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## Superintendent's Message... by Brent Bautz

I would like to welcome Mrs. Christina Ross to our school district. She will be working as an instructional coach for us, as well as Hebron and Glen Ullin. Mrs. Ross will be in Taylor on Wednesdays and Richardton on Thursdays. As an instructional coach Mrs. Ross will:

- Coordinate the district reading and language arts programs, both horizontally and vertically.
- Coordinate professional development of district curriculum, instruction, and assessments.
- Assist with development of district curriculum, instruction, and assessments.
- Provide support in

analyzing instructional decisions based on assessment data.

- Communicate and demonstrate researched based instructional practices that result in increased student performances. Modeling lessons when appropriate.
- Instruct and support teachers with curriculum software products and classroom/curriculum related technologies.
- Provide support for classroom motivation and management strategies.

We are very excited to have Mrs. Ross, and welcome her

as a valuable member of our educational team!

I would like to share with you an article I recently read from the January 2012 edition of High School Today. The article is called "**Lessons from the Bench**", and was written by Eric Jakubowski.

Eric Jakubowski graduated as salutatorian of the class of 2011 from Fair Haven Union High School in Vermont. He played varsity baseball and basketball, serving as captain of both teams during his senior year. He wrote this essay during his college application process. He is now enrolled as a freshman in the honors program at Clemson University in South Carolina.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Boys BB Parent's Night - Fri. Feb 3**

**SNOWDAZE—Jan. 31—Feb. -1-2-3**

**RTHS P-T Conferences— Wed. Feb. 8 & Wed. Feb. 15**

**TRE P-T Conferences — Wed. Feb. 15 & Thurs. Feb. 16**

**Girls BB Parent's Night - Thurs. Feb 16**

**Early Release (Prof. Dev.) - Fri. Feb. 17 1:30 pm**

**NO SCHOOL - Mon. Feb. 20**

## Secondary Principal's Notes ... by Russell Ziegler

We have a change to the date of the high school's student lead parent-teacher conferences. Our conference dates will be Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. You should have received a letter along with your child's report card with the date and time of your conference. If you did not receive one please call the school to get that information. Since we have started the student lead conference we have gone from an attendance rate of less than 30% to over 70%. Thank you to all of the parents who come and see what their children are doing in school. This is an opportunity for the students to show examples of their work, good and/or poor. We feel that this also is an experience that the students will use later in their life, job interviews for example. The student will have to tell their strengths and their weaknesses to their parents with the homeroom teacher facilitating. We would like to move towards a portfolio system in which the student creates and shares their portfolio, and eventually

make digital portfolios. I hope to see all the parents here for their conferences. Let's try to reach that 100% attendance.

The state has changed some of the dual credit enrollment requirements for students that will take effect next year. Mr. Bohn and I are currently looking at those new requirements and trying to see what we need to change for next year. There are a few strict requirements that will affect the students who wish to enroll in certain classes. I will keep everyone up-dated as we know more information.

The school has been a very busy place these past few weeks and will continue to be. Right now basketball is in full swing, the boys are winding down their season and will be in districts starting Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. The girls will have their last game on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February. Junior high boys' basketball is also going full bore right now and will be done towards the

end of February. Along with the sports that are going on we can't forget about the fine arts. Students are busy practicing music for their spring festivals. Speech is starting with their first meet being held in Hazen on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>. Junior High will also be performing a play in March and they are busy preparing for that.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank an individual that has served our school and community. Mrs. Gladys Isaak has retired from the school this past year and was going to take some much needed time off. Instead she has graciously accepted our plea to come back and help us with some cleaning since we cannot seem to find someone to fill the position. Gladys has an incomparable work ethic and knowledge about RTHS. Thank you Gladys for all that you do for our school and the community. Your help is greatly appreciated.



### Congratulations!

Marissa Schatz is the winner of this year's Richardson-Taylor High School Geographic Bee. Marissa scored the most correct answers given to the 7th grade geography class with Mr. Rohwedder, and 8th graders in history with Mr. Grundhauser at the high school. After the final round Marissa was given the written qualifying test for the state contest to be held in Bismarck North Dakota. The results of her written test are pending. We should be notified of the results within a month. Marissa is the daughter of Joel and Stacia Schatz of Taylor.

# Lessons From the Bench (article by Eric Jukabowski)

There was one minute left in the fourth quarter of the state quarterfinal basketball game. We were down by two points to Milton, and were in an unfamiliar situation because we were ranked as the No. 1 team. Everyone in the crowd was standing, but I'm not sure if that's because they were excited or if it was impossible for all of them to sit down. The looks on their faces showed anxiety coupled with fright that we might lose. However, I know that this possibility was not going to happen. We ended up winning the game on a last-second layup, and I was one of the happiest people in the gym. I saw this whole scene from the best seat in the house — the bench.

This wasn't the first time that I didn't play in a game that basketball season. For some kids, not playing would be an awful situation, since most people want to be the star — but not me. That season was the most important learning experience I've ever had. It taught resiliency, and I formed close friendships that I'm sure

will last for a very long time.

