

The Lamb Pages

All the News from Riverside Elementary School

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The Life of Our Principal

By Maria N. and Alex S.

MR. Shumway was born in Edison, N.J. He grew up in South Brunswick, N.J. When Mr. Shumway was little, he went to Deans Elementary School for Kindergarten through second grade. Then, he went to Dayton Elementary School for third through sixth grade. His favorite subject in school was social studies. Mr. Shumway went to Rutgers University for college.

Mr. Shumway's favorite sport was baseball. His favorite activity as a kid was frogging. You got it, catching frogs! He wanted to become a teacher because he loves learning and wants other people to learn too.

Now, Mr. Shumway currently lives in Columbus, N.J. with his wife, four children, his mother-in-law, his father-in-law, his brother-in-law, two dogs, 13 chickens, and his estimate of 50,000 bees! For this school year, he is most looking forward to welcoming our new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Wawrzyniak. So, that's the life of Mr. Shumway!

Life in the Shoes of Mrs. Swenson

By Emily M. and Sarah W.

MRS. Swenson was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She also grew up in south Philadelphia, near Citizens Bank. Mrs. Swenson went to elementary school at St. Thomas Aquinas School. Some of her favorite subjects in school were reading and history. For college, she went to Temple University and Rowan University.

Her favorite activity in school was going to glee club/chorus. When Mrs. Swenson was younger, she wanted to be a teacher. She decided this when she was in 2nd grade!

Mrs. Swenson is the Director of the Child Study Team. Her hope for the school year is that all the children learn and love to learn.

Mrs. Swenson has been married for 31 years and has a daughter named Kirsten. They also have 3 cats. Now you know a little more about someone who works in our school!

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| Willy A.--4 th grade | Emily M.--4 th grade |
| Rylie B.--4 th grade | Joelle M.--5 th grade |
| Emily B.--5 th grade | Alexandra M.--5 th grade |
| Taylor D.--5 th grade | Maria N.--4 th grade |
| Alexandra D.--4 th grade | Nina O.--4 th grade |
| Blaine F.--5 th grade | Ava P.--5 th grade |
| Gwenn F.--4 th grade | Michelle S.--5 th grade |
| Riley G.--4 th grade | Alexandra S.--4 th grade |
| Eric J.--5 th grade | John T.--4 th grade |
| Cade K.--5 th grade | Sarah W.--4 th grade |
| Julia L.--4 th grade | |

Advisor: Kristen Frey

Out With the Old, In With the New

By Julia L. and Nina O.

WHAT?! Mr. Camardo has left Riverside! We have a new vice principal... Mrs. Wawrzyniak! She was born in Cherry Hill and grew up in Maple Shade, N.J. Her favorite subjects in school were science and writing.

She went to college at Rowan University, and she got her Master's degree from Scranton University. She became a teacher because she thinks children are important for the future and she wanted to help children become good citizens and good leaders.

She currently lives in Marlton. Her hobbies are camping, boating, and music. She has two sons, 12 and 14 years old. And one thing you might be interested in knowing-- she is a brown belt in karate and also does kick boxing!

Mrs. Wawrzyniak's hopes for the school year are to meet lots of new people and help RES be the best school ever. We are glad she is here!

Pumpkin Night 2014!

By Rylie B.

PUMPKINS! Costumes! Fun!
Pumpkin Night 2014 had something for everyone!

The very first thing I noticed were the scary decorations. School and Family helped decorate the cafeteria and hallways with lots of spooky stuff. There were also tables set up for the pumpkin contest. I saw many wonderfully decorated pumpkins!

Next, I went to the library where I was volunteering. Student Government has set up several stations with SPOOK-TACULAR activities! We had coloring, bingo, crafts, hot pumpkin (like hot potato), and story time. Everyone really seemed to have a great time!

During my break, I followed the music to the cafeteria where there was a huge dance party going on. All the kids were in costume and dancing to the music. I then made my way to the snack table, where I enjoyed some yummy treats! Next, I saw a new monster table! Children listened to a story and in some pots you felt what was inside. You then tried to guess what you felt. There were ears, eyeballs, fingers, a heart, and more! I hope you were brave enough to touch the heart!

Then it was time for the costume contest! Mr. Shumway and Mrs. Connearney were the judges. I think they made excellent choices! Overall, Pumpkin Night 2014 was SCARE-TASTIC!

Character Counts!

By Michelle S.

HEY, you there? Do you think character counts? If you think it is not good enough to care about, boy are you wrong. Character is very important because it shows who you are and if others can depend on you. And at our Riverside Elementary School we celebrated that CHARACTER COUNTS from October 6th-10th. I bet you can guess who came up with this fun and brilliant idea. You know her, you love her, and she is your friend in every way, Mrs. Connearney! If you missed having the experience, here's your chance to find out what we did.

