



The Lamb Pages

All the News from Riverside Elementary School

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Mr. Camardo Time!

By Kaya H. and Michelle S.

MR. Camardo was born in Willingboro, N.J. and grew up in Delran. He went to St. Casimir's School in Riverside for elementary school. In school, his favorite subject was always reading. When he was young his favorite sport was baseball and his favorite activity was going to the beach.

Mr. Camardo studied education first at Pfeiffer University in North Carolina, and then at the University of Pennsylvania and the College of New Jersey. The reason he wanted to become a teacher was because he wanted to be one since he was a kid. Mr. Camardo started teaching when he was 22 years old. He taught middle school for 12 years before becoming RES's Vice Principal last year. As the Vice Principal, Mr. Camardo has worked hard to promote our pillars of character, and to prevent bullying in our school. He says that he really feels angry and sad when he sees kids getting bullied.

Mr. Camardo currently lives in Mount Laurel. Since he was a kid he has collected PEZ dispensers and he still does. He also has a wonderful Basset Hound named Nooney. Mr. Camardo's favorite color is orange and his favorite fruit is an orange. He has a niece and a nephew who he is very close with, and he says that they are like his own children.

Student Government Gears Up for Elections

By Joelle M.

STUDENT Government has started the new school year with its first major event: Pumpkin Night! Students in pre-K through 3rd grade came out on October 25 to play games and make crafts. Members of student government volunteered to help out. Kids played GHOST (like BINGO, but Halloween-themed), sent Boo-grams and pumpkin cards to their friends, and made bracelets and door hangers. Everyone had a really fun time!

Student Government is all about raising money for our school to get new stuff. Throughout the year, student government has events and fundraisers to help improve our school. Next up, student government will be having an election for its new officers for this school year. Students will listen to speeches and will vote for their favorites. Check out our December issue next month to meet our new officers. Good luck to all who are running!

The Lamb Pages Staff

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| Kirsten A.--5 th grade | Kaya H.--4 th grade |
| Kely A.--5 th grade | Eric J.--4 th grade |
| Ayzelin B.--5 th grade | Amy L.--5 th grade |
| Leslie C.--5 th grade | Joelle M.--4 th grade |
| Joslyn E.--5 th grade | Marilyn M.--5 th grade |
| Taylor F.--5 th grade | Alexandra M. 4 th grade |
| Ian H.--5 th grade | Michelle S.--4 th grade |
| Brea H.--5 th grade | Calvin V.--5 th grade |
| | Ivan V.--5 th grade |

Advisor: Kristen Frey

Creative Computer Teacher Mrs. Leonti

By Joslyn E. and Brea H.

Mrs. Leonti is the RES computer teacher, teaching computers for the first time this year. Born in Philadelphia, she grew up in California and Riverside. Mrs. Leonti went to RES where she was in Mrs. Boggs', Mrs. Davenport's, and Mrs. West-Grady's classes. In school, her favorite subject was social studies. While in Riverside High School, Mrs. Leonti played field hockey for Ms. Ehrich. After graduating from RHS, she went to the Burlington County College, the University of Delaware, and Rowan University for college. The reason she became a teacher was because she used to love playing school as a kid. She would even try to give her neighbors homework!

Mrs. Leonti currently lives in Hainesport with her husband and two children. Her hobbies include party planning and photography. The last question we asked was why she wanted to become a computer teacher so badly. Well, her husband is in the technology industry and she wanted to learn how to use technology in different ways in education. She says she can learn while we were learning at the same time and maybe she could learn a few things from us. Mrs. Leonti was always creative but she felt like she could never show the creative side of her while teaching 4th grade, so, when she was offered the job as the computer teacher she thought it was a perfect opportunity. We are looking forward to fun, creative new lessons in computers this year!

Chorus is Music to Our Ears!

By Kely A.

RES chorus is going strong this year thanks to Mrs. Rivera. She is taking over Music while Mrs. Aviles is home with baby Luna and has offered to run chorus until she is back.

Currently, students in chorus are learning a bunch of special songs in preparation for the winter concert, set to take place on December 18. Chorus will then start working on songs to get ready for a spring show.

As we prepare for Mrs. Aviles to return to the music room this month, we have really enjoyed all of the new things that Mrs. Rivera has taught us in chorus. For example, Mrs. Rivera tells us to do warm-ups like shaking our hands and feet. She has made Music and chorus fun places to be!



This month's Art Studio Spotlight is a piece by Kindergartener Kali in Mrs. Somers Class. Great job!

Classroom Spotlight: Kindergarten

Mrs. Stenn's Shining Stars

By Kirsten A. and Amy L.

IF you think Mrs. Stenn has only taught kindergarten you are so wrong! From 5th to 4th grades, to basic skills, to E.L.P., and from 1st to 2nd and now kindergarten, Mrs. Stenn has a lot to share. As much as you might be wishing to hear the whole story, Mrs. Stenn is telling us all about Kindergarten. From the moment her students enter the classroom, it is nonstop until the moment school is over. With a class of 25 they keep Mrs. Stenn very busy!

Their normal schedule would include writing, reading, math, learning centers, and of course lunch and recess. If you haven't been in one of Mrs. Stenn's classes, she reads a lot of books. Some of the books she likes to read to her Kindergarteners are Pumpkin Pumpkin, Mrs. Bindergarten, and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Her hope for this school year is for all the kids to have fun while learning, as well as all the kids being the best they can be! At the end of the year, her class should be able to know how to read, write four sentences, and count to 100.

Mrs. Stenn says she loves teaching in Riverside because she loves her students, now and before, as well as the staff here. She also loves to be able to mold young minds. And we must say, you are one lucky duck if Mrs. Stenn is, or was, your teacher!

