know your recipients 8th hour class so it can be delivered to them. They will be passed out on Friday the 11th. Thank you for your cooperation and we hope you buy a MILLION!

Rebecca Caudill Party
By Erika Renkes

In February, Mrs. Bovey will have her annual Rebecca Caudill Party for everyone who has read three Rebecca Caudill 2011 books. This party includes snacks and hanging out with your friends. Also, you get to vote for your favorite Rebecca Caudill 2011 book. Then Mrs. Bovey will submit our votes to an organization and they will be joined with all the other voters in Illinois to decide which will be the winner. You may think this is a party for people who read all the time, but it isn't. You only have to read three out of the twenty best juvenile books in Illinois for 2011. If you feel like it you can even read all twenty and your name will be put on a plague. For those who want to know if they qualified the list is on the library's door and will be updated every now and then.

Spelling Bee
Article By: Justin Wilson

"Definition Please."
"A contest in which competitors are eliminated as they fail to spell a given word correctly."
" Spelling Bee. S-p-e-l-l-i-n-g B-e-e"
"Correct!"

Spelling Bee tryouts were Thursday, January 20th at 7:40 am in the library and Monday, January 24th immediately after school in Mrs. Pace's room. You had to spell 50 words during that time. The top 10 people that missed the least amount of words will be on the RMS Spelling Bee Team. You could have a list of words to practice from on

Young Authors
By Zoey Colglazier

Young Authors is a writing event that many people enter every year. They write stories or poems, and the submit them to be read and evaluated by administrators. The winning submission is sent to a conference in Normal, Illinois on May 21st, 2011. At the conference the student may read other entries and talk to authors. At the end of the day there is a award ceremony where the student will receive a certificate for participating and copies of books written by the contributing authors.

Spelling Bee Tryout Winners

Congratulations to the 2011 RMS spellling bee team! The team members this year are: 8th grade- Becca Drezen, Shana Drengenberg, Jacob Harrison, and Abbey Schaefer and 7th grade members are: Daria Bennett, Zoey Colglazier, Jacqueline Fazekas, Katie Hammitt, Erika Renkes, Lauren Turffs, and alternate Uriah Smith. Thank you to all who tried out

Scholastic Bowl

By Matt Sanders

7th and 8th grade students have risen up to the occasion and have joined scholastic bowl. Now I bet you wonder what scholastic bowl is. Scholastic bowl is an acedemis team (or teams) lead by Mrs. Countryman where students with more brains than bronze put their heads together and use their knowledge to answer questions from science to English and from sports to history. There is 40 questions split up into to two games with refreshments in between. Scholastic bowl will have meets almost every Wednesday with a couple of Monday meets too. Home meets will be on 2.16.11 and 3.16.11. Scholastic bowl officially starts the second of February.

Sports

Wrestling Athlete Spotlight

By Lauren Turffs

This month's athlete spotlight is…
Connor Sperling!

Here are some facts about Connor Sperling:
Connor played football in the summer and fall and baseball in the spring. Connor also is good at basketball but doesn't play it as a sport. He also won the Elks basketball contest in the fourth and fifth grade. In his spare time he listens to music such as soul and pop. His favorite artists are Bruno Mars, Nelly, B.O.B., and Jason Derilo. Favorite songs by these people are Grenade (B.M.), Just a Dream (Nelly), Riding Solo (J.D.). Connor's favorite wrestling moves are the Pancake, and the Double Chicken Wing. He has no wrestling idol, but he is in his seventh year of it. He says, "This should be a great season. We have Coach Thorpe this year and that should help some of the younger wrestlers."

Basketball Cheerleading

Reagan Middle School is lucky to have cheerleaders for the basketball team. Without them, the crowd wouldn't be so rowdy. The cheerleading coach is Coach Fassig and a couple of high school cheerleaders that help out who include Kelsey Wiseman and Kacie Summers. Since the cheerleaders work so hard, they are lucky to be able to do stunts, which can be difficult since you have to hold on to the flyer, the person that goes up, tightly. Even though the cheerleaders work so hard, they do not go to away games. I believe that if they were to go to the away games, the team would be more fired up because people they know are cheering them on. The cheerleaders play a big part of the basketball team and without them the team wouldn't be complete!
By Hannah Acker

Iditarod Race

By Zoey Colglazier

The Iditarod Race, famous for being the "Last Great Race on Earth" is coming up on March 5th, 2011. The Iditarod started in 1925, when a breakout of diphtheria caused emergency medicine to be rushed to Nome. However, only dogsled could take the medicine, because the railroad would only reach halfway. Mushers and their dogs raced from town to town, until the last group got lost in a blizzard. Balto, the lead dog, used his keen sense of smell to guide the medicine to Nome, saving the town. Years later in 1973, there was a full-on race to commemorate Balto and his brave deeds.

