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# WE'RE DONE WITH QUARTER ONE

## STUDENTS CELEBRATE END OF QUARTER WITH HALLOWEEN FUN




**PHOTO BY KIM JOINES**

STUDENTS POSE IN FRONT OF A POLICE CAR THEY WORKED TOGETHER TO PACK A POLICE CAR WITH NON PERISHABLE ITEMS AND CANNED GOODS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MUSTACHE FOR MARCH. THEY DRESSED IN HALLOWEEN COSTUMES FOR THE ANNUAL RJHS COSTUME CONTEST ON OCTOBER 31ST.

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# RJHS PRINCIPALS INTRODUCE "PRINCIPAL PODCAST"




SCREENSHOT TAKEN FROM THIS MONTH'S PODCAST

**BY REAGAN DEVRIES**

EVERY NEW SCHOOL YEAR COMES WITH A LOT OF CHANGES AND NEW THINGS. ONE OF THOSE IS THE MONTHLY PRINCIPAL PODCAST. THE PODCAST WAS STARTED BY MR. OESTREICH AND MRS. BRANNON WITH A GOAL IN MIND TO REACH STUDENTS IN A MORE RELATBLE WAY THROUGH THEIR MONTHLY VIDEOS.

EACH MONTH, THE PRINCIPALS FOCUS ON ONE MAIN TOPIC, WHILE BREAKING UP THE VIDEO WITH HUMOR IN BETWEEN.

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, THE THEME OF THE VIDEO WAS THE SEL WORD OF THE MONTH 'RESPECT'. THEY FOCUS ON THAT PARTICULAR WORD TO EMPHASIZE TO STUDENTS HOW IMPORTANT RESPECT IS, NOT JUST WITHIN A SCHOOL SETTING, BUT OVERALL IN LIFE AS WELL. RESPECT CAN COME IN MANY FORMS, ONE OF WHICH MR. OESTREICH POINTS OUT IS "HOW YOU ARE NOT LOOKING AT YOUR PHONE WHILE HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH SOMEBODY BECAUSE YOU ARE BEING RESPECTFUL. OR IF YOU HAVE A DISAGREEMENT WITH A FRIEND, ANOTHER WAY TO SHOW RESPECT IS TO AGREE TO DISAGREE INSTEAD OF ARGUING ABOUT THE TOPIC."

ANOTHER FORM OF RESPECT MRS. BRANNON SPOKE ABOUT DURING THE PODCAST WAS TO JUST LISTEN. SHE CAME ACROSS A CONVERSATION BETWEEN TWO STUDENTS WHERE ONE WAS UPSET AND THE OTHER SAT THERE AND LISTENED WITHOUT OFFERING ANYTHING OTHER THAN AN EAR. SOMETIMES JUST LISTENING IS THE BEST THING SOMEONE CAN DO FOR A FRIEND.

THERE ARE MORE PRINCIPAL PODCASTS COMING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND BOTH PRINCIPALS ARE PROUD AND EXCITED TO IMPLEMENT THIS TOOL THIS YEAR.



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6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADERS COMPETE IN HOUSE ASSEMBLY GAMES "MUMMIFYING" A FELLOW STUDENT TO WIN POINTS FOR THEIR HOUSE.

## ASSEMBLY WINNERS:

### 6TH GRADE:

**EHEYS**
**250 POINTS**

### 7TH GRADE:

**SAKATI**
**225 POINTS**

### 8TH GRADE:

**SAKATI**
**275 POINTS**

## QUARTER ONE POINTS STANDING:

| JASIRI | SAKATI: | EHEYS: | AROHA: |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6TH - 3,617 | 6TH - 4,760 | 6TH - 4,910 | 6TH - 4.396 |
| 7TH - 2,384 | 7TH - 1,936 | 7TH - 2,440 | 7TH - 2,941 |
| 8TH -6,284 | 8TH - 5,681 | 8TH - 7,302 | 8TH - 5,645 |

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# THE SPOOKY AND SPECTACULAR

