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RHS/RJHS STUDENT COUNCIL HOSTS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS EVENT







PHOTOS BY MRS. JONES AND MRS. RUSSELL

THE ROXANA HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL TEAMED UP TO PUT ON A CHRISTMAS EVENT FOR THE COMMUNITY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ROXARENA.

HELD AT THE ROXARENA, PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE COMMUNITY COULD COME ENJOY THE FREE EVENT. KIDS ENJOYED PICTURES WITH SANTA AND PICKING OUT A FREE TOY AFTER. THEY WERE ABLE TO ENJOY A COOKIE AND CUP OF HOT CHOCOLATE AND A VISIT FROM THE GRINCH!

THE BIG HIT WAS THE CAKE WALK. "THIS IS SOMETHING STARTED LAST YEAR," SAID RJHS STUDENT COUNCIL SPONSER, JENN RUSSELL. "THE KIDS LOVED IT SO MUCH WE HAD TO BRING IT BACK THIS YEAR. GUESTS WALKED IN A CIRCLE TO FESTIVE MUSIC UNTIL IT WAS STOPPED. IF THEY WERE LUCKY, THE NUMBER THEY STOPPED ON WAS PULLED AND THEY GOT TO PICK A TASTY TREAT!

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DECEMBER BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL

STUDENTS ENJOY MILK & COOKIES IN THE LIBRARY

BY JACKSON HIGDON

EACH MONTH, STUDENTS CAN SPEND HOUSE POINTS THEY EARN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ON A BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL. FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, THE BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL WAS MILK AND COOKIES IN THE LIBRARY. STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO ENJOY AN AFTERNOON TREAT WITH CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND A CHILL ATMOSPHERE DURING THEIR ADVISORIES. THERE WERE A LOT OF STUDENTS WHO PURCHASED THIS BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL AND WE TALLIED UP THE REASONS WHY.



QUESTION:

WHY DID YOU PURCHASE THE BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL THIS MONTH?



ANSWERS:

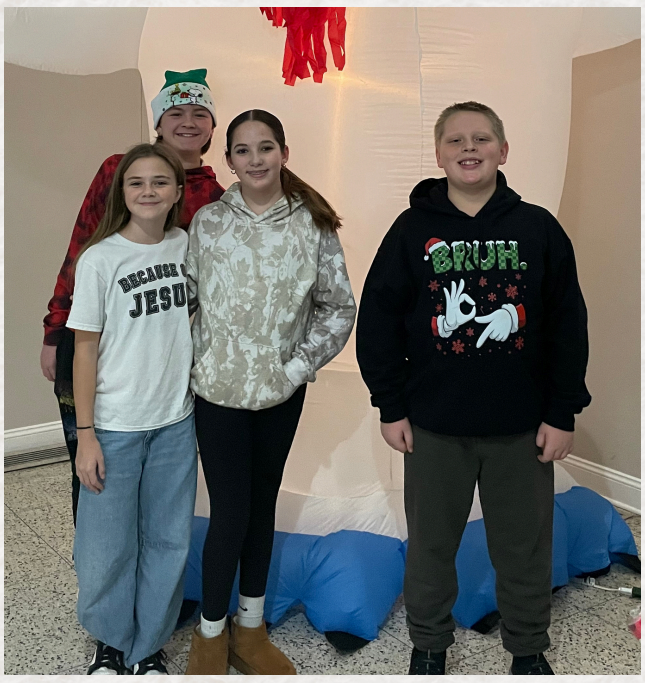
CAUSE WHY NOT: |||

I LIKE COOKIES: 𝍸 ||||

I LIKE MILK: ||

TO GET OUT OF ADVISORY: |

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS HOSTED BY STUDENT COUNCILS



