

The Lamb Pages

All the News from Riverside Elementary School

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The RES Chorus performs at the Art Show in May!

What I'll Miss Most...

By Joslyn E.

I have had a lot of good times all throughout elementary school here in Riverside. But, next year, I'm moving on to middle school. When I move to middle school, I am definitely going to miss being a safety the most. I started doing safety patrol in the beginning of 5th grade, and I've had a lot of fun doing it. Sure, there have been a lot of ups and downs, but working hard to be a safety was definitely worth it. I've met so many more kids, and I'm definitely going to miss a lot of them next year. Not being with students from Kindergarten all the way up is going to be the biggest change for me next year...and definitely what I will miss the most!



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Kely A.--5 th grade	Eric J.--4 th grade
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La Gran Mrs. Bivins

By Kely A.

Reporter Kely A. interviewed and wrote in Spanish to share about our ESL teacher, Mrs. Bivins.

Quiere saber más de Mrs. Bivins. Sigue leyendo si lo quieres saber.

Cuántos años ha estado trabajando en la “Escuela Elementaria de Riverside?”

Mrs. Bivins ha estado trabajando 7 años en esta escuela.

Como es su día?

Ella tiene estudiantes de todos los grados. Primero tiene 3 grado, kinder, primero, segundo, por media hora cada uno y luego middle school y high school.

Que es la mejor parte de su trabajo?

Cuando ella ve que un estudiante que llegó a la clase sin hablar Inglés tiene la confianza y la motivación para participar en la clase comunicándose en Inglés.

Que es la parte más difícil de su trabajo?

La parte más difícil es cuando al no tener más tiempo para ayudar a los estudiantes.

Que desea que sus estudiantes sepan?

Lo que ella quiere que sus estudiantes sepan es que aprender el Inglés no significa olvidar su primer idioma y al que ser bilingüe es una gran ventaja.

En donde nació?

Mrs. Bivins nació en Puerto Rico, Guayama.

En donde se fue a la escuela?

Ella fue a la escuela primaria y secundaria en Puerto Rico. Ella comenzó la Universidad en Puerto Rico y lo terminó aquí.

Digame algo de usted que pueda sorprender a los demás.

Mrs. Bivins no puede hacer matemáticas en Inglés pero sí en Español.



Members of the Green Team work together to win the sponge race.

The Green Team was the winner of Field Day 2014!

Thanks to School and Family for donating the awesome t-shirts!

Classroom Spotlight: Fourth Grade

Mrs. Buffetta, the Brilliant Teacher!

By Taylor F. and Amy L.

IF some of you readers went through 4th grade, you know it is tough! We interviewed our 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Buffetta. Here is what we found out!

“What is your day like in fourth grade?” was the first question we asked Mrs. Buffetta. She responded, “It’s very busy.” They do things like Earth Science, lots of math, (right now they’re in geometry), and in reading they’re reading the *Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. They’re also busy with writing workshop in the persuasive section. A day in 4th grade is full. You’ll never find them sitting there doing nothing!

Mrs. Buffetta hopes the children should know how to manage their time. Mrs. Buffetta also loves these events: The Amazing Reading Race, the Franklin Institute trip, the Shop Rite program, and visiting Pomona Hall.

She’s been teaching 4th grade for 7 years. She’s also taught 3rd grade. Her favorite part of teaching 4th grade is working with the students. She hopes that they will be able to get in the computer lab more often to finish projects and to have FUN with learning. That’s Mrs. Buffetta, the Brilliant Teacher!

New Classroom Teacher

By Kaya H.

NEW to 4th grade, I sat down with Ms. Borsuk and asked her about what her day is like. She says the typical day in 4th grade is always different, but fun and exciting.

She shared that by the end of the year, students should definitely know their multiplication, equivalent fractions, how to write a well written narrative story, different forms of figurative language, how to treat each other in kind ways, and how to look out for other.

Surprising, it is Ms. Borsuk’s first year teaching. She is doing really well. She has everything under control!

What’s Inclusion Like?

By Joelle M.

DO you know who the 4th grade inclusion teacher is? I do, it is Mrs. Frey. She is also the *Lamb Pages* advisor. In her inclusion room, there are so many things going on all at once. I questioned her, “What are your favorite stories that 4th grade reads throughout the year?” She responded, “*Esperanza Rising* is my favorite, and parts of *Winn-Dixie*, and reading *Scholastic News* too.”

Mrs. Frey has taught 4th grade for two years and 3rd grade for two years. My very last question I asked her was what are your hopes for this school year? Her hopes are that everyone grows as readers and will look back on 4th grade as a great year!

Classroom Spotlight: Fifth Grade

Powerful Mrs. Mongon

By Kely A.

ARE you curious about what happens in Mrs. Mongon's class? If you are then keep reading and find out. Mrs. Mongon thinks the day goes fast because of all the fun activities. They have no time and sometimes it is because the kids are noisy and crazy.

