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November Newsletter

Student Writing Corner

(The following article is written by Lindsey Kirschenheiter in Mrs. Anderson's Senior English Class)

Always Remembered, Never Forgotten

The day started out as any other normal day; people woke up, embraced their family that they loved dearly, and went to work. At 8:46 a.m. the first plane crashed into the towers, pouring out smoke and fire. Fifty-seven minutes later, the second hijacked plane crashed into the other tower. Then the unimaginable happened, the towers fell. Stunned silence shook the entire nation as we watched it play out over our television screens. We saw the helpless people try to jump for their lives, the brave firefighters rushing in to try to

help, the plume of smoke over the destruction, and our majestic flag flying high over the rubble that once was.

If I were to put something in a time capsule, I would put in a flag from September 11, 2001. The flag represents a time in history when we were devastated by loss, but it also shows how we banded together for a purpose. The feeling in the air was one of grief for the many lost lives and the sense of togetherness. People came together to celebrate the lives that were well lived and to support the families that were left behind. The attacks came at a time in history when the United States thought we were indestructible. It brought a great nation to its knees. It was supposed to make us weaker, but

the effect was completely different, we came together and became closer than ever.

The flag will remind the people a hundred years in a future about the many lives that were lost in the attacks and the heroes that fought to control the flames and save lives. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten. Many Public Service Members laid down their lives, so that others might have the chance to continue. The people in the future can learn from the past and from our mistakes. In order to have a prosperous future, they must never forget past events. When they look up at the flag, they will never forget the sacrifice, courage, and honor that was shown on that tragic day in history.

RTHS Fall Awards Potluck

Football - Volleyball - Student Congress - 1 Act Play

Sunday, November 27

5:30 pm—RTHS

Grade 9-12 participants in fall activities will be recognized with awards at this potluck. Parents are encouraged to attend with their son/daughter. Please bring a casserole, salad, or dessert, etc. to share.

NOTICE!

Student Writing Corner

(The following article is written by Lindsey Kuntz in Mrs. Anderson's Senior English Class)

Harvest Storm

If rain would be in a solid form that didn't merge into one mass, a pail of grain would feel like that. I plunge my hands deep into the bucket, and then slowly drag my hands out palm up feeling the hundreds of grain seeds sliding over them silky and slender until my hands are hovering over the bucket as the last few seeds trickle back down into the bucket. I look at the hundreds maybe even thousands of glistening golden pockets of life shifting in the pail as I carry it to the barn. The earthy autumn aroma I associate with harvest hovers over the bucket I carry. This is my life.

Life on the farm can be a challenge especially this year with the excess rain and flooding. My family has lived on the Missouri River for the past six generations, and I couldn't see it any other way. Our blood, sweat, and tears are as much a part of this soil as the grass and crops that grow on it are. The land has been ours since it was first able to be settled, and it will continue to be ours until our last fighting breaths.

I hurry to finish up the chores before I have to go help finish with the rest of harvest. The horses whinny as I appear in the barn with their supper. The light pitter patter the grain makes as it hits the troughs sound as if a light rainstorm was outside, and I can't help but look outside warily to see that it actually isn't raining. You see harvest should have been done at least two weeks ago, but with the consistent rain storms it has been near impossible to finish even though we have about a third of the acres we usually harvest.

The flooding hit us hard. We could only seed two thirds of our acres, and even when we seeded half of those acres flooded. My family has been struggling to make ends meet yet again, and we children have had to kick it in gear helping with harvest because we couldn't hire the help we need. My older brother came home from college to help with harvest, and some of his teachers haven't been so understanding. He left again just yesterday, and we can already feel his loss with the help. My younger brother and sister are a lot of help, but they don't understand how half of the machinery works so they are no help with repairs when equipment breaks down. My dad and mom have been working late into the night, and they start before dawn to try to finish the fields so we can sell what surplus we have.