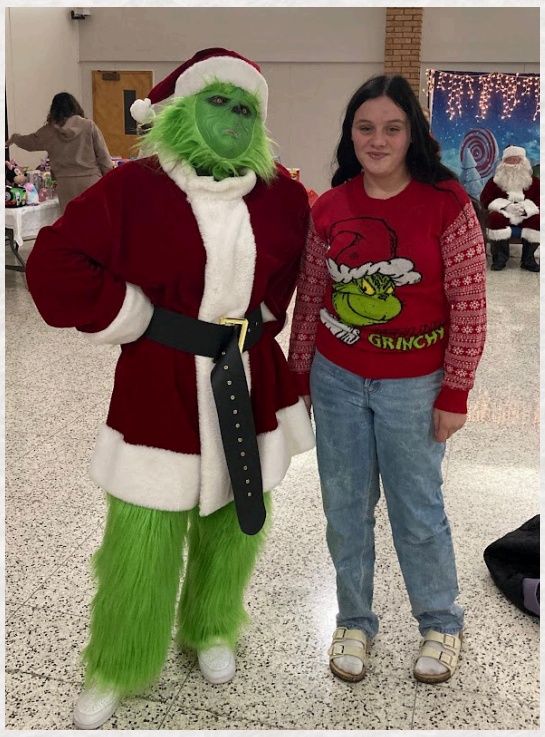














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RJHS READY FOR WINTER BREAK

BY EMILY PARKER

THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS A TIME FOR JOY AND CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS. WHILE MANY PEOPLE ENJOY FAMILY ACTIVITIES LIKE SINGING CAROLS, DECORATING THE CHRISTMAS TREE, AND FESTIVE LIGHT DISPLAYS, I ASKED SEVERAL STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR PERSONAL FAVORITES OF THE SEASON AND THEIR UPCOMING PLANS FOR THE BREAK.

"I ENJOY NOT HAVING SCHOOL, SLEEPING, AND OPENING GIFTS. OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK, I PLAN TO EAT A LOT OF FOOD."
— BREANNA LOWENSTEIN

"I ENJOY CELEBRATING WITH FAMILY, AND THAT IS WHAT I'M GOING TO DO."
— DANIEL KELLER

"TO SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND EAT FOOD."
— DESTINEE HUDSON

SPRING MUSICAL REVEALED

DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ANNOUNCE RJHS MUSICAL AT ALL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

THE LAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE BREAK WERE FILLED WITH ANTICIPATION NOT ONLY FOR CHRISTMAS, BUT FOR THE JUNIOR HIGH MUSICAL REVEAL!

THE DIRECTOR, MS. MAGGIE, SET UP A BOARD WITH POSSIBLE MUSICALS OUTSIDE THE JUNIOR HIGH OFFICE. EACH DAY FOR TWO WEEKS, A DIFFERENT RIDDLE WAS SENT OUT FOR THE STUDENTS TO GUESS. EACH GUESS WAS AN 'X' ON THE BOARD ELIMINATING A MUSICAL UNTIL IT WAS NARROWED DOWN TO THREE.

ON DECEMBER 19TH, IT WAS DOWN TO THREE MUSICALS:

DURING THE WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY IT WAS REVELAED THAT THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL IS.....HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR!

MS. MAGGIE AND MRS. SCHULZ ARE EXCITED TO GET STARTED AND PUT ON A FUN, MUSICAL STORY! WITH THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY SINCE HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL'S ORIGINAL RELEASE, IT'S THE PERFECT TIME TO HONOR IT! AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM AFTER SCHOOL ON FEBRUARY 23RD!