Iditarod race (continued)

The Iditarod starts in Anchorage, and the mushers must go through 26 checkpoints. The race starts on the First Saturday in March, and usually last 10-17 days. Each team starts out with 12to 6 dogs, and must finish with at least 5. The race takes place over the Iditarod Trail, which used to carry mail and supplies from Anchorage to all the other cities between it and Nome.

So, comes this March 5th, will you be watching?

Entertainment

Wacky Holidays
By Erika Renkes

Instead of just New Years Day there are other holidays you may not know about. Ever heard about Oatmeal Day? How about Bathtub Party Day? I have! You may have celebrated these days if you read these articles. If not you can start now.

Jan.1st- New Year's Day
Jan.2nd- National Motivation and Inspiration Day
Jan.3rd- "Thank God it's Monday" Day
Jan.4th-World Hypnotism Day
Jan.5th-Bean Day
Jan.6th-Three Kings Day
Jan. 7th- I'm Not Gonna Take It Anymore Day
Jan.8th- National Joy Germ Day
Jan. 9th-Positively Penguins Day
Jan. 10th-National Clean Off Your Desk Day
Jan.11th-Cigarettes Are Hazardous to Your Health Day
Jan.13th-Rubber Duckie Day
Jan.14th- Dress Up Your Pet Day
Jan.15th-Bald Eagle Appreciation Day
Jan. 16th-Appreciate a Dragon Day
Jan.17th-Kid Inventors Day/Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan.18th-Do Dah Parade Day
Jan.19th-Tin Can Day
Jan.20th- 22nd- Women in Blue Jeans Day
Jan.21st-National Hugging Day
Jan.22nd-Answer Your Cat's Questions Day
Jan.23rd-National Writing Day
Jan.24th-Belly Laugh Day
Jan.25th-National Speak Up and Succeed
Jan.26th-Cockroach Race day

Jan.27th-Thomas Crapper Day-Distributed to toilets
Jan.28th-Fun at Work Day
Jan.29th-National Seed Swap Day
Jan.30th-Inane Answering Message Day
Jan.31st-Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day

Book Review
On "The Newcomer"
By: Micheal Scott
Article By: Samantha Odenthal

I read The Newcomer by Micheal Scott. As Josh and Sophie continue their adventure, more trouble pops up. And when Josh is in trouble, Sophie and the rest of the gang have to hurry to save him… or it will be too late. The 4th book of The Alchemyst series is even more thrilling than before.

Mystery People

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th grade
Initials: P.J.	Initials: E.B.	Initials: J.W.
He plays in the band.	She has blue eyes.	He has brown hair.
His mom is a teacher.	She has one sibling.	He has glasses.
He has brown hair.	She played volley ball.	He plays tennis and Hockey.

F.I.S.H.

- S.D. walked into a room and yelled "Hello," while 7th graders were MAP testing.
- M.S. tackled B.M. randomly in front of teachers.
- S.K. and L.H. tackled Miss Duncan.
- S.B. and T.C. had to dance in front of Mrs. W's class.
- L.P. smacked a kid hard when turning around.
- T.D.'s Friend farted during ISAT.
- K.W. fell up the stairs and hit her face on the ground.
- E.G. touched A.R.'s elbow and A.R accidentally punched him in the face.
- M.J. fell in a trash can and A.B. broke her arm.

Despicable Me
By Katie Hammit and Justin Wilson

Five stars and 700 thumbs up for despicable me! It was a wonderful thing to watch. It's a great movie to sit down and eat some popcorn with your family. We recommend it to people who like to laugh. Please make time to watch this fantasic, hilarious movie!

Random Facts

Article By: Justin Wilson

WARNING:

SOME OF THE FOLLOWING FACTS ARE RANDOM.

READ AT YOUR OWN RISK!

The 57 on Heinz ketchup bottles represents the number of varieties of pickles the company once had.

In the average lifetime, a person will walk the equivalent of 5 times around the equator.

When you die your hair still grows for a couple of months.

The most money ever paid for a cow in an auction was $1.3 million.

Elephants are the only mammals that can't jump.
The international telephone dialing code for Antarctica is 672.
There are 10 human body parts that are only 3 letters long (eye hip arm leg ear toe jaw rib lip gum)
Diet Coke was only invented in 1982.
Stressed is Desserts spelled backwards.
On average, there are 178 sesame seeds on each McDonalds BigMac bun.
The plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets.
Minus 40 degrees Celsius is exactly the same as minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit.
Children grow faster in the springtime.

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Are you smarter than a fifth grader?

Who wrote the night before Christmas?

A) Samuel Clements

B) Elizabeth Browning

C) Clement Clark Moore

Last Month;s Question's Answer: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Opinion

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