

# The Lamb Pages

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All the News from Riverside Elementary School

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## **Shumway Spirit**

By Ayzelin B. and Leslie C.

FOR our first teacher spotlight, we interviewed the leader of RES--Mr. Shumway. Mr. Shumway was born and raised in South Brunswick, NJ. The principal went to Dayton Elementary School and his favorite subject in school was science. As a kid, his favorite activities were baseball, frogging, and turtling.

He attended Rutgers University for his Bachelor's degree and Fairleigh Dickinson University for his Master's degree. Mr. Shumway became a teacher because he was greatly influenced by the wonderful teachers he had in school. Mr. Shumway began his principal career at the age of 27.

Currently, he lives in Columbus, NJ, with his wife and four children. His favorite hobbies and interests are watching the Yankees on TV, making wine, and spending time with his family. The principal's hopes for this school year are that teachers are able to get reader's workshop going and that each student ends the school year unable to say which teacher is their favorite--because they are all favorites!

## **The Lamb Pages Puts Out Its First Edition**

By Taylor F.

THE Riverside Elementary School Lamb Pages has put out its first edition. The newspaper includes upcoming events, interviews, and a classroom and student spotlight, focusing on a certain classroom or a certain student. The spotlight changes with every edition, and your class could be next!

We will be putting out a new edition every month. In addition to news articles, we also have talented artists who will be drawing and writing comics that will keep you laughing! If you want to know which special dates are coming up or if there's a meeting for a club that you're in, make sure you check out our list of special events.

3rd and 4th grade teachers nominated each member of The Lamb Pages based on their great writing skills. The Lamb Pages staff is very excited to report on everything that is happening around our school and we think that The Lamb Pages is awesome!

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### **Mrs. Boggs Celebrates 37 Years in Riverside**

By Taylor F. and Amy L.

THE third grade teacher, Mrs. Boggs, has been working here for 37 years! How did this all start, you ask? Let us explain. Mrs. Boggs was born in Riverside, and grew up in Delran, N.J. She went to elementary school at Saint Peter's in Riverside. As a student, she had a great interest in one subject: Science.

After she graduated from Riverside High School, she went to Trenton State University in Trenton, N.J. Her activities included being the president of her sorority and working with inner city children. Why did she become a teacher, you might be wondering? She became a teacher because her grandmother was a teacher and she inspired her. She also loved that her grandmother would let her play school with her teacher's materials. She wanted to be a science teacher because she loved making mud pies and looking for caterpillars as a child.

Mrs. Boggs lives in Delran, N.J. with her husband, and they have two children, Amanda and Christopher. Her hobbies include fishing, clamming, crabbing, gardening, and spending time with her family. Her hope for the 2013-2014 school year is that the students in her classroom can be the best they can be in every area.

We asked, on a scale of one to 10, how would she rate RES, and she said a 10 because of the children and the staff. Over her 37 years, Mrs. Boggs has taught middle school, second grade, and has spent the longest time in third grade. She has taught inclusion with Mrs. Dursi for the past 14 years, which she says is really fun. We think RES is lucky to have Mrs. Boggs!

### **Art Room to Art Studio!**

By Kely A. and Marilyn M.

MRS. Butler has changed RES's art room name to the Art Studio at the beginning of this school year. She says she did it because she views her students as artists instead of just students. She came up with the new name because she was inspired by how the name can put a positive effect on students. Mrs. Butler says that she got the idea from seeing what art rooms in other schools are doing.

Mrs. Butler first went to school to be an interior designer. She says that she never thought about becoming an art teacher because she did not have an art teacher where she went to school. She later realized that she wanted to bring her love art to children and went back to school to become an art teacher.

Mrs. Butler loves all of her students and she feels honored that she gets to teach our school. She loves to teach kindergarten through 6th grade. Mrs. Butler says that she is really looking forward to bringing this new concept to RES this year. She shared that she is working on plans to try out 3-dimensional art with some of the classes as a part of the new Art Studio.



## Back to School Behavior

By Kirsten A., Kaya H., Michelle S.

AS we begin a new school year, we want to remember that character always counts. All students should be following the six pillars of character at all times in our school. Students should be respectful and caring to one another by not being mean or rude to each other. Being rude to someone can hurt his or her feelings.

Students can be responsible by remembering their school supplies each day. We can also be responsible by arriving to school on time, every day.

We can be sure to fill our buckets by sharing with our friends, being trustworthy in the classroom, and being good citizens of our school. If everyone follows the golden rule--treat people the way you want to be treated--our school will be a great place to be.

Finally, we need to remember that the hallways are quiet zones. We should respect all the work that each classroom is doing and act quietly when walking to specials, recess, or back from lunch. If we all work together, we can show that at RES character counts!