On Mighty Monday we socked it to the bullies! We put on mismatched and crazy socks! It was fun and everyone had a laugh at each other. On Tuesday we dressed in our very best to express ourselves for who we are. On Wonderful Wednesday we dressed up in our favorite team jersey. The reason we put on our team jerseys is that it shows that we all can team up and can conquer bullying. On Thursday we dressed up in MAROON, showing that we are from the same fantastic school. And we ALL know it was Fun Friday when we all dressed up as our hero. It can be anyone that inspires you!



During this week we had an assembly where the entire school danced and sang along to the song *Happy*! At the assembly we saw funny videos and at the end we saw ourselves on the screen along with a version of the song *Happy*, made by Mrs. Aviles. We also got a special visit from Rocky the Ram! So don't forget to show those character traits: Trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship! And now you know that character counts!

Spotlight on Safety

By Riley G.

WHAT are some rules that you follow from our safety patrol students? They will tell you not to run in the hallways, not to slide down the railing on the stairs, and not to yell in the building. There are 16 5th graders who are safeties. You will see them in their neon yellow belts, before and after school, making sure that everyone is following the school's rules.

One safety patrol member, Ava, says that she like that she gets to help make the school a better place. She also shared that it is a hard job sometimes because some kids will listen one day and won't listen the next day. Remember safety patrol are students too, so make sure you follow their rules!

2014 Riverside Elementary School Halloween Parade!





Operation R.E.D. (Read Every Day)

The Operation R.E.D. winners from the month of October are: **Skylar R.**, 3rd grade, Mrs. Theis' class, **Joana A.**, 5th grade, Mrs. Rafter's class, and **Sarah D.**, 1st grade, Mrs. Galvin's class. Congratulations to all of our READERS!



Congratulations to our RES students who scored a perfect score on their 2013-2014 ASK Test! Their hard work was rewarded at a special luncheon.
Way to go!

Get to Know the Lamb Pages Staff!

Cade K.

I have a cat named Chris, my favorite colors are green, blue, and orange, and my favorite video game right now is The Legend of Zelda Wind Waker HD.

Nina O.

I was born and grew up in Chester, Pa., I play basketball and gymnastics, and I love the color orange so much that it was my birthday theme.

Allie D.

I have two dogs named Bailey and Snickers, I have two brothers and one sister, and my favorite sport is softball. I play for the Lady Patriots and for Riverside!

Alexandra M.

I was born in Rhode Island, my favorite sport is soccer and I play for Delanco, and my favorite subject in school is science because we get to do cool experiments.

Blaine F.

I like to play soccer and kickball, I have a pit bull mix named Pixie, and I have a white German Sheppard named Aspen.

Emily B.

I have lived in Riverside my entire life, my favorite sports are field hockey and softball, and I have one brother.

Emily M.

One of my favorite things to do is to do gymnastics, my best friends are Sarah, Megan, and Adriana, and I am a girl scout, I play softball, take dance.

Eric J.

My favorite sport is soccer and I play for the Delanco Dragons, I have a fluffy dog named Abby, and my favorite subject in school is science because we do many experiments.

Gwenn F.

My favorite sport is softball and I play for Riverside, I take hip-hop at Performance Studios, and I have a big dog named Otis.

Joelle M.

My favorite sport to play is field hockey, I love to watch football and the EAGLES are my favorite team, and I dance for Helen Stanley dance school.

Rylie B.

I love to draw because I get to use my imagination, reading is my favorite subject because I'm always thinking, and my favorite thing is to hang out with my sister because it makes us happy.

Julia L.

My favorite sport is soccer and I play for Delanco, my favorite subject is reading, and I have a pet snake and a dog.

Ava P.

My favorite sports are football and soccer, I love to act and have performed in Hairspray Jr. and will be in Legally Blonde Jr., and I like to hang out with friends and skateboard.

Maria N.

I live with my mom, dad, and my brother, Matthew, I have two dogs, and I love to read.

Michelle S.

I speak two languages, which are English and Spanish, my whole family was born in Lima, Peru, but I am Peruvian and American, and I love to play soccer with my family.

Alexandra S.

I am in fourth grade, I have an 11-year-old sister in middle school, and I like to sew.

Riley. G

I have five brothers and sisters, my favorite sport is soccer and I have played for seven years, and art is my favorite subject in school because I love to draw.

Sarah W.

I love to hang out with my friends, my best friends are Emily, Adriana, Nina, Gwenn, Caitlyn, and Vanessa, and I enjoy doing after school activities like chorus, drama club, and Lamb Pages.

Willy A.

I was born in Willingboro at Lourdes Hospital, my favorite sports are soccer and dodge ball, and my favorite subject in school is science because I really like to learn about space.

Taylor D.

I love art, I have two pet hedgehogs, and I love dragons.

John T.

I love to play soccer, I always play outside with my friends, and I give the kids in my family a lot of attention.

The Way I See It...

EACH month two Lamb Pages writers will take sides on hot issues affecting our school. This month, we take on the noise in the cafeteria...

Silence People

By Michelle S.