My coach has said to me that even though I'm not the star player, I'm the team leader. In practice, my work ethic rubs off on my teammates and encourages them to also strive toward their best. Many people who go to the games have said that they love to watch me when a time-out is called. I jump right off the bench and am the first to high-five all my teammates. Sometimes my coach even asks me for what plays I think should be called because he knows that my head is in the game, even though I'm not on the floor. This shows that he respects me, and I'm more than just a player to him. This is my contribution to the team's success.

Another lesson that I learned from the bench was the importance of encouragement. My mom often calls me the team cheerleader because of the passion I bring to the game. When I see that my teammates may be disappointed, I make an effort to bring smiles to their faces.

This scenario will happen in life. I've learned that things don't always go the way that I want, but I have to persevere and continue to work hard.

My coach's two young grandsons go to every game and sit right beside me. At first during the year, they would ask why I didn't play as much as some of the others. Finally one game, I said to them that it doesn't matter to me about my playing time. All that matters is that I know my role, and I'm on the team with all my friends. They went home that night and told their mom what I said, and a couple of days later she came up to me and thanked me for teaching her kids such an important lesson. From that point on, I was their new favorite player.

My leadership skills follow me off the basketball court and into the other arenas of my life. In the classroom, I ask insightful questions that will also be a benefit to the other students. My teachers have asked me numerous times to work with other classmates because they know

my willingness to help. This is the same principle of a team. I work with other people so we can all have success in school. Life isn't about individuals; it's about community.

In my small Vermont town, I have tried to become an integral part of my local community. In addition to various community service events, I have been an altar server for more than eight years in my parish. This is another important experience that makes me a well-rounded individual. The importance of faith, coupled with my family's values, make me who I am.

I hope that I view the rest of my life through the same perspective that I did during the quarterfinal game. The values that I learned will be with me for the rest of my life. I'm sure that I'll never forget any of the experiences I had while I was at my seat on the bench.

## SCHEDULE CHANGE

**The Richardton-Taylor High School Parent-Teacher Conferences dates have changed and will be held on Wednesday, February 8th and Wednesday, February 15th.**

## Counselor's Corner... by Scott Bohn

### SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Foundation for Rural Services	<a href="http://www.frs.org">www.frs.org</a>
Frame My Future	<a href="http://www.framemyfuture.com">www.framemyfuture.com</a>
Body by Milk	<a href="http://www.bodybymilk.com">www.bodybymilk.com</a>
Music and Broadcast	<a href="http://www.radioscholarships.com">www.radioscholarships.com</a> or <a href="http://www.theconclave.com">www.theconclave.com</a>
Consolidated Telephone Cooperative	<a href="http://www.ctctel.com/pdf/SCHOLAR2011.pdf">http://www.ctctel.com/pdf/SCHOLAR2011.pdf</a>
ND Propane Gas Association (same requirements as 2010)	<a href="http://www.ndpropane.org/Scholarship/Scholarship.asp">http://www.ndpropane.org/Scholarship/Scholarship.asp</a>
Western Coop	<a href="http://www.wccu.org/wccu/News.asp?id=9873&amp;lid=88">http://www.wccu.org/wccu/News.asp?id=9873&amp;lid=88</a>
Northern Plains Eye Foundation	<a href="http://www.npef.org">www.npef.org</a>
Co-op House	<a href="http://www.ndfu.org/youthEducation">www.ndfu.org/youthEducation</a>
American Liberty	<a href="http://www.americanlibertyscholarship.com">www.americanlibertyscholarship.com</a>
Gate City Bank	(see Mr. Bohn)
WIFE	(see Mr. Bohn)
Dickinson Women of Today	(see Mr. Bohn)
ND Conservation District Employee Assoc. Conservation Studies	(see Mr. Bohn)
Farm Credit Services	(see Mr. Bohn)

### JUNIOR AND SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Duck Tape Stuck at Prom	<a href="http://www.cappex.com/scholarships/index.jsp;jsessionid=6771AEF3AEE530034A355C6A38696E0E.server6">http://www.cappex.com/scholarships/index.jsp;jsessionid=6771AEF3AEE530034A355C6A38696E0E.server6</a>
Brickfish Photo	<a href="http://www.brickfish.com/Lifestyles/MyFavoritePhoto3?tab=overview&amp;=FASTWEB_FAVPHOTO3_SEARCH">http://www.brickfish.com/Lifestyles/MyFavoritePhoto3?tab=overview&amp;=FASTWEB_FAVPHOTO3_SEARCH</a>
The Diversity of America Photo	<a href="http://www.oneamerica2012.org/Photo_Scholarship.html">http://www.oneamerica2012.org/Photo_Scholarship.html</a>

## Individual Development Accounts offered at Community Action

Community Action Partnership is currently accepting applications for our IDA (Individual Development Account) program! If you, or someone you know, lives in North Dakota and is **attending college or has future plans too**, looking to buy their **first home**, or is starting or expanding a **small**

**business**, consider applying!

Individual Development Accounts are savings accounts that can be used for college education, first time home purchase, starting or expanding a small business. Money deposited into these must come from earned income

and every dollar deposited into the IDA by the participant is matched by a combination of federal and nonfederal funds at a rate of 2:1. In North Dakota participants are able to save up to \$2,000 for a match of \$4,000. This means if the maximum amount is saved, the participant gets a total of \$6,000 to use for their asset

purchase.