**BY KLOEE SAVAGE**

WHAT ARE KIDS OR TEENS DRESSING UP FOR THIS HALLOWEEN? FOR GIRLS AGES 5-10, THEY MOST LIKELY WANT TO BE A CHARACTER FROM A POPULAR MOVIE WHETHER IT'S FROM K-POP DEMON HUNTERS OR ELPHABA AND OTHERS FROM THE CAST OF WICKED. THE CLASSICS FOR GIRLS THAT AGE LIKE PRINCESSES, CATS (OR ANY ANIMAL), VAMPIRES, AND WITCHES ARE STILL POPULAR FOR YOUNG GIRLS TOO. MEANWHILE, BOYS THAT AGE SEEM TO PREFER MORE CLASSIC COSTUMES LIKE SUPERHEROES OR MINECRAFT CHARACTERS. WHILE FOR TEENAGERS IT IS MORE WIDESPREAD. INSTEAD OF DOING SINGLE COSTUMES, THEY SEEM TO PREFER DOING GROUP, COLLABORATIVE COSTUMES WITH THEIR FRIENDS



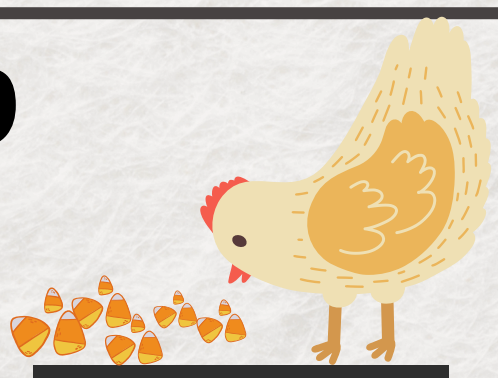
FOR SOME GENDER NEUTRAL COSTUMES, TEENAGERS DRESS AS THE LORAX, LABUBUS, M&MS, ZOMBIES, AND GHOSTS. FOR TEEN GIRL COSTUMES, IT COULD BE ANIME CHARACTERS, MONSTER HIGH CHARACTERS, AND RANDOM JOB PROFESSIONS (I.E. NURSING OR CHEERLEADING). MEANWHILE, MORE CLASSIC COSTUMES COULD BE VAMPIRES, WITCHES, CATS (ANY TYPE OF ANIMAL) AND FEMALE DC SUPERHEROES OR VILLAINS LIKE HARLEY QUINN. FOR TEEN BOYS, THEY MOSTLY WANT TO BE CLASSICS LIKE DC SUPERHEROES AND VILLAINS OR INFLATABLE ALIEN AND DINOSAUR COSTUMES. THE BIGGEST DRAWS FOR THE HALLOWEEN SEASON ARE CLASSIC AND POP CULTURE CHARACTERS.

## DID YOU KNOW?

THE FIRST JACK-O'-LANTERNS WERE CARVED FROM TURNIPS, NOT PUMPKINS.







**THE ORIGINAL NAME FOR CANDY CORN WAS "CHICKEN FEED."**

HALLOWEEN WAS ORIGINATED OVER 2,000 YEARS AGO WITH THE CELTIC FESTIVAL OF SAMHAIN, WHICH SIGNIFIED THE END OF SUMMER AND THE HARVEST.



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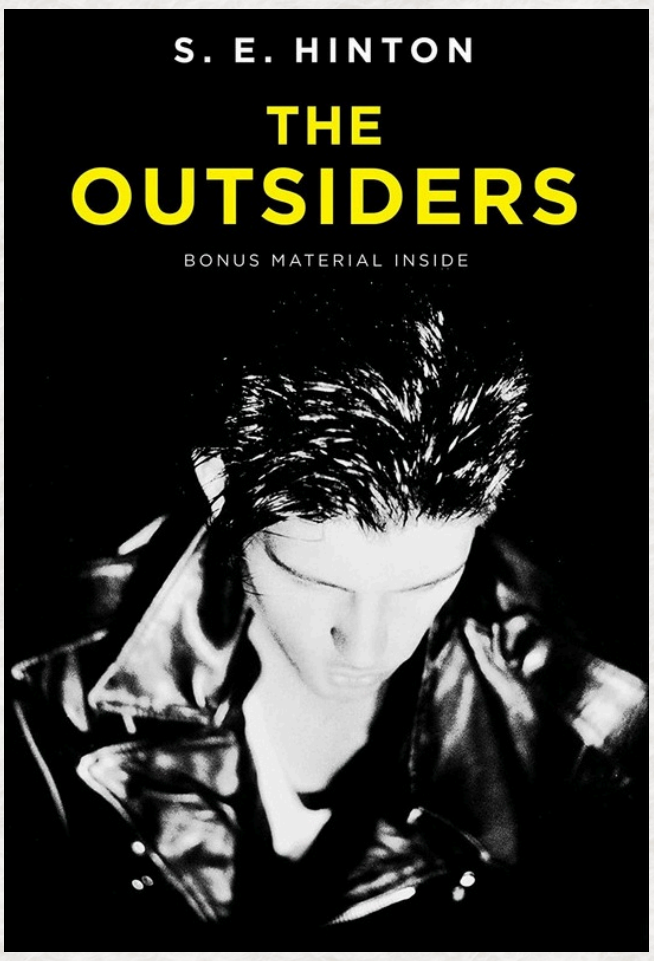
# 8TH GRADE NEWS

