

# The Lamb Pages

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All the News from Riverside Elementary School

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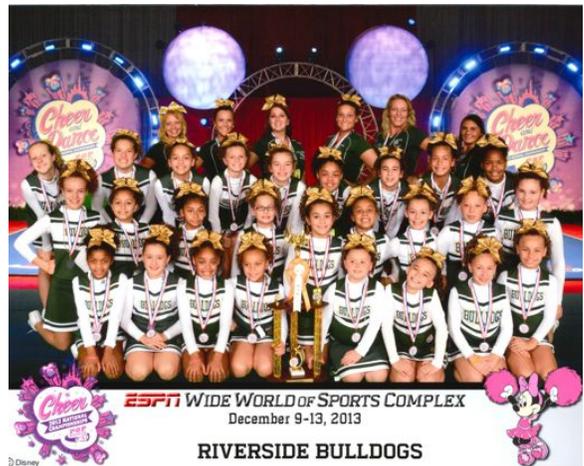
## **Bulldogs Head to Disney World!**

By Kirsten A.

IN early December, I took a trip to Florida. After a long drive, I knew as soon as we arrived. The first reason is because it was around 90 degrees. I was asleep and I woke up right away because I was so hot. The second reason was because there were palm trees everywhere!

Ok, the reason why I went to Disney World was for a cheerleading competition. My team--the Riverside Bulldogs--qualified for a trip to compete against teams from all over the world. We cheered against seven teams. They came from England, Bologna, Hawaii, California, Alabama, Moorestown, N.J., and Voorhees, N.J. After a lot of exciting and tough routines, the winners were announced and the Bulldogs came in second place! We only lost by 1 point to the first place team from Moorestown. My team and I were so happy when they announced that we had come in second place at Disney.

And if that wasn't cool enough, now that we came in second place in Disney World, we get another once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. We get to perform at a 76ers game! We will be on the court in the middle of February. We have practiced every day, including weekends, to get our routine perfect for this big day. We work our butts off to make sure that all 25 of us are perfect, and don't make one single mistake. It is very hard work, but I think it has been worth it!



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### **Second in Command!**

By Joelle M.

DO you know who the 2013/14 Student Government Vice President is? Well, I do. She is Riley S.

Riley is in fifth grade and her teacher is Mrs. Rafter. Her hobbies include playing basketball in the winter, swimming in the summer, and playing softball in the spring. In addition to playing sports, Riley likes to hang out with her friends Annie, Brea, and Grace. Riley said, "As Vice President I will help Brea the President."

### **Meet Our Secretary**

By Brea H.

HAVE you meet our new Student Government Secretary, Annie M.? Well, if not, now you are going to. Annie shared that she ran for student government secretary because she likes the idea of being in office. Annie has been at RES for 7 years. She is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Her favorite subjects are math and social studies. Her favorite book is *Dork Diaries*. She decided to run for secretary because she likes writing down new ideas for the school, and she also likes being able to participate. In her free time, Annie's favorite thing to do is dance. She likes dancing because she likes to entertain people. In addition to Student Government, Annie is also in crochet club and is a school safety. Now you have met our new secretary!

### **What It's Like to Be a Safety**

By Taylor F.

A safety's job is to keep the school safe. The RES safeties wear a bright yellow belt with a silver badge. If you hear a fifth grader telling you to walk when you're running, check for the safety belt. If you see one, you better listen!

If a safety has to talk to a student more than twice, you might get in trouble. The safeties have to enforce these rules to keep the school safe and in order. The rules of the school are very simple. They include no running, keeping your hands to yourself, waiting in line, and keeping off the playground in the morning.

Being a safety isn't an easy job. There are many students in our school, and they need everyone to pay attention and follow directions. So please, follow the rules, be respectful of the safeties, and make our school a safer place to be!

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### **There is a New Club at RES!**

By Kaya H.

DRAMA Club has become very popular in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Recently started by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Mr. Chiola, students will have the opportunity to build public speaking and communication skills. At their first meeting, students had the difficult task of connecting to partners.

Mr. Chiola is funny and is teaching students how to act and memorize lines, how to talk about themselves, and how to express true feelings. The Drama Club is planning on putting on a play by the end of the year...stay tuned!

## Classroom Spotlight: Second Grade

### Interviewing Mr. Huber

By Kely A.

IT was a blast interviewing Mr. Huber. To start with, Mr. Huber's class is a crazy, fun, educational, busy, and noisy room. Building on what they have learned in first grade, Mr. Huber says they work really hard to know all of their addition and subtraction facts. Also, they have to learn to love reading.