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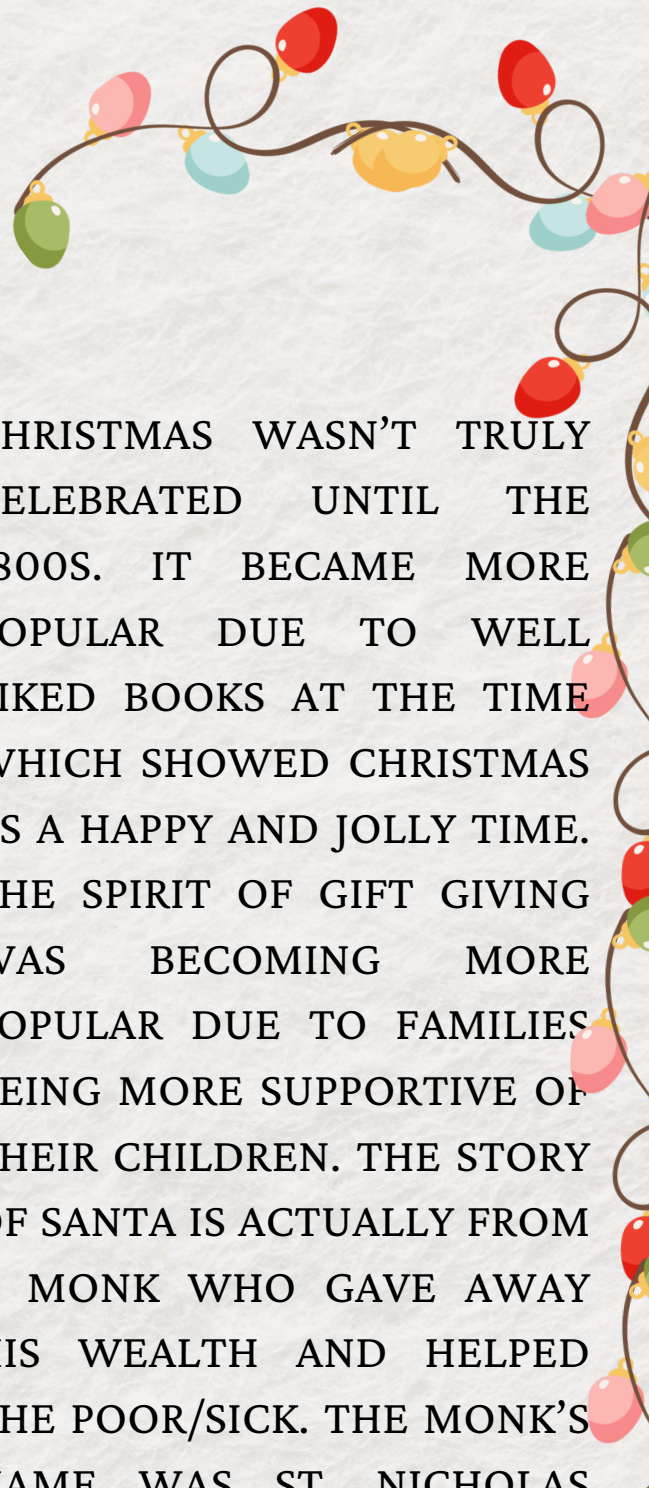
CHRISTMAS; A HISTORY

BY KLOEE SAVAGE

THERE'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT AND CHRISTMAS FUTURE, BUT IT'S THE CHRISTMAS PAST THAT IS LONG AND FULL OF RICH HISTORY. THE HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS IS A BLEND OF MANY DIFFERENT CULTURES AND HOLIDAYS TOGETHER. CHRISTMAS WAS CELEBRATED FOR MANY CENTURIES OR EVEN THOUSANDS OF YEARS. IT WAS ORIGINALLY A WAY TO CELEBRATE THE END OF THE LONGEST WINTER DAYS. PEOPLE COULD LOOK FORWARD TO LONGER AND WARMER DAYS. THE END OF DECEMBER WAS WONDERFUL FOR MANY AREAS OF EUROPE. SCANDINAVIANS.

THE NORSE CELEBRATED A HOLIDAY CALLED YULE, A PAGAN HOLIDAY), WHERE THEY WOULD SET A LOG ON FIRE; THEN, PEOPLE WOULD FEAST AND EAT TILL THE LOG BURNED OUT.