Buzzing Around With Mrs. Bivona's Bees

By Ayzelin B. and Taylor F.

DO you ever wonder what a day in the life of a kindergartener is like? Well, you're in luck because we're going to tell you! The first thing Mrs. Bivona's Bees do is they take their snacks out of their backpack and sit at their seats. Then they put their snacks in their snack bin. During the learning filled day, they learn to unpack, where things belong, and many more fun and exciting things.

Then they get into their morning work. Kindergarteners do math, reading, and lots of kid writing. Mrs. Bivona says that writing is a big part of their day. They have many centers, too, like learning about animals (This week is Bats!). After recess and lunch, they come back reading time, the daily five, their special, and Mystery Readers on Fridays. During the day, the class reads many stories. Mrs. Bivona even has some favorites, like The Kissing Hand, Mrs. Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten, and Junie B. Jones. Finally, they pack up and go home.

The Kindergarten class will take many field trips this year! They will go to Johnson's Corner Farm to pick potatoes and popcorn in November, go to see a play in the winter, go to the Philadelphia Zoo in May, and take some walking trips around town!

Mrs. Bivona says her favorite part about teaching Kindergarten is being with the kids, seeing them grow from the being of the year to the end of the year, and talking to the kids because they are fun.

Helping Hands will be selling **RAM GRAMS** for 50 cents each after school on Wednesday, December 11.

All proceeds will be donated to Project Santa!

Weekly Club Meeting Schedules:

Social Skills--Tuesdays
Chorus--Tuesdays and Wednesdays
The Lamb Pages--Wednesdays
Crochet Club--Thursdays



Character Counts at RES!
Students at the Character Counts Pep Rally and Star Students for the month of October.

Get to know some of the Lamb Pages Staff!

Joelle M.--I was born in Pennsylvania at Jefferson Hospital. My favorite hobbies are watching TV, playing field hockey, dancing, and playing with my friends. I was nominated for the Lamb Pages because I add great description in my writing.

Joslyn E.--I was born at Virtua Hospital in Mt. Holly, N.J. My favorite hobby is definitely softball. I think I was nominated for the Lamb Pages because I love to write stories.

Brea H.-- I was born in New Jersey at Virtua Hospital. My favorite hobbies are playing soccer and dancing. I think I was nominated for the Lamb Pages because I am a good writer and I'm responsible.

Kelly A.-- I was born in Camden, N.J. My favorite hobbies are teaching and playing soccer. I think that I was nominated for the Lamb Pages because I am a good storywriter. Also, I am good in school.

Marilyn M.-- I was born in Mt. Holly, N.J. My favorite hobbies are playing PC and Xbox games, playing school, going outside, doing all of my school clubs, swimming, listening to loud music, singing, and writing music. I think I was nominated for the Lamb Pages because I love to write good stories, and I love that a ton of people read the newspaper!

Ayzelin B.-- I was born in New Jersey. My favorite hobbies are playing sports and hanging out with my friends and my awesome brother. I think I was nominated for the Lamb Pages because I am a good writer and I ask a lot of good questions.

Alexandra M.-- I was born in Rhode Island. I am half Indian and half Serbian. My favorite sport is soccer. I think that I was nominated for the Lamb Pages because I am a good writer.

Ian H.--I was born in Philadelphia. My favorite hobbies are playing video games, watching TV, playing Minecraft, and my favorite sport is baseball. I think I was nominated for the Lamb Pages because I am smart and I love to draw.

Kaya H.-- I was born in Philadelphia. I love to do gymnastics and go horseback riding. I think that I was nominated for the Lamb Pages because I am awesome and my best subject is writing.

Taylor F.--I was born at Lourdes Hospital in Willingboro, N.J. My favorite hobbies include reading, playing with my American Girl dolls, writing stories, and hanging with my awesome sister. I think I was nominated for the Lamb Pages because I did well on the writing portion on the N.J. ASK test.

RES Special Events

November

- November 7-8th--No School, NJEA Convention
- November 14--School & Family Meeting
- November 25--1/2 day, Night Conferences
- November 22, 26 --1/2 day, Afternoon Conferences
- November 27-- ½ day
- November 28-29--No School, Thanksgiving Break



**Kindergarteners
waiting for the
RES Halloween
Parade to begin!**



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 walking the track during recess...

Playground Time

By Marilyn M.

This year, 4th and 5th graders have to walk the track during recess, whether they want to or not. Don't you think it's unfair to have to walk the track without a choice? Well, I do. I don't think it's fair because last year when I was in 4th grade, we had a choice if we wanted to walk the track or not. I think it is crazy because recess is our fun time, and this is our only time to see our friends during the day. Sure walking on the track can be fun sometimes, but I think that we should be able to decide if we want to walk the track or not. If there is a day we choose not to walk the track, we should be able to stay on the playground!

Track Time

By Alexandra M.

I know some people don't enjoy going to the track for recess but I think it is good exercise. I know you'd rather be on the playground but you get healthier if you run or even walk on the track. I don't really think the teachers want to be mean to you, they are just trying to give you more exercise. And when you think about it, you get the same amount of running time as on the playground and you get so much healthier than you were before you ran on the track. Plus, when you complete eight laps you get a charm for your bracelet. When you complete an entire card you get a glow-in-the-dark charm. Plus, when you enter your card you get your name on the announcements. These are some good reasons why I think it's a great idea to go on the track at recess!



September
Perfect
Attendance
Reward--a
Dance Party in
the Halls!



Taylor F. introduces the Student Government candidates.

Some candidates prepare before giving their speeches.



Night Of The Living Dead

By Calvin