Miss Cheryl works with a student in her new classroom.

## Classroom Spotlight: Pre-School

By Joelle M.

Our littlest lambs have a new home this year. The pre-school has moved out of the RES early childhood wing and across the street into trailers. We went over to check out their new home and see how the 3- and 4-year-olds were enjoying their new classrooms. Even though the trailers seem much bigger than the classrooms, we learned they are actually a little smaller. Another new addition is a playground just for pre-school. There is a jungle gym and slide. Each class gets 30 minutes of outside time a day.

We visited Miss Cheryl's room and took a look at all the centers and work the 3- and 4-year-olds were doing. Miss Cheryl tells us that she likes her new classroom and was happy to switch, but she misses her friends over in the elementary building. She currently has 14 preschoolers in both the AM and PM classes, but all of the pre-school classes are still growing.

## **New Parent Group Starts in Riverside**

THE Riverside School District has a new group for parents of children with special needs--Special Education Advocacy Team (SEAT). The purpose of SEAT is to bring parents and teachers together to provide support and resources to families while fostering awareness in the community. The group meets in the RES Media Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Special training sessions will take place at the November, January, and February meetings.



### **Upcoming RES Club Meetings:**

- The Environmental Club will meet on October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Student Government will meet on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- For 5<sup>th</sup> graders, Helping Hands will have its first meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Weekly Club Meeting Schedules:**

**Chorus**--Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
**The Lamb Pages**--Wednesdays  
**Crochet Club**--Thursdays

**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 ban on birthday sweets...

**Birthday Smash**

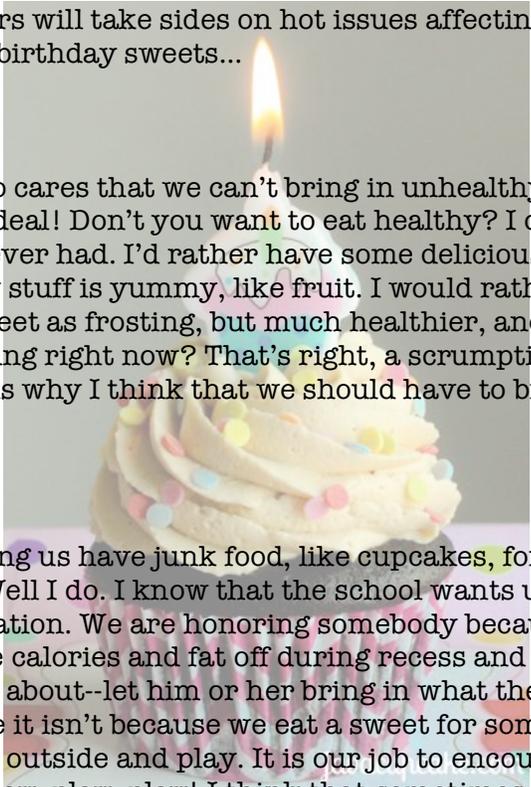
By Joslyn E.

WHY is everyone complaining? Who cares that we can't bring in unhealthy foods for our birthdays? I mean, it really isn't a big deal! Don't you want to eat healthy? I do. I think that this was the best idea our school has ever had. I'd rather have some delicious carrots over a stomachache. Besides some healthy stuff is yummy, like fruit. I would rather have juice instead of frosting. Juice is just as sweet as frosting, but much healthier, and I think it tastes better. Do you know what I am craving right now? That's right, a scrumptious piece of broccoli. Healthy foods are great and that is why I think that we should have to bring in healthy foods for our birthdays.

**Birthday Bash**

By Brea H.

GUESS what? Our school is not letting us have junk food, like cupcakes, for birthday celebrations. Do you think that is crazy? Well I do. I know that the school wants us to eat healthy and have exercise but it's a celebration. We are honoring somebody because it's his or her birthday. Also, we can play all of the calories and fat off during recess and gym. This is somebody's birthday that we are talking about--let him or her bring in what they want to share with their class. If we aren't in shape it isn't because we eat a sweet for someone's birthday, it's because some people don't go outside and play. It is our job to encourage ourselves, and others, to get outside and play, play, play! I think that sometimes listening to students is a good idea, and I say let us have junk food for birthday celebrations!



4<sup>th</sup> graders walk the track during recess as a part of the Mile Club in which 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades participate.

**RES Special Events**

**October**

October 4<sup>th</sup>--Pink Day

October 7-11--Fire Prevention Week

October 14<sup>th</sup>--No School

October 15<sup>th</sup>--Progress Reports

October 23<sup>rd</sup>--Disabilities Awareness Assembly

October 28--1/2 day