By the end of the year, students should know fractions and decimals in math, waves in science, and how to write interesting stories. Mrs. Mongon's favorite stories to read are *What's the Big Idea?* And *Earthquakes*.

Mrs. Mongon has been teaching 5th grade for 31 years. Surprising, right? She also taught middle school at St. Peter's years ago. She says her favorite part of teaching is loving her students. Mrs. Mongon's hopes for this school year are for the students to enjoy, learn a lot, and be ready to be middle school students.

A Day With Mrs. McGill

By Marilyn M.

THE days of 5th grade in Mrs. McGill's class are very busy. They move quickly from subject to subject. She is trying to get her class ready for middle school. Mrs. McGill thinks that 5th graders should know how to be more organized and responsible by the end of the school year.

Mrs. McGill's favorite stories she reads throughout the year are *The Fighting Ground*, *The Thousand Paper Cranes*, and *Frindle*. Mrs. McGill has taught 5th grade for 4 years. She also

taught 4th grade for 9 years, 8th grade for 1 year, and for a year and a half at a private school in Langhorne, PA. Mrs. McGill's favorite thing about teaching 5th grade is seeing how her 5th grade class grows as writers. Mrs. McGill hopes that the whole 5th grade is successful and has a smooth transition to middle school.

Busy As A Bee

By Alexandra M.

MRS. James is very busy during the day. She balances teaching with communicating with parents and going to meetings. She works hard to make sure that by the end of 5th grade students should know how to do research, write a five-paragraph essay, and know their multiplication tables up to 12.

5th graders are the biggest kids in the school so they get to participate in D.A.R.E., help teachers in specials, and play her class favorite Minute To Win. Her favorite books to read in the classroom are *Frindle* and *Sign Of The Beaver*.

Mrs. James has been teaching at RES for 13 years. Her biggest goals for her students are for them to know how to work independently and to be prepared for fun in 6th grade. Mrs. James is an amazing teacher and friend!

Meet Your Classmates!

Henry S.

By Ayzelin B. and Brea H.

HENRY S. is in Mrs. Mongon and Mrs. McGill's 5th grade class. His favorite subject is social studies and math gives him a headache. Safety patrol is the only club that Henry is in and his favorite color is gold. Also Henry likes to play baseball and do archery. *Stranded* is one of the books that Henry really likes and *Arrow* is his favorite TV show.

Most of you didn't know that Henry came here because Hurricane Sandy destroyed his house. After the storm, Henry's family was forced to move, and they ended up in Riverside!

His favorite foods are cheese steaks and fries and his favorite junk food is brownies. Henry's favorite app is Instagram. Gym is his favorite special and his favorite game in gym is asteroids.

When Henry gets older he wants to go to Notre Dame or Oregon University for college. I hope by reading this that you get to know Henry and to see that he is very interesting!

Blaine F.

By Brea H.

THIS month, I interviewed Blaine F. for a student profile and found out a lot of things. Blaine is a 4th grader in Mrs. Buffetta's class. First, Blaine likes to play kickball with his friends and family. Also, he plays baseball with them too. Blaine's favorite subject is science but he also likes reading. I was told that his favorite book is *39 Clues*. In my opinion, that is a really good book selection! He also has two dogs named Pixie and Aspen. Lastly, his favorite food is pizza. I hope you learned a lot about Blaine F.

Ava P.

By Brea H.

THIS month, I interviewed Ava P. who is in 4th grade. I learned a lot of new things that I never knew about her. Ava does pointe, which is a type of ballet and she is in the Drama Club at Riverside Elementary School. She has been practicing a lot for their play *Into the Woods Jr.*

Ava is also in ELP. Her favorite colors are all types of blue. Ava has a dog named Hera, she has four cats, a fish, and a frog named Hop. Burgers are Ava's favorite food. Mrs. Buffeta is Ava's teacher. Now you know all about Ava. So, don't you like her, too?

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 wearing flip-flops in school...

Wear Flip-Flops to School?

By Ayzelin B.

Should we be able to wear flip-flops in school? No way! If we wear flip-flops we will fall and bash our face on the floor. For example, we could be outside at recess running across the playground. Next thing you know, you are on the ground crying because you tripped and fell. Also, we can fall and trip on the stairs when we are going upstairs in the morning. Everybody whines and says that they want to wear them but they don't realize that they can trip and hurt themselves. Do you think we should be able to wear flip-flops in school?

Wear Flip-Flops to School!

By Joelle M.

I think we should be able to wear flip-flop to school. In the summer, girls wear flip-flops to school so their feet don't get hot wearing sneakers. I wear flip-flops so my feet don't get sweaty in the summer. I would love to see this rule changed so kids can wear flip-flops. Some people say you can get hurt by wearing flip-flops in school. If you really know how to walk in flip-flops, you are fine. The best part about waering flip-flops is that you get to match them to your outfits! Some flip-flops are cheap and there are some many different colors you can match. Think about how stylish we will all look on a hot school day! Don't you think we should be able to wear flip-flops to school?