If you or someone you know is interested in this program, please contact Sandy at Community Action Partnership @ 701-227-0131.

# Instructional Coach

Hello! My name is Christina Ross, and I am the Instructional Coach for Richardton-Taylor, Hebron, and Glen Ullin School Districts. I am originally from Arizona. I lived there all my life until just recently when my husband and I decided to move to North Dakota. I graduated in 2007 from Arizona State University with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. While teaching my first class I

learned quickly there was so much to learn. I furthered my education and in 2009 I received a Master's degree in Curriculum Instruction from University of Phoenix. Since then, I have taught in both charter and public school districts in Arizona. I have taught a total of four years, three of them were in a gifted/accelerated classroom. Last year, I was awarded special recognition at the Ari-

zona Association for the Gifted and Talented for outstanding advocacy of gifted students.

In my free time my husband and I like to travel, hike, ride our Polaris RZR s, and anything else we find to do outside. I am super excited to be part of this wonderful school district and can't wait to get to know everyone.



**RTHS Snow Daze 2012** is scheduled for February 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The student council has set menus, activities, and costume days for a jam-packed time of fun and excitement. There will be a ping-pong tournament on Tuesday January 31st to kick off the celebration (Will Ty Bloom 3-peat as the RTHS ping-pong champion?). Wednesday will be THEME day and the entire school will bowl and skate the afternoon away in Dickinson. Thursday will be FAKE AN INJURY DAY with the "Mr. Olson Classic Archery Tournament" being held throughout the day with finals to begin at 2:45. Friday the student body will come in their pajamas and, beginning at 2:15 will have hot chocolate and a cookie treat while playing BINGO... prizes to be determined later. Snow Daze will end with a Gala High School Dance after the basketball game on Friday evening.

# The Wizard of Oz

The Richardton-Taylor junior high drama students are working on a production of THE WIZARD OF OZ which is scheduled to be presented to the public on Sunday, March 4th at 2:00 pm.

Watch for further announcements in the March Newsletter.



## BASKETBALL SILENT AUCTION

**WHAT:** Silent Auction

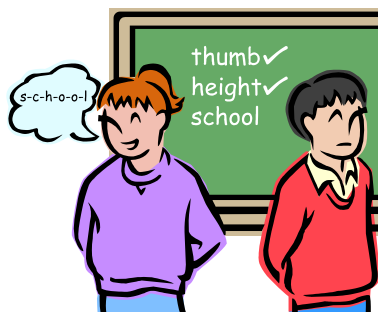
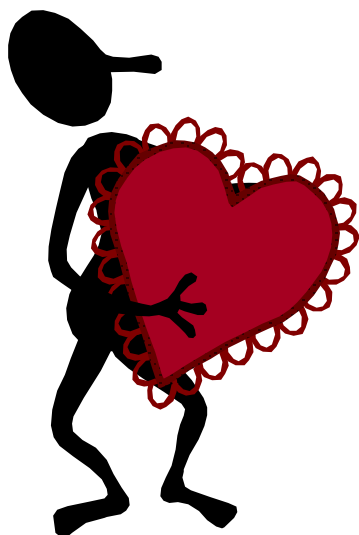
**WHEN:** Friday, February 3rd and Tuesday, February 7

**WHERE:** Richardton-Taylor High School

**TIME:** The silent auctions will be held during the girls and boys basketball home games on Feb. 3 and Feb. 7.

Parents of the team players are asked to bring a donation for the auction, consider a basket, gift item or baked goods. Contact Deanna Voltz at 974-3558 (or) Suzy Rummel at 974-3950 to specify your donation. The auction items will be split between the two nights. Parents of the girls team are asked to monitor the auction on February 3rd, and parents of the boys team are asked to work on February 7th. Thank you in advance for your support.

Proceeds from the Silent Auction will help defray costs of the Midwest Elite Basketball Camp for Boys and Girls Teams to be held at RTHS this summer.



### SPELLING BEE:

Richardton-Taylor High School winners of the school spelling bee, and taking part in the upcoming Stark Co. Spelling Bee to be held at Trinity on February 10 are Marshall Ziegler, Denver Colgrove and Elizabeth Bohn. Good luck contestants!



# ART News

Mr. Brent Bautz and Mr. Mika Olson are checking out the new interactive 3D Paintings that were designed by the Exploratory Drawing & Painting class at the Richardton-Taylor High School.

If you happen to stop at the school, stop by the bulletin board in front of the computer lab to check out the 3D Paintings. Make sure to try the 3D glasses hanging on the board.