There are fun trips that second graders have. This year second grade will go to see the play "Peter Pan." When the weather gets warmer, they will be going on a nature hike through Palmyra Nature Cove.

Mr. Huber says that his class has many stories that they read throughout the year. Some of his favorites are *Henry and Mudge*, *Frog and Toad*, and *Piggie and the Elephant*.

This is Mr. Huber's second year teaching second grade and he says that he really enjoys it. He also says he enjoys coming up with new ways to get the students to listen.

As some of us know, Mr. Huber has taught other grades here at RES. Besides second grade, he taught kindergarten, third grade, fourth grade, and sixth grade in the middle school.

He shares that his favorite part of teaching second grade is seeing how the kids grow academically and in independence from September to the end of the year. His hopes for this school year include the kids doing well and enjoying their school year.

### Mrs. Ross Beats All the Rest!

By Michelle S.

EVERY day is very busy in Mrs. Ross' class. Students start their day with reading. After an early special, they work on word studies and writing. After lunch, it is time for math and science. Mrs. Ross thinks the children should be able to add and subtract numbers up to 20 in a snap by the end of the year. She says they enjoy reading *Matilda*, *The Magic Tree House* series, and *Junie B. Jones* books.

This year is Mrs. Ross's third year teaching Second grade. She has also taught Kindergarten, ELP, and Health. Mrs. Ross loves teaching the kids, especially instilling a love of reading in them.

Mrs. Ross' classroom is very bright with a descriptive word wall and an alphabetical animal rug. Her students have an 'I Lost A Tooth Chart,' and it looks like a lot of students lost a tooth in December. They also have a stick bucket with everybody's drawings on them. Finally, they have many books in their library.

Mrs. Ross makes sure her students have fun while learning. She has Friday Funday where students can bring in items to play with. They also have a Goody Gumball Machine. Once they get 10 gumballs on the machine, they win a reward. Rewards include eating lunch with the teacher. They also have a Cluck Can, which Mrs. Ross uses when kids are not following the rules. Sounds like fun, right? Well, now you know why Mrs. Ross beats all the rest!

## Miss Eveland's All-STAR Classroom!

By Joslyn E.  
THIS month, I interviewed Miss. Eveland. First off, Miss. Eveland and her class have a lot of fun, but their day is very busy. They do spelling, reading, centers, and writing. Miss. Eveland expects her class to learn how to use proper punctuation by the end of the school year. Their favorite books to read are *Sideways Stories* and *Horrible Harry*.

In Miss Eveland's class there is a Star of the Week each week. The Star gets to bring in some things that tell about themselves to share during the week. They also invite in a friend or family member at the end of the week to read to the class. All of her students look forward to their turn as a Star!

Miss. Eveland has been teaching second grade at RES for four years. She also taught second grade in Southampton, where she was an inclusion teacher. Miss Eveland would like her students to be better writers, and to love reading. Miss. Eveland's class is very unique because they make learning fun and they treat each other fairly.

"The most important thing I have learned in second grade is learning how to ask and answer great questions," says Miss. Eveland.

## Watters Way

By Leslie C.

I asked Miss Watters, "What is the day like in second grade?" She answered by saying, "The day is full with fun, new knowledge, and great experiences."

By the end of second grade, Miss Watters hopes her students will know different genres of writing, different ways to comprehend reading, how to add, subtract, problem-solve, tell time, count money, and understand balance, motion, as well as plants and animals in science.

Her favorite books that they read are Kevin Henkes books, *Bad Kitty*, and *Scaredy Squirrel*. This is Miss Watters' second year in second grade, but she had taught first grade in a different school for five years.

Miss Watters says that she really hopes her students love school as much as she does! "I enjoy laughing everyday with my students," she says.

Miss Watters shared some fun facts with us. She was 23 when she started teaching, and she always knew she wanted to be a teacher. Her favorite color is turquoise. And she thinks that she can achieve what must be done!



This month's Art Studio piece is by 2<sup>nd</sup> grader Jhordi in Miss Santos' class.  
Beautiful work!

## **Mr. Huber--King of Chess**

By Amy Lobley

HAVE you ever played the thinking game of chess? Well, I interviewed RES's King of Chess, Mr. Huber and he had a lot to say. Mr. Huber runs RES's Chess Club from December to February. He started the Chess Club six years ago because he wanted to teach kids the thinking game and to start a fun, new club for the elementary school. Chess Club is open to any 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Past players are also allowed to come. There is one, simple rule--have fun!