AS THE PAGAN HOLIDAYS DIED OUT AND CHRISTIANITY STARTED THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT STARTED TOO. A.D 336 IS WHEN THE FIRST RECORDED CHRISTMAS HAPPENED. ALTHOUGH SOME SOURCES SAY THAT THE FIRST FIRST CHRISTMAS WAS BACK IN THE 2ND CENTURY. JESUS ' BIRTHDAY IS NEVER STATED IN THE BIBLE YET CHRISTMAS IS OFTEN CELEBRATED BECAUSE IT. SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT IT EVEN HAPPENED IN SPRING BECAUSE OF SHEEP HERDING. THIS ALL HAPPENED BECAUSE OF POPE JULIUS 1 WHICH CHOSE DECEMBER 25 TO ADOPT THE PAGANS' TRADITIONS. BY THE MIDDLE AGES CHRISTIANITY REPLACED THE PAGAN RELIGION SO THEIR TRADITIONS WERE REPLACED TOO. IN AMERICA



CHRISTMAS WASN'T TRULY CELEBRATED UNTIL THE 1800S. IT BECAME MORE POPULAR DUE TO WELL LIKED BOOKS AT THE TIME WHICH SHOWED CHRISTMAS AS A HAPPY AND JOLLY TIME. THE SPIRIT OF GIFT GIVING WAS BECOMING MORE POPULAR DUE TO FAMILIES BEING MORE SUPPORTIVE OF THEIR CHILDREN. THE STORY OF SANTA IS ACTUALLY FROM A MONK WHO GAVE AWAY HIS WEALTH AND HELPED THE POOR/SICK. THE MONK'S NAME WAS ST. NICHOLAS WHO WAS BORN AROUND A.D 280.



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8TH GRADE NEWS

SCIENCE STUDENTS CREATE SCALE MODELS OF SOLAR SYSTEM

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON GRAPHING AS WELL AS SPACE. SPECIFICALLY, THEY HAVE BEEN COVERING GRAVITY AND THE SOLAR SYSTEM. THEY MADE SCALE MODELS OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM AND WILL BE DOING A GENETICS PROJECT ON PAPER BY CREATING BABY MONSTERS BEFORE BREAK. TEACHERS ARE ENJOYING WATCHING STUDENTS WORK TOGETHER TO PROBLEM SOLVE.



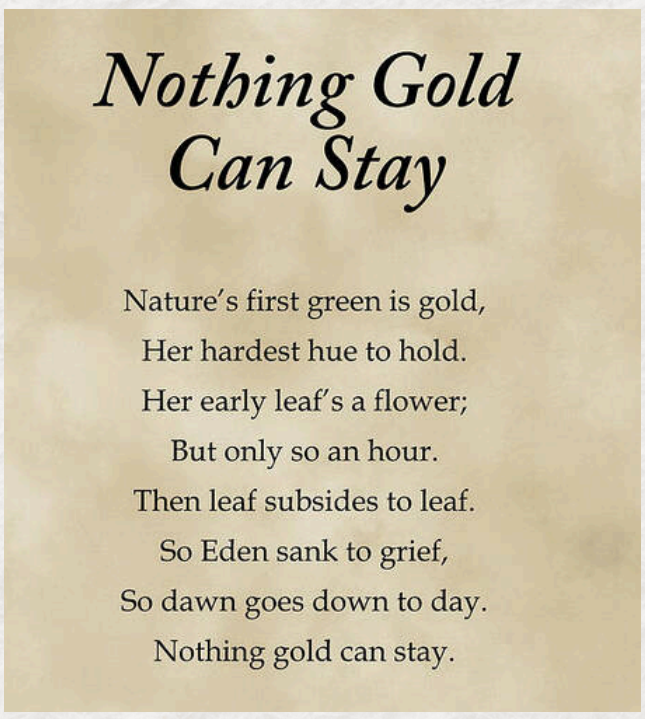
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS STUDENTS ANALYZE TEXT, POEMS

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN PRACTICING CREATING AND ANSWERING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS.