**COOL**



## RTHS February Breakfast

Jan 30—Feb 3: Granola bar, cereal, juice, milk  
Waffles, sausage patty, juice, milk  
Scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk  
Ham, cheese & egg muffin, cereal, juice, milk  
Caramel roll, cereal, juice, milk

Feb. 6-10: Doughnut, cereal, juice, milk  
Breakfast tac-go, cereal, juice, milk  
Pancakes, sausage link, juice, milk  
Blueberry bagel, cereal, juice, milk  
Breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk

Feb 13-17: Fruit muffin, cereal, juice, milk  
Sausage patty, hash browns, toast, juice, milk  
Egg bake, toast, juice, milk  
Ham & cheese biscuit, cereal, juice, milk  
Banana bread, cereal, juice, milk

Feb 20-24: Doughnut, cereal, juice, milk  
Waffles, sausage links, juice, milk  
Scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk  
Yogurt w/ granola, cereal, juice, milk  
Caramel roll, cereal, juice, milk

Feb 27—Mar 2: Granola bar, cereal, juice, milk  
Ham patty, fried egg, toast, juice, milk  
Breakfast taco, cereal, fruit, milk  
Omelet, toast, hash browns, juice, milk  
Toast W/ PB&J, cereal, juice, mill

# 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

## HIGH HONORS

Seniors: Sierra Canerot, Fallon Kelley, Lindsey Kuntz, Samantha Pavlenko, Amber Rebel, Bianca Sperry, McKinzee Stein, Lindsay Tyrrell

Juniors: Jared Zent, Maggie Zentner

Sophomores: McKensy Friedt, Hunter Kuntz, Logan Lacher, Brooklyn Miller, Hannah Rummel, Kelsie Tyrrell, Lane Voltz

Freshmen: Mikayla Aluise, Layton Bohlman, Adam Bohn, Cassidy Diede, Shayna Frederick, Emily Tyrrell, Brielle Van Orman

Grade 8: none

Grade 7: none

## REGULAR HONORS

Seniors: Kaylyn Arnold, Lindsey Kirschenheiter, Bradley Messer, Brianna Steiner

Juniors: Ty Bloom, Kasey Dressler, Nicole Leingang, Halle Olson

Sophomores: Lane Aune

Freshmen: Spencer Floberg, Bailey Isaak, Cory Rebel

Grade 8: Elizabeth Bohn, Tracy Leingang

Grade 7: Brendan Butterfield, Destiny Wallace, Marshall Ziegler

## RTHS FEBRUARY LUNCH MENU:

Jan 30—Feb 3: Super potato oles, side salad, breadsticks, fruit pizza, milk

Beef French dip, curly fries, celery stix, apple slices, brownie, milk

Knoepfla soup, turkey & cheese sub, fruit, cookie, milk

Stromboli, side salad, pickle spear, cherry cheesecake, milk

Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, bubble bread, green beans, strawberry shortcake

Feb 6-10: Baked ham, buttered noodles, creamed corn, dinner roll, pineapple, milk

Chicken nuggets, rice pilaf, peas, dinner roll, fruit, milk

Taco on shell with toppings, veggies & dip, fruit, milk

Pepperoni pizza, side salad, fruit, cookie, milk

Sloppy joe, cheese slice, pickles, oven potatoes, grapes, milk

Feb 13-17: Chicken burgers, pickles, hashbrowns, fruit, milk

Meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll, jello, milk

Smothered enchilada, refried beans, fruit, milk

Baked potato bar with toppings, California blend veggies, breadstick, pudding

Turkey noodle soup, cold sandwich, crackers, pickle, frozen fruit bar, milk

Feb 20 –24: (no school Monday)

Super nachos, veggies & dip, applesauce, milk

Fish burger, pickles, oven potatoes, fruit, milk

BBQ rib, oven potatoes, cole salw, breadstick, fruit, milk

Cheese pizza, side salad, apple slices, cookie, milk

Feb 27-Mar 2: chicken twister, potato wedges, ice cream, milk

Pork roast, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, dinner roll, jello

Stromboli, side salad, veggies & dip, fruit, milk

Deli turkey & cheese sub, pickles, potato gems, fruit, milk

Grilled cheese, tomato soup, crackers, pickle, banana, milk

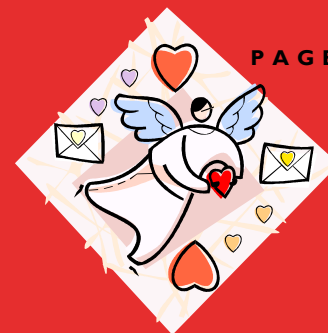
*Be My Valentine* 





# February News

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 15  
Stark County  
Spelling Bee  
10:00 am at  
Trinity HS
- Feb 15 & 16  
TRE-PTC and  
kindergarten  
registration
- February 17  
Early release,  
1:30 pm
- February 20  
President's  
Day, no school

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## FEBRUARY NEWS

### From the Principal's Printer

February is **Reading Month!** This year our theme is "Readers Are Leaders". Our staff has many exciting activities planned for the month. Look for notes from the teachers for more details. Our goal is to encourage children to read, read, read! This year the students have the opportunity to travel across the United States and learn about different types of leaders our country has had and how reading influenced their lives. Other activities for reading month include: dress-up day, Valentine raffle, book trade, campfire with popcorn and songs, AR contest, and Dr. Seuss Day. Please help your child read as much as they can. Thanks for your assistance!