This is what happens. You pick a partner, play, then when you're done, you play with a different partner. His favorite part about the Chess Club is meeting students he doesn't know and watching them learn how to play the game of chess. The King hopes the kids learn all the rules of the game, and play for the rest of their lives. Mr. Huber learned how to play chess in elementary school. He shares that his dad taught him how to play. So if you are looking for a challenging, fun new activity, the Chess Club might be for you!

## **Welcome to RES with Mrs. Camardo**

By Alexandra M.

HAVE you ever wondered who is behind the smile that welcomes you to school each day? I interviewed Mrs. Camardo to tell you a little bit about her!

Mrs. Camardo has been working in RES's main office for 15 years. Her day is usually very busy with answering phones, greeting parents, giving out information, helping the teachers and principals, and checking attendance, just to name a few things. You'd think that the hardest part of her day would be dealing with the kids but that's her favorite part! Mrs. Camardo shares that the hardest part of her day is getting all of her work done.

Mrs. Camardo grew up in Riverton and she went to Palmyra High School. Before she came to work here, she worked at Delran High School in their office.

Finally, I asked her to share something that might surprise us about her. First, I bet you didn't know that she is Mr. Camardo's aunt, did you? In her free time, she likes to go bowling and go out to dinner. We think Mrs. Camardo is awesome!



**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 learning a second language in elementary school...

**Languages In All Grades!**

By Joslyn E.

DO you think that we should have to learn how to speak a different language in every grade? Well, I do. Knowing two languages can give you so many more opportunities in life and you could probably have a really cool job when you get older, like working as a translator. Doesn't that sound pretty epic? Anyway, if someone new comes to your school and they can only speak one language, like Spanish, your teacher might ask you to help that student out. Being bilingual gives you a huge advantage! If we were able to learn Spanish in first grade, by middle school and high school, we could learn a third language. Wouldn't it be so cool to know *three* different languages? Did you know that learning two or more different languages can improve your work in other subjects? And learning a different language might make you want to learn about that culture. I think we should consider learning a second language in elementary school.

**Languages In School?**

By Kely A.

Learning a second language in school is not a good thing and I will tell you why. First of all, it is not good because you can have problems learning the language. You can get frustrated while trying hard to learn. Also, it can interfere with your academic time of learning reading and math. We already have so many things to learn, why add another subject? Since you already know one language why learn another one? Most people that you know speak English. A lot of students in our school also know Spanish or Portuguese. A lot of these students are struggling to learn English properly, should we really add to that? You have to keep studying and studying. Those students who only speak English will rarely use their second language. I am bilingual and I rarely use my second language at school. I think we should focus on learning only English in elementary school!

**Weekly Club Meeting Schedules:**

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

**RES Special Events**

**February/March**

- February 6 & 7--1/2 day, Conferences
- February 17--No School, President's Day
- March 3-7--Read Across America Week
- March 6--Science and Literacy Night

The Operation R.E.D. (Read Every Day) winners for December are:  
Cristovao A. (3<sup>rd</sup> grade--Mr. McLoughlin), Emily B. (4<sup>th</sup> grade--Mrs. Browne/Mrs. Frey), and Emily D., not pictured (Pre-K--Miss Roni).