THEY HELD OUR OUTSIDERS DAY. AFTER FINISHING THE NOVEL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS DRESSED AS GREASERS AND SOCS AND THEY WATCHED THE FILM VERSION OF THE STORY.

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ANALYZING TEXT FROM THEIR CLASS NOVEL, THE OUTSIDERS AND THE POEM NOTHING GOLD CAN STAY. WHEN THEY RETURN FROM BREAK THEY WILL BEGIN WORKING ON NARRTIVE WRITING.

A POSITIVE TO COME OUT OF THIS SEMESTER IS LOTS OF READING. "I HAVE TWO STUDENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY READ OVER TEN BOOKS THIS YEAR," SAYS MRS. AKAL.



Nothing Gold Can Stay

Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.

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7TH GRADE NEWS

ELA CLASSES ENJOY COLLABORATION; LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER

ELA STUDENTS ARE CONTINUING TO USE THE RACE MODEL TO ANSWER COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS, CITING EVIDENCE FROM THE TEXT. THEY ARE CONTINUING THEIR PHONICS LESSONS TO IMPROVE THEIR COMPREHENSION AND FLUENCY. THEY ARE LEARNING NEW STEMS AND USING OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THOSE STEMS AS WELL AS CONTEXT CLUES TO DECODE THE MEANING OF UNKNOWN WORDS. THEY ARE SHARPENING THEIR GRAMMAR SKILLS AND WORKING TOWARDS FINE-TUNING THE EDITING STAGE OF THE WRITING PROCESS BY UTILIZING THEIR NON-NEGOTIABLE LIST. THEY ARE BECOMING DEEP THINKERS BY USING THEIR READING STRATEGIES TO ANNOTATE WHILE READING THEIR CLASS NOVEL IN PREPARATION FOR RICH CLASS DISCUSSION. IN PREPARATION FOR BEGINNING THEIR CLASS NOVEL AND TO BUILD BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE FOR FREAK THE MIGHTY, THEY READ A LEGEND ABOUT YOUNG KING ARTHUR. THEY THEN WORKED IN GROUPS TO FURTHER EXPLORE ASPECTS OF THOSE LEGENDS AND THEN SHARED THEIR KNOWLEDGE BY PRESENTING THEIR FINDINGS TO THE CLASS.

WHEN STUDENTS RETURN FROM WINTER BREAK, THEY WILL BE LEARNING MORE ABOUT ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING, INCLUDING COMPONENTS OF A STRONG ARGUMENT AS WELL AS WRITING THEIR OWN.

STUDENTS REALLY ENJOYED WORKING TOGETHER IN GROUPS AND DID A WONDERFUL JOB COLLABORATING AND PRESENTING THEIR FINDINGS TO THE CLASS. THEY ALL ENJOYED LEARNING FROM ONE ANOTHER!

SCIENCE

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THEIR RESEARCH SKILLS

SOCIAL STUDIES

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ANALYZING DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES OF HISTORY.

MATH

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON FRACTIONS! THEY WILL BE MOVING INTO THE "CRYBABY" CHAPTER REALLY SOON.

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6TH GRADE NEWS

SOCIAL STUDIES STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, ROSA PARKS, MORE

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND THE ACTIONS OF PEOPLE LIKE ROSA PARKS, RUBY BRIDGES, MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., AND MALCOLM X. THEY HAVE ALSO COVERED SOME OF THE MAJOR PROTESTS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT LIKE THE GREENSBORO SIT-INS, THE FREEDOM RIDES, AND THE BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S CRUSADE. COURT CASES LIKE BROWN VS. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND PLESSY VS. FERGUSON HAVE ALSO BEEN AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR JOURNEY TO LEARN ABOUT THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

STUDNETS ARE LEARNING TO EXPLAIN HOW AND WHY PERSPECTIVES OF PEOPLE HAVE CHANGED OVER TIME AND TO EXPLAIN THE MEANS BY WHICH INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS CHANGE SOCIETIES, PROMOTE THE COMMON GOOD, AND PROTECT RIGHTS.