## "TIMES TUESDAYS"

8TH GRADE MATH TEACHERS STARTED DOING "TIMES TUESDAYS" WHERE THE STUDENTS COMPETE AGAINST THE CLOCK TO FILL OUT BLANK MULTIPLICATION TABLES. THIS IS HELPING IMPROVE THEIR MENTAL MATH BUT ALSO ALLOWING THEM TO PUSH THEMSELVES TO GET BETTER. THEY HAVE BECOME VERY COMPETITIVE ABOUT IT AND WORK THEIR TAILS OFF TO COMPLETE THEM. THEY STARTED WITH 12X12 CHART, BUT SOME STUDENTS HAVE WORKED THEIR WAY TO THE 16X16 CHART!

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| 10 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 |

## STUDENTS START THE OUTSIDERS




EACH YEAR, STUDENTS READ "THE OUTSIDERS" FOR THEIR CLASS NOVEL. THEY WILL HAVE "OUTSIDERS DAY" IN NOVEMBER WHERE STUDENTS WILL DRESS UP AS GREASERS AND SOCS AND PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE NOVEL INCLUDING PUTTING JOHNNY CADE ON "TRIAL." THE CLASSES ARE ALSO FOCUSING ON BUILDING GOOD SENTENCES AND PARAGRAPHS USING THE RACES MODEL. THEY'VE BEEN PRACTICING ANNOTATION AS THEY READ AND BACK-FILLING IMPORTANT LINGUISTIC SKILLS.



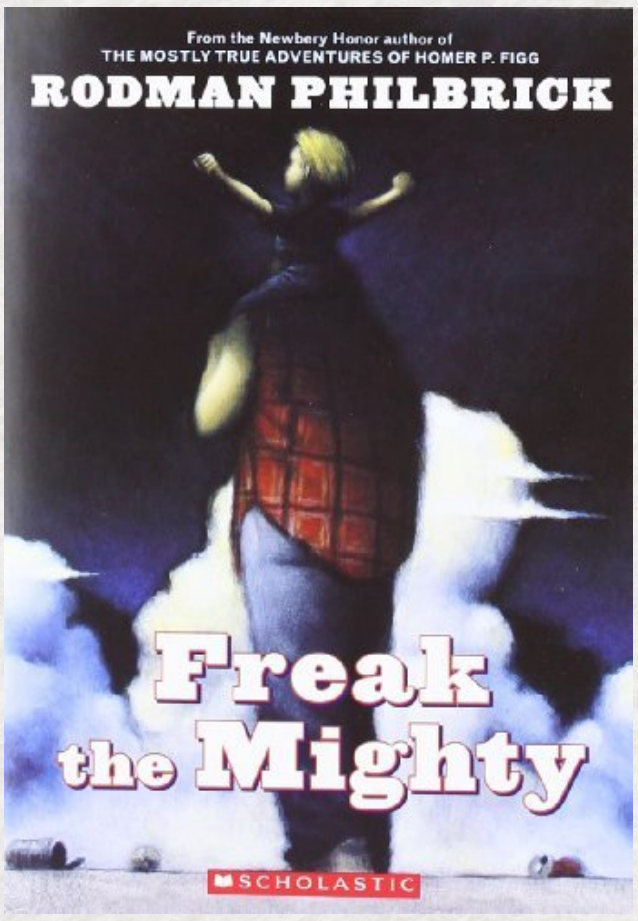
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# 7TH GRADE NEWS

## STUDENTS BEGIN FIRST NOVEL FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS




STUDENTS HAVE STARTED THE BOOK "FREAK THE MIGHTY" AND ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON SPEAKING AND LISTENING SKILLS, WEEKLY CONTEXT CLUE WORK WITH STEMS, AND EDITING USING DOL.