Have you ever been sitting in the cafeteria and its SOOO loud! Well, the teachers have set up a sticker chart. You would earn a sticker every time your grade is quiet. Also, do you ever imagine what it would be like to have a quieter cafeteria? I don't mean we should be completely silent, but not as loud as a zoo! This is also unhealthy for you. While you talk and eat you could get a stomachache or a headache. That would cause much pain, don't you think? Also, you could lose your voice, and how can you go through the day in school without a voice? I do not imply that you should be as loud as a zoo, or as quiet as a rabbit. Other people and I would like something in the middle. So, knowing these facts do you agree that the cafeteria should quiet down? I hope you do!

Silence, Not!

By Alexandra M.

Have you heard about the silence in the cafeteria? Well, I have. I think it is the worst idea EVER!! It is not fair at all and here is why. Our teachers tell us that lunch and recess are our one time to talk in school. There is this thing called a sticker chart, and every grade gets a sticker for being quiet. How can we be quiet when we are eating? Even teachers talk when they are eating! If there were 200 teachers in a room, they would be just as loud! I think we should be able to socialize with our friends, even if it gets loud. So, which do you agree with-- silence or LOUDNESS?



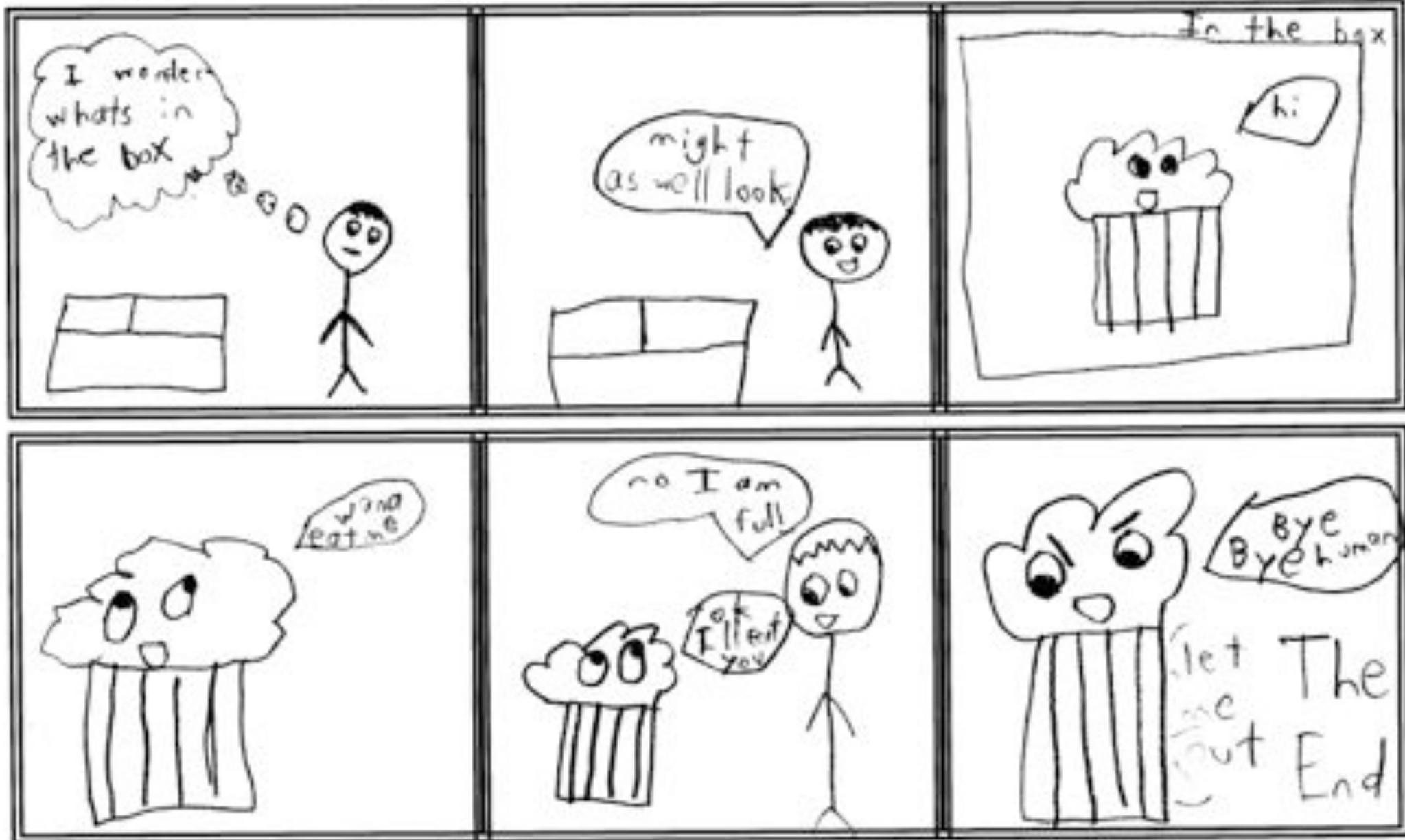
Our Character Counts cheerleaders entertained students at our Character Assembly in October!

By: Eric Jones

The Computer Crash



By Cade Krywy



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