WHEN SOCIAL STUDIES STUDENTS WERE PRESENTING TO THE CLASS, ONE STUDENT HAD TO PRESENT TO THE CLASS ALONE AND ANOTHER STUDENT SAW THAT SHE WAS NERVOUS AND SHE VERY QUIETLY GOT OUT OF HER SEAT AND WENT TO THE FRONT OF THE ROOM TO STAND BY HER WHILE SHE WAS SPEAKING SO SHE WAS LESS NERVOUS. THESE QUIET ACTS OF KINDNESS OFTEN GO UNNOTICED BUT CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO SOMEONE.

MATH

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON GRAPHING ORDERED PAIRS ON A COORDINATE PLANE AS WELL AS NUMBER THEORY.

THEY RECENTLY HAD A ROBOT PROJECT. STUDENTS USED THEIR SKILLS TO GRAPH ORDERED PAIRS AND CONNECT THEM, WHICH WOULD REVEAL A ROBOT. STUDENTS THEN DECORATED THEIR ROBOTS. THE TOP 10 GOT MCDONALDS.

NEXT QUARTER THEY WILL BE WORKING ON ALGEBRA.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

ELA STUDENTS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON MAKING INFERENCES. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN READING UNSOLVED MYSTERIES SUCH AS THE THE LOST COLONY OF ROANOKE, THE LOCH NESS MONSTER, AND THE SEARCH FOR THE ANCIENT CITY OF Z IN THE AMAZON RAIN FOREST. STUDENTS ARE GOING TO BE WRAPPING UP OUR INFERENCING UNIT BY PUTTING OUR INFERENCING SKILLS TO WORK IN A CHRISTMAS-THEMED ESCAPE ROOM: WHO STOLE THE SWEATER FROM THE UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER FACTORY?

SCIENCE

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN LEARNING HOW TO MEASURE LENGTH WITH A RULER, AND HOW TO MEASURE VOLUME OF SOLIDS WITH A RULER, AND LIQUIDS WITH BEAKERS AND GRADUATED CYLINDERS.

THEY'VE BEEN COVERING MEASUREMENT AND THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD AND HANDS ON ACTIVITIES WITH LAB EQUIPMENT.

Q&A WITH MRS. FALLOON

BY ELIZABETH VAZQUEZ

THIS MONTH'S SPECIALS 'SPECIAL' FEATURES THE RHS AND RJHS CHORUS DIRECTOR, MRS. FALLOON

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART TO SING IN CHOIR?
A: FOR SURE, ALTO

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SONG ANY OF THE JUNIOR HIGH CHOIRS SANG THIS YEAR?
A: PROBABLY THE 8TH GRADE'S SISI NI MOJA.

Q: HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING AT ROXANA?
A: THIS IS MY 8TH YEAR AT ROXANA AND 18TH YEAR TEACHING MUSIC.

Q: HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SINGING FOR?
A: MY PARENTS HAD ME SINGING IN CHURCH WHEN I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. I STARTED SINGING IN SCHOOL CHOIRS IN 6TH GRADE AND CONTINUED THROUGH COLLEGE!

Q: HOW LONG HAVE YOU PLAYED PIANO FOR?
A: I STARTED IN PIANO LESSONS WHEN I WAS SIX, AN
TOOK LESSONS ALL THE WAY THROUGH COLLEGE.