BOOK REVIEW

Wonder

By Joslyn E.

This month, I am doing a book review on *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. This book is about a boy named August Pullman who was born with many facial deformities. August has never gone to school, but his mom home schools him. And, August wants it to stay that way. Until, his parents suggest that he goes to school. When August was younger, he wanted to keep his face hidden so no one could make fun of him. But when he starts to go to school, he can't keep his face hidden any longer. August makes friends and enemies throughout the story. But in the end, August ends up making many new friends and he enjoys school. I recommend this book for all ages because it teaches you how to accept people for who they are, not how they look.

The Operation R.E.D. (Read Every Day) winners for April are: Ashley R. (3rd grade--Mrs. Theis), Brianne C. (5th grade--Mr. Jackamonis/Mrs. Quigley), and Shayla H. (2nd grade--Ms. Eveland).



The Operation R.E.D. (Read Every Day) winners for May are: Christopher C., (5th grade--Mrs. Mongon/Mrs. McGill), Ozzarra J. (3rd grade--Mrs. Boggs/Mrs. Dursi), and Chase D. (Pre-K--Mrs. Eveland), not pictured.





RES's Art Show

Thanks to Mrs. Butler
and Mrs. Aviles for
putting on a great
night of the arts!

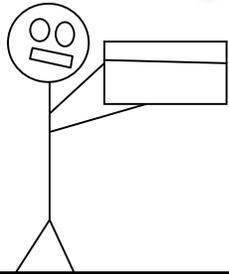


Lockheed Martin Launches Rockets with 4th Grade!

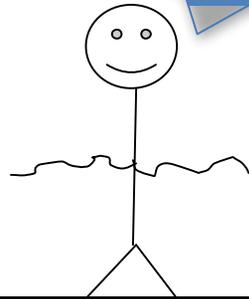
On a warm June day the 4th graders took to the football field to launch class-made rockets using hydro-power. This ended a year-long program where scientists from Lockheed Martin came into the classrooms to enrich our science lessons. Much thanks for all of their dedication to learning!



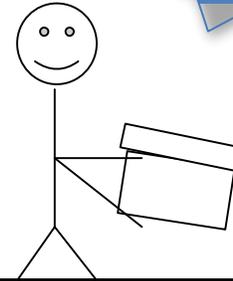
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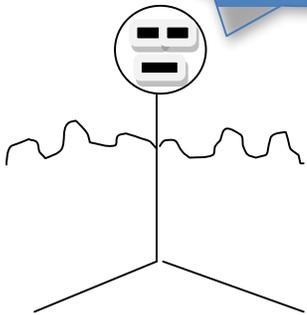
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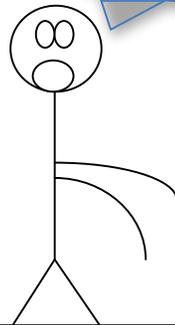
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Awesome!!!



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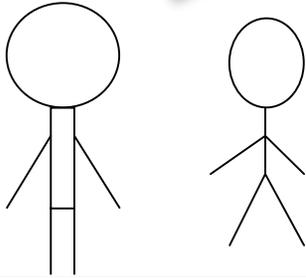


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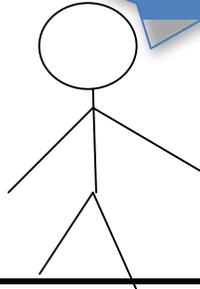


Frap Attack By Ivan V.

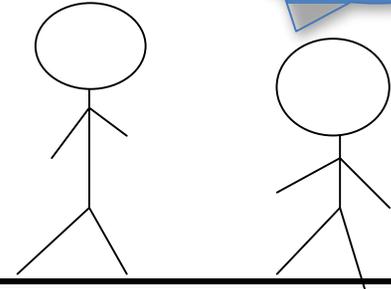
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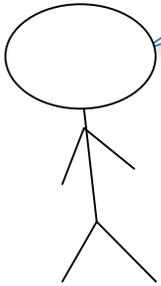
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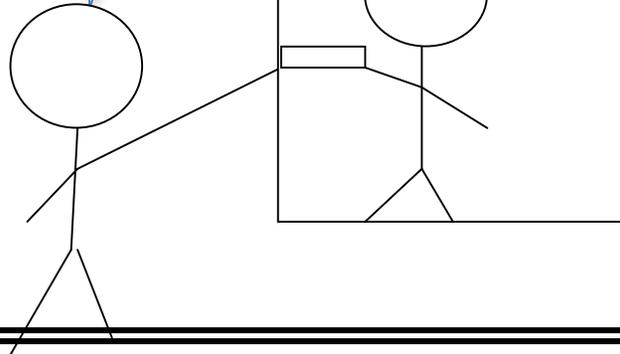
Do want to go to the milkshake shop?



Yeah.



Here you go!



Frap attack!