The Stark County **Spelling Bee** will be held in Dickinson at Trinity High School on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be 3 finalists and 1 alternate representing TRE at this contest. The county winner will advance to the state finals in Bismarck in March.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held at TRE on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 7:30. The classroom teachers will be sending slips home with the students notifying parents of

their scheduled time. If you are not able to attend the conference at that time, please call and make arrangements with the teacher to schedule a meeting as soon as possible. The staff and I are proud of the relationships we have established with the parents of our students. Our number one goal is to educate the children to the best of our ability. Thank you for your cooperation and collaborative efforts. **Conferences are only 15 minutes in length, so it is very important that you come a little early and leave your conference when your time is up.** I know that we are a busy society and there is always something going on. Please be considerate of the people before and after you. If you think you need more than 15 minutes to confer with your child's teacher, please make arrangements to meet at a different time or on a different day. Thank You!

We will be conducting a Title I Needs survey to assess our Title I program and how we can improve it. So that extra time can be used to complete the survey. Your input and cooperation is greatly appreciated!

**Kindergarten Registration** will be held during Parent/Teacher Conferences. If you have a child who will

be attending kindergarten next year (2012-2013), please come to the office on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM or Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM to register your child. There are forms to be filled out. We also **need a copy of the Certificate of Live Birth and an updated Immunization Record of the child.** There is information available in the office about kindergarten readiness skills. Stop in and ask! If you are unable to register your child during this time, please call the office to arrange another time that is convenient for you, 974-3585. The sooner you register your child the better it is for our district. It helps us determine staffing needs and to make arrangements to better educate the children.

There will be an **early release** on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and **no school** on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy some family time together during this mini-vacation.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY  
AND PRESIDENT'S DAY!**

Janine M. Olson  
TRE Principal



Annika Bobb, fifth grade student at TRE is the daughter of Jim & LaVonne Bobb of Taylor.

## Annika Bobb Wins GeoBee at TRE

On Friday, December 21, TRE held the final round of the Geo Bee at the School. There were 21 finalists in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. After the first two rounds five finalists were left. These students competed in the last round in the gym while the whole school watched.

Everyone answered the first question right. That was a relief. In the end, Annika Bobb won the Geo Bee for the 2011-2012

school year. Congratulations Annika!! What a fabulous job. Annika, as the TRE finalist, will take a test in January that will be sent in to be scored. If she scores high enough, she will advance to Bismarck to participate with the other winners from North Dakota.



GeoBee finalists included Cole Carazzo, Ben Bohn, Tony Kolar, Coy Diede, Matthew Naumann, Josie Wicks, Arthur Harrison, Logan Hoff, Jan Ballon, Haylee Leingang, Maylynn Naumann, Kalli Freeman, Tyeisha Thompson, Jodi Leingang, Conner Kuntz, Annika Bobb, Gabriella Messer, Elle Goetz, Jeremiah Friedt, Britton Paulson & Nigel Watson.

## Book Trade

The student council is doing a "book trade". If your child has books that are in good condition and they would like to trade for a new book they may bring them to their classroom. The teachers will collect the books.

If anyone in the community has books that are in good condition

and would like to donate them for the book trade they may bring them to the office.

February is Reading Month and we would like to promote good reading habits.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions you may call Miss Fandrich or Mrs. Treiber at the school, 974 -3585. Thanks! TRE Student Council



# Valentine Raffle

TRE student council will hold a Valentine raffle in February. The tickets will be 10 cents each or a book of tickets for \$1.00. You may purchase these tickets from your student council representative or from Miss Fandrich. There will be many prizes that you can win, including a grand prize worth \$25.00 from



the movie theatre in Dickinson.

Students, parents, and community members—if you would like to donate prizes for the raffle please bring them to the school office, or give to Miss Fandrich or Mrs. Treiber.

Ticket sales will begin on Monday, January 23, and be sold until February 13. The raffle will be held on February 14 at 2:15 p.m.



**Get your tickets  
now for the  
Valentine Raffle!**

## 2012-2013 Kindergarten Registration

Taylor-Richardton Elementary will be holding kindergarten registration on Wednesday, February 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the 2012-2013 school year.

Children must be 5 years old by July 31, 2012 in order to be eligible for kindergarten. Please bring a copy of the child's Certificate of Live Birth and an updated official Immunization

Record when you come to register. There will be additional forms to complete at that time.

If you are unable to register your child during this time, please call the office at 974-3585 to arrange another time that is convenient for you, the soon the better.



These photos are of the fifth grade class reading outside on a nice January day. The temperature was 59 degrees. It feels so good!!!