Q: DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE KEY TO SING IN?
A: I DON'T HAVE A FAVORITE KEY TO SING IN, BY MY FAVORITE KEY TO PLAY ON THE PIANO IS D FLAT (FIVE FLATS)

RJHS CHORUS AND BAND CONCERT A SUCCESS





BAND STUDENTS WORKED HARD TO REHEARSE AND BE PREPARED FOR THEIR WINTER CONCERT.
SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS PERFORMED THREE FESTIVE SONGS TOGETHER: "A HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS," "HANUKKAH," AND "A FESTIVE FANFARE."
THE EIGHTH GRADE ALONE PLAYED TWO EXCLUSIVE SELECTIONS: "YOU'RE A MEAN ONE, MR. GRINCH," AND PERHAPS "GREEN ONIONS."
SEVENTH GRADERS PERFORMED THE SOLO PIECE "CHRISTMAS CLOCK."
FINALLY, THE SIXTH GRADE PRESENTED OUT OF THEIR YELLOW BOOKS "JINGLE BELLS" AND "ROLLING ALONG" "HOT CROSS BUNS" "MARCH STEPS" AND "LIGHTLY ROW."

THE EIGHTH GRADE PERFORMED THREE SONGS CONSISTING OF, " SISI NI MOJA" (WE ARE ONE) "REMEMBERING DECEMBERS" AND "CHRISTMAS IN ABOUT THREE MINUTES."

SEVENTH GRADERS PERFORMED THREE SONGS CONSISTING OF, "CAROL OF THE BELLS" "DECEMBER CANON" AND "JINGLE ALL THE WAY."

SIXTH GRADERS PERFORMED THREE SONGS CONSISTING OF, "MINKA" "BELIEVE" AND "HERE COMES THE SNOW."

AND PERFORMED BY ALL 8, 7, 6 GRADERS WAS OUR CAROL MEDLEY

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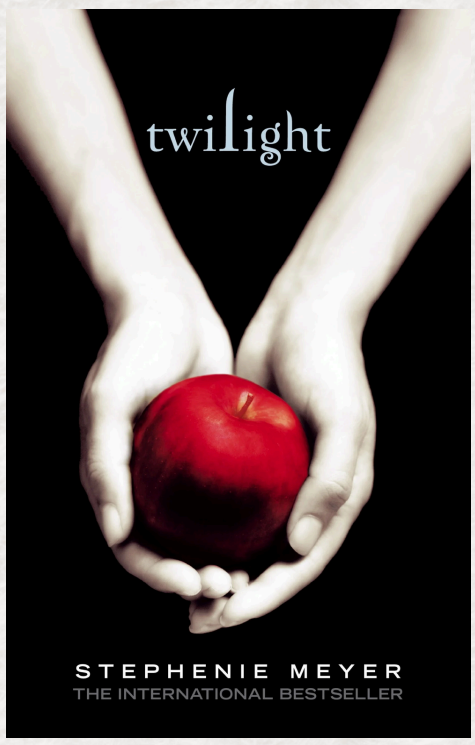
FROM BOOK TO SCREEN

BOOK CLUB CELEBRATES END OF SEMESTER WITH MOVIE

THIS MONTH'S BOOK CLUB PICK WAS TWILIGHT BY STEPHENIE MEYER. STUDENTS READ THE BOOK THROUGH DECEMBER. FOR THE MEETING, THE CLUB MET IN THE AUDITORIUM TO WATCH THE MOVIE. DOING THIS ALLOWS THEM TO DRAW COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE BOOK AND THE MOVIE AND SEE WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN CHANGED FROM BOOK TO SCREEN.

WHILE MOST OF THE STUDENTS ENJOYED THE MOVIE, THE GENERAL CONSESIS WAS, "IT WAS NOT A GREAT MOVIE, BUT I ENJOYED WATCHING IT."







UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC. 20TH - JAN. 6TH - NO SCHOOL: WINTER BREAK

JAN. 9TH - 2ND QUARTER HOUSE FIELD TRIP

JAN. 13TH - REPORT CARDS MAILED

JAN. 19TH - NO SCHOOL: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