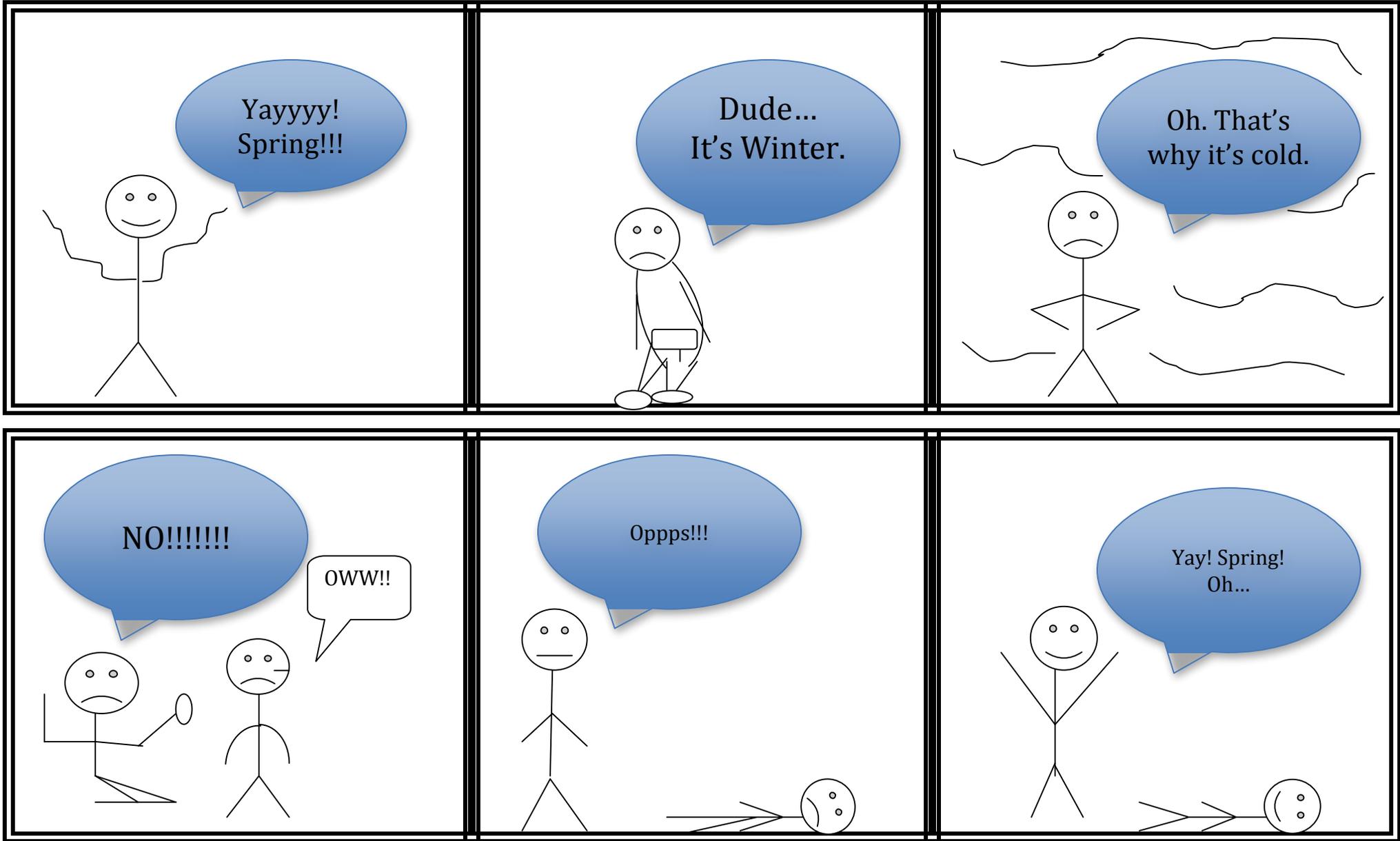


The Operation R.E.D. (Read Every Day) winners for January are:  
Elizabeth R., not pictured (Kindergarten--Mrs. Bivona), Skylar R. (2<sup>nd</sup> grade--Miss Santos), and Sherley Y. (3<sup>rd</sup> grade--Miss Black).



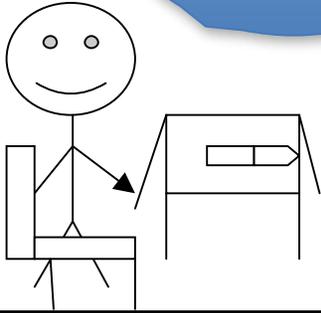
Happy Valentine's Day!

Failed Spring by Eric J.

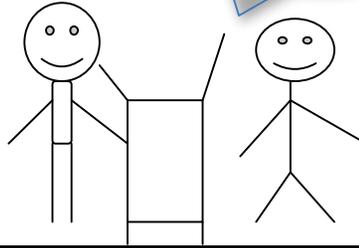


Ready to Learn by Ivan V.

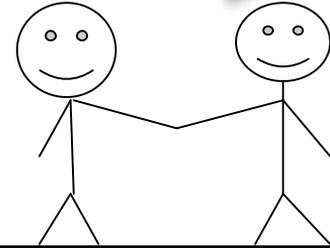
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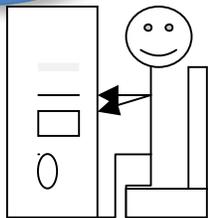
Hi, I am Calvin.



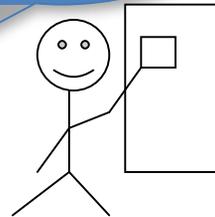
I'm Ivan, the teacher.



Alright, let's have a pop quiz!



I'm done!



Great job Calvin. You got a 100%!

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