## It's a Beautiful Day!



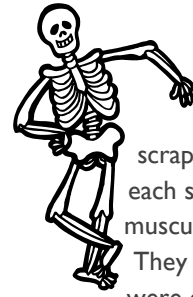


# Fourth Grade News



Happy Spring! Oh that's right, it just feels that way. We have been fortunate to have such a beautiful winter. Now we just need to hope for moisture before the growing season.

Our class is growing. We now have 25 students in the fourth grade. We have been extremely busy. The children have been working on several different projects to enhance their subjects. They made animal skins for social studies and drew pictures to tell stories as the Native Americans did in their winter months. They learned about bartering as a system of trade for the Indians and so they enjoyed exchanging their wares.

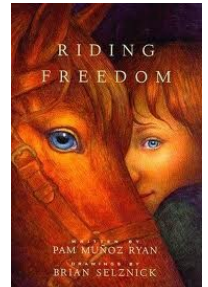


In science the class is studying the body systems. They are making scrapbooks as they learn about each system such as the skeletal, muscular and digestive systems. They also made skeletons that were dressed in clothing to depict what they might like to be when they grew up.

We are enjoying letters that we received from our pen pals in New York. It has been fun to exchange information from children so far from North Dakota.

We are also very happy to have a student teacher in our room. Mr. Devin Rummel has been in our class for four weeks and we look forward to spending another four weeks with him. He is not new to Richardton, as he was a student here a few years ago. He is a welcome addition to our class.

The students have been reading the novel Riding Freedom. It is the story of Charlotte Parkhurst. She was a stagecoach driver that lived her life as a man. She was the first woman that voted in an election, disguised as a man.



As you can see we are keeping very busy in the fourth grade!

## PAWS Receives Grant



PAWS applied for a North Dakota Endowment Grant and was awarded \$1786.00 which will be used to purchase playground equipment at TRE. Rod Potts is pictured presenting the check to Mrs. Olson.



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# BUILDING READERS®

How Families Can Help Children Become Better Readers

Taylor Richardton Elementary  
Janine Olson - Elementary Principal

## This Valentine's Day, celebrate love poetry

Throughout history, people have written poems to show their love. With your child, pretend you're living years ago and write a *cinquain*—a classic style of poem that has five non-rhyming lines. This type of poem traces its roots all the way back to medieval France!

Here's how to write a cinquain:

- **For the first line**, write a noun that describes the topic of your poem.
- **For the second line**, write two adjectives that describe the topic of your poem.
- **For the third line**, write three action verbs ending in "-ing" that describe your topic.
- **For the fourth line**, write a short phrase that describes your topic.
- **For the final line**, write a noun that is a synonym for or another way to describe the topic of your poem.

Here's an example of a Valentine's Day-themed cinquain:

hearts  
sweet, colorful  
sharing, crunching, giggling  
a box of tiny love letters  
candy

For more sample cinquains, visit [www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson\\_images/lesson43/RWT016-1.PDF](http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson43/RWT016-1.PDF).

Source: "Valentine's Day," Reading Rockets, [www.readingrockets.org/calendar/valentine](http://www.readingrockets.org/calendar/valentine).



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## Three factors boost motivation to read

You want your child to spend free time reading, but you're not sure how to motivate her. Research shows certain factors make a difference:

1. **Confidence.** It's important for kids to feel good about themselves and reading. Talk with your child about her reading successes. Mention why reading is important.
2. **Choice.** Kids are more motivated when they pick what to read. Take regular trips to the library, and visit several sections (such as fiction, nonfiction and magazines).
3. **Interaction.** Model good reading skills by reading aloud to your child. Also encourage discussion about books in your family.

Source: L. Gambrell and B. Marinak, "Reading Motivation: What the Research Says," Reading Rockets, [www.readingrockets.org/article/29624/](http://www.readingrockets.org/article/29624/).

## Fiction makes history come alive

Want to build your child's interest in social studies? Try historical fiction.

Look for stories that:

- **Present** the time period accurately.
- **Are** set in real places.
- **Teach** facts.
- **Include** helpful pictures.
- **Aren't** far fetched.
- **Avoid** misconceptions about the past.



Source: C. Newquist, "Teaching fact through historical fiction," Education World, [www.educationworld.com/a\\_books/books002.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_books/books002.shtml).

## Share the love with written hearts

This month, write each family member's name on a heart cut out of paper. Now have everyone write one nice thing about everyone else. "I love when you read to your sister." "I love when you help me with homework." Post these notes where everyone can see them.



## Graphic organizers can make understanding, remembering easier



Something as simple as a picture of a tree can help kids organize what they read on paper. This boosts reading comprehension. Each large branch can represent part of the story (such as the main character, plot and setting). Smaller branches—which grow from the big branches—would leave room for details. Ask your child's teacher or look online for suggestions of other types of graphic organizers, too.



## Show your child that books aren't boring

If your child received a book for his birthday, how would he feel?