### SUMMARY

TWO BOYS – A SLOW LEARNER STUCK IN THE BODY OF A TEENAGE GIANT AND A TINY EINSTEIN IN LEG BRACES – FORGE A UNIQUE FRIENDSHIP WHEN THEY PAIR UP TO CREATE ONE FORMIDABLE HUMAN FORCE. A WONDERFUL STORY OF TRIUMPH OVER IMPERFECTION, SHAME, AND LOSS.

## 7TH GRADE FUN

7TH GRADE STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO GO ON AN EXCITING FIELD TRIP ON OCTOBER 17TH. THEY TRAVELED TO CAMP DUBOIS AND THE VAUGHN HILL CEMETERY.

CAMP DUBOIS IS LOCATED IN WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS AND SERVES AS A WINTER CAMP AND LAUNCH POINT FOR THE US EXPLORATION OF THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE.

STUDENTS ALSO LEARNED ABOUT THE HISTORIC VAUGHN HILL CEMETERY THAT DATES BACK TO THE EARLY 1800S. IT IS THE RESTING PLACE FOR WAR VETERANS AS WELL AS EARLY SETTLERS

## SCIENCE

STUDENTS INVESTIGATED PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF DIFFERENT SUBSTANCES.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

STUDENTS WORKED ON COMPARING AND CONTRASTING THE DIFFERENT COLONIES THROUGHOUT THE FIRST QUARTER. THEY ALSO CREATED SLIDESHOW PRESENTATIONS OR MOVIES FOR THEIR CHOSEN COLONY.

## MATH

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON ADDING AND SUBTRACTING POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FRACTION AS WELL AS MIXED NUMBERS

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# 6TH GRADE NEWS

## CRACKING UNDER PRESSURE

STUDENTS IN MR. SON'S MATH CLASS PUT THEIR HARD WORK TO THE TEST — LITERALLY — BY TESTING THEIR TOOTHPICK BRIDGES ON OCTOBER 14TH.

THIS NINE-WEEK PROJECT CONNECTED DIRECTLY TO THE 6TH GRADE RATIO STANDARDS (6.RP.1–4) AS STUDENTS EXPLORED UNIT RATE, UNIT CONVERSION, AND EQUIVALENT RATIOS IN A HANDS-ON WAY. THE ACTIVITY ALSO ENCOURAGED STUDENTS TO PRACTICE KEY STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICAL PRACTICE:

- MP1 — MAKE SENSE OF PROBLEMS AND PERSEVERE IN SOLVING THEM
- MP2 — REASON ABSTRACTLY AND QUANTITATIVELY
- MP5 — USE APPROPRIATE TOOLS STRATEGICALLY
- MP6 — ATTEND TO PRECISION

ALONG THE WAY, STUDENTS BUILT IMPORTANT REAL-WORLD SKILLS LIKE TIME MANAGEMENT, COLLABORATION, AND PUBLIC SPEAKING AS THEY PLANNED, BUILT, AND PRESENTED THEIR BRIDGES.

IT WAS AN EXCITING DAY OF LEARNING, PROBLEM-SOLVING, AND CELEBRATING CREATIVITY IN MATH.



6TH GRADE STUDENT TESTS HIS BRIDGE WITH SAND

**HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY – A BRIDGE THAT HELD AN INCREDIBLE 87.1 POUNDS BEFORE BREAKING!**

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

THE BOOK "RUMP" HAS BEEN CHOSEN FOR THE LIT BOOK THIS QUARTER AND STUDENTS FINISHED LEARNING THE ELEMENTS OF PLOT, THEME, AND FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE.