- a) Thrilled.
- b) A little disappointed.
- c) Insulted.

If you chose *b* or *c*, you may have a reluctant reader. But there's still hope he'll enjoy that birthday book—and other reading materials. For example, you might:

- **Read aloud.** Depending on your child, you might read the entire book aloud, take turns reading aloud, or read the first page aloud and see if it prompts him to read the rest.
- **See movies.** Many books have movie versions. Encourage your child to read the book first, either independently or with you. Then enjoy seeing the film together.
- **Choose carefully.** Look for "high-interest" books that aren't intimidating or difficult to read. Ask a librarian for help.



Source: "Reclaiming Reluctant Readers," Work, Play, Read, [www.workplayread.com/2011/09/reclaiming-reluctant-readers.html](http://www.workplayread.com/2011/09/reclaiming-reluctant-readers.html).

## Science and reading soar high together

If your child likes science, encouraging her to read may be as easy as checking out books from the library. Try materials about:

- **Experiments.** The librarian can help you find books packed with science projects for kids. Janice VanCleave's *Science Around the Year* is a great example.
- **Famous scientists.** Perhaps your child has heard of Albert Einstein or George Washington Carver and wants to learn more. Or maybe she'd like to study someone new to her.



- **Irresistible topics.** Does your child love animals? Plants? Rocks? Space? Oceanography? There are countless scientific topics to research!



**Q:** My child has trouble reading. Will his reading struggles hurt his comprehension?

**A:** When kids struggle to read, sometimes they're so busy figuring out words that they don't absorb information. Work with the teacher to increase your child's fluency (ease of reading). As this improves, so will comprehension. Meanwhile, use additional strategies to boost understanding. For example, talk about material before, during and after reading it. What will it be about? What is your child learning from it? What made it interesting?

Do you have a question about reading? Email [readingadvisor@parent-institute.com](mailto:readingadvisor@parent-institute.com).

## Speeches require positive feedback

A student's first public-speaking experience can be scary! When your child practices an oral report at home, keep your responses positive and helpful. For example, "I can hear you well. That's great! Now let's pretend I'm all the way in the back of the classroom. Let's make sure I can hear you from over here."



## For lower elementary readers:

- **Marshall Armstrong Is New to Our School** by David Mackintosh (Abrams). Marshall Armstrong proves that being new and different is okay.



- **The One and Only Stuey Lewis** by Jane Schoenberg (Farrar, Straus and Giroux). Stuey Lewis has plenty of problems, including difficulty with reading. But that won't stop him from surviving second grade.

## For upper elementary readers:

- **Every Day on Earth** by Steve Murrie and Matthew Murrie (Scholastic). What amazing things happen every day on Earth? This book provides fascinating details, such as how much air a person inhales each day.
- **The Case of the Rock 'N' Roll Dog** by Martha Freeman (Holiday House). Items are disappearing around Cammie and Tessa's home—which is the White House, by the way. Will they be able to crack the case?

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# TRE February Menu

January 30 – February 3

Monday- breakfast pizza, fruit, milk  
 Tuesday- cereal, cinnamon toast, juice, milk  
 Wednesday- cinnamon roll, fruit, milk  
 Thursday- cereal, banana bread, juice, milk  
 Friday- breakfast combo bar, toast, fruit, milk

February 6-10

Monday- cereal, muffin, juice, milk  
 Tuesday- egg omelet, smile potatoes, toast, juice, milk  
 Wednesday- cereal, English muffin, juice, milk  
 Thursday- long johns, fruit, milk  
 Friday- cereal, bagel, juice, milk

February 13-17

Monday- sausage on a stick, fruit, milk  
 Tuesday- cereal, donuts, juice, milk  
 Wednesday- pancakes, sausage, fruit, milk  
 Thursday- cereal, cinnamon toast, juice, milk  
 Friday- ham & cheese biscuit, fruit, milk

February 20-24

Monday- President's Day, no school  
 Tuesday- breakfast pizza, fruit, milk  
 Wednesday- cereal, toast, juice, milk  
 Thursday- breakfast taco, fruit, milk  
 Friday- cereal, yogurt, juice, milk

February 27-March 2

Monday- egg & cheese biscuit, fruit, milk  
 Tuesday- cereal, lemon bread, juice, milk  
 Wednesday- caramel roll, fruit, milk  
 Thursday- cereal, toast & jelly, juice, milk  
 Friday- French toast, fruit, milk

## Lunch:

January 30 – February 3

Monday- chicken strips, buttered noodles, mixed veggies, muffin, applesauce, chocolate milk  
 Tuesday- sloppy joes, smile potatoes, coleslaw, brownie, milk  
 Wednesday- meatloaf, criss cross potatoes, cream corn, dinner roll, Jell-O, milk  
 Thursday- finger steaks, tator wedges, peas, muffin, brownie, milk  
 Friday- pepperoni pizza, lettuce salad, cantaloupe, cookie, milk