### SCIENCE

STUDENTS INVESTIGATED AND DISCOVERED WHO AND WHAT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SALLY THE SCARECROW'S DEATH IN THEIR CRIME SCENE SCIENTIFIC OBERSRVATIONS AND EXPERIMENTS. THEY ARE ALSO RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF ITEMS GOING TO THE LANDFILL

### SOCIAL STUDIES

IN SOCIAL STUDIES, STUDENTS HAD FUN CREATING AN ISLAND CONTINENT MAP PROJECT. FOR SECOND QUARTER THEY WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

# Q & A WITH MR. STAHLHUT

**BY ELIZABETH VAZQUEZ**

THERE ARE A VARIETY OF CLUBS FOR STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN AT ROXANA JR. HIGH SCHOOL. SOME INCLUDE BOOK CLUB, GAME CLUB, YEARBOOK, AND STUDENT COUNCIL. THIS YEAR, ART CLUB JOINS THE LIST OF ACTIVITIES STUDENTS CAN JOIN TO BOND WITH THEIR PEERS AFTER SCHOOL. MR. STAHLHUT STARTED ART CLUB THIS YEAR AND I SAT DOWN WITH HIM TO ASK A FEW ART RELATED QUESTIONS ABOUT IT AND HIM.

**Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEDIUM TO WORK WITH?**

**A:** I LIKE WORKING WITH A PENCIL. I'M BASIC




**PHOTO BY QUINN DOYLE:** MR. STAHLHUT POSES AS A SPIDER DURING A RECENT HOUSE ASSEMBLY.



**Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DRAW OR PAINT?**

**A:** LANDSCAPES

**Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE COLOR?**

**A:** I LIKE ALL OF THE COLORS. EXCEPT PINK. I DON'T LIKE PINK.



**Q: WHEN DID YOU REALLY START DRAWING?**

**A:** AT THE AGE OF 6 OR 7

**Q: ARE YOU EXCITED FOR ART CLUB?**

**A:** MMMM, YES.

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# A YEAR OF MEMORIES

## YEARBOOK CLUB BEGINS WORK ON CAPTURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

**BY EMILY PARKER**

STUDENTS IN YEARBOOK CLUB HAVE STARTED THE ANNUAL CHALLENGE OF CAPTURING THE YEAR IN PHOTOS AND PAGES TO COMMEMORATE THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR. WITH GUIDANCE FROM YEARBOOK SPONSOR, MRS. JONES, THEY MEET REGULARLY TO PUT TOGETHER PAGES AND RECEIVE PHOTO ASSIGNMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE CLUB INCLUDE: LEILA CLARK, ASHER DAWDY, QUINN DOYLE, AUBREE HAND, OLIVIA HYDEN, BELLA INMAN, EMILY OLIVER, EMILY PARKER, KLOEE SAVAGE, AND STEVIE ZICK.



# OFFICERS REVEALED

## STUDENT COUNCIL REVEALS OFFICERS FOR THE '25-'26 SCHOOL YEAR

**BY SAMANTHA KNIGHT**

THE STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR THIS YEAR HAVE FINALLY BEEN REVEALED. PRESIDENT EMILY OLIVER IS EXCITED TO TAKE ON THE JOB, "BUT I FEEL A LITTLE NERVOUS ABOUT IT," SHE ADMITS. "I WAS SHOCKED, BUT HONORED TO BE IN THAT POSITION." HER DUTIES WILL INCLUDE SPEECHES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND BEING THE FACE OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL AT RJHS.

### OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT**
EMILY OLIVER

**VICE PRESIDENT**
AUBRIE FRIEDRICH

**SECRETARY**
KAYLEE BERTOLETTI

**TREASURER**
MICHAEL KNIGHT

**ALTERNATE #1**
CARSON CLARK

**ALTERNATE #2**
KAITLYN TOMPKINS

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCT. 31ST** - 7PM - HS FALL PLAY: A MONSTER CALLS
**NOV. 1ST** - 7PM - HS FALL PLAY: A MONSTER CALLS
**NOV. 2ND** - 2PM - HS FALL PLAY: A MONSTER CALLS
**NOV. 7TH** - VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY
**NOV. 10TH** - NO SCHOOL
**NOV. 11TH** - NO SCHOOL
**NOV. 17TH** - TALENT SEARCH FIELD TRIP
**NOV. 21ST** - JR. HIGH DANCE AT 6 P.M.
**NOV. 26TH - 30TH** - NO SCHOOL: FALL BREAK