February 6-10

Monday- sausage, buttered noodles, bubble bread, green beans, peaches, milk  
 Tuesday- rib burger, smile potatoes, cole slaw, chocolate chip car, milk  
 Wednesday- lasagna, bread sticks, corn, fruit salad, milk  
 Thursday- potato dumpling soup, crackers, ham sandwich on bun, carrot & celery sticks, ½ orange, milk  
 Friday- tacos in a bag, broccoli & cauliflower, grapes, cookie, milk

February 13-17

Monday- chicken macaroni hotdish, peas, dinner roll, apricots, milk  
 Tuesday- hot ham and cheese sandwich, French fries, pickles, juice bar, milk  
 Wednesday- potato bar (meat sauce, California veggies & cheese) bread sticks, Jell-O with fruit, milk  
 Thursday- hot dog, chips, baked beans, ½ apple, milk  
 Friday- popcorn chicken, rice pilaf, green beans, muffin, pears, milk

February 20-24

Monday- President's Day – no school  
 Tuesday- hamburger macaroni hot dish, mixed veggies, cinnamon bread, applesauce, milk  
 Wednesday- (Ash Wednesday) fish wedges, fried potatoes, peas, dinner roll, vanilla pudding cup, milk  
 Thursday- chicken burger, tator tots, pickles, cantaloupe, milk  
 Friday- cheese pizza, lettuce salad, pineapple cup, cookie, milk

February 27-March 2

Monday- chicken fajitas w/lettuce and cheese, corn on the cob, cookie, ½ orange, milk  
 Tuesday- cheeseburger, smile potatoes, pickles, fruit bar, milk  
 Wednesday- pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, dinner roll, cheese cake, milk  
 Thursday- chili crispitos w/lettuce and cheese, chips and salsa, grapes, rice krispie bar, milk  
 Friday- grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, peach crisp, milk



# Spelling Bee held at TRE

Taylor-Richardton Elementary held their annual spelling bee for grades 5 and 6 on January 27. Twelve finalists competed for the honor of participating in the Stark County Spelling Bee on February 15 in Dickinson. The three top spellers were Haylee Leingang, Cole Carazzo and Tony Kolar. TRE alternate, Gavin Wallace, will also attend the Spelling Bee.



Alternate Gavin Wallace and finalists Haylee Leingang, Tony Kolar and Cole Carazzo will attend the Stark County Spelling Bee in Dickinson on February 15.



Pictured are the 12 finalists from grades 5 and 6. Shelby Floberg, Cole Carazzo, Tony Kolar, Coy Diede, Harlee Leingang, Daniel Berry, Haylee Leingang, Elle Goetz, Jodi Leingang, Bailey Paulson, Gavin Wallace and Preston Floberg.

# FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 SNOW DAZE @ RT Dist. BB Mtg @ Trinity	2 AB GB vs. Trinity @ RT 5:30 SNOW DAZE @ RT	3 ABC BB vs. HR @ RT 4:00 (Parent's Night) Silent Auction JHBB vs. GU/H @ TRE 4:00 SNOW DAZE Dance	4 JV GB @ Bowman 10:00 following by game at Scranton JH Dance @ RTHS
5 NDASSP Confer- ence— thru 2/7 (RZ)	6 ABC BB @ New Salem 3:30	7 A BB vs. Bison @ RT 4:00 (Silent Auction) AB GB vs. NS @ RT 5:30 (Silent Auction) How To Search the Internet Class 7pm	8 RTHS P-T Confer- ences	9 AB GB @ Beulah 4:30 JHBB vs. Killdeer @ TRE 4:30 How To Search the Internet Class 7pm MathCounts @ DSU	10 Boys District BB Tour- nament @ Trinity —	11 Boys Dist. Tourn. @ Trinity—  Speech @ RTHS
12	13 Boys District Finals/ Trinity	14 AB GB vs. Center @ RTHS 5:00 JH BB @ Hazen 4:00	15 RTHS P-T Confer- ences TRE P-T Conferences Stark Co. Spelling Bee @ Trinity 10:00 Dist. GBB Mtg @ Hazen	16 TRE P-T Conferences AB GB vs. NE @ RTHS 5:30 (Parent's Night)	17 EARLY RELEASE DAY (Dismiss 1:30) JH BB Tournament @ RTHS — Senior Class Trip —	18 JH BB Tournament @ RTHS  Senior Class Trip —
19 Senior Class Trip —	20 NO SCHOOL  BB Region Tournament @ Trinity —	21 BB Region Tournament @ Trinity	22	23 BB Region Finals @ Trinity	24 JH BB vs. Trinity @ RTHS 4:30 Speech @ Shiloh State Gymnastics/Dix GBB District Tourn@ Hazen	25 Speech @ St. Marys GBB Dist. Tourn. @ Hazen
26 Co-Ed VB Tournament @ RTHS 9:00 a.m.	27 GBB Tournament Finals/Hazen	28 JHBB @ Hebron 4:00  YM Program 1:30 @ RTHS	29	Mar. 1	Mar. 2 Speech @ Mott	Mar. 3 Speech @ DSU



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