Slick, bland seeds fall into my mouth on accident, and they stick to my tongue and dry out my mouth as I fight to spit them out. Reality snaps back in as I realize I have been day dreaming for far too long. I hustle to finish up my remaining chores in the barn, and I run to Ol' Red to drive to the fields. The grain truck is waiting for me as I get to the fields. The old truck roars to life under my control, and I page dad to see how he is doing in the combine.

"Hey, Pops! How be that there combine doin'?" I twang into the radio as a joke.

"Oh, she be a runnin', Sweet Girl," my dad twangs back with a chuckle. "You better head on over here so I can load you up, got that?"

"Sir, yes sir," I salute even though he can't see me. I chug over to the combine and fall into the rhythm I always do when

we are harvesting.

"Hey, Papa Bear," I chime across the radio, "where are Ma and Sonny?"

"They are finishing up the south side," Dad says. "It's finally dry enough to cut."

"Awesome, so we are finally almost done!" I get really excited because we only had one large field left after we finished up the one we were on and the one mom and my brother were on.

The rest of the field goes without a hitch, and we move to the last field which was only a mile from our house. We are only a fourth of the way done when out of nowhere swollen bruised clouds roil across the sky.

I pull up along beside Dad who is getting out of the combine because we both know this is going to be quite the storm. We take the grain truck straight home because we need to get home to make sure everything is ready for this storm.

We get home as the clouds rip open with a crash of lightning. Big fat raindrops fall fast drenching Dad and I as we run from the quonset leaving behind a dripping chill to the bone. Everyone is in the house, and they had gotten everything secured and ready for the storm.

The sky had turned as dark as the blackest night, and there were swollen clouds of a bruised purple pulsating throughout the sky. The lights started to flicker with the lightning strikes, and finally just gave up and went out.

I've always been intrigued by storms so I sit in the living room to watch in the Bay window seat. Torrents of rain look

like diagonal sheets as they are lit up by lightning arcing across the sky that looking like crosses between tree branches and spider webs. The tree rows behind our house were bent almost sideways as wind rips through them sounding like a freight train, and the thunder booms shake the house.

My entire family has no fear of storms, but everyone couldn't help but jump at the explosions of thunder claps. The bitter taste of anxiety and tangy excitement battle in the pit of my stomach as tree branches are ripped from trees and tossed at the house like a child throwing a temper tantrum.

The static smell of lightning invades my nose along with the clean smell of a damp new beginning as the storm stops as abruptly as it began. We walked outside, and realized we would have to wait yet another day to finish harvest.

Congratulations to LANE AUNE for being selected through audition to represent RTHS at Minot State University's Northwest Music Festival. Lane will be a part of the Nova Choir under the direction of Rebecca Petrik. Northwest Music Festival will be held on November 4th and 5th.

Secondary Principal's Notes... by Russell Ziegler

We have started the North Dakota State Assessment with the 7th, 8th, and 11th grades students on Thursday October 27th, 2011. This is our high stakes assessment that will count towards Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). If you remember we did not make AYP last year in reading. The percentages of the students required to be proficient has increased to over 90%, by 2013 we need to be at 100% proficient. That is an unrealistic goal for any k-12 public school. All students are not at the same level at the same time, so expecting all of them to be proficient on the same standards at one particular time is not reasonable. Eventually all school will not make AYP, if you look at the data from when No Child Left Behind started until now you can see an increase in the number of school not making the requirements. To me this shows that there is a flaw in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act that needs to be addressed by the federal legislators. This is the program that we have so we will continue to do our best!

If you follow public education news you know that there are new standards out that have been written at a federal

level. These standards are called the Common Core and originated by the Association of Governors and the association of State Superintendents. The idea was to have standards in which all states are on the same page and we can compare between them. Now that they are written states can choose whether or not they want to implement them. North Dakota will be switching to the common core. This will also entail a new testing procedure for our students. I am hoping that we will be able to get the results faster and that the students will be tested over the standards that they are currently learning. Right now 7th grade students are tested over the 6th grade standards and we do not get the results until the spring of their 7th grade year. That does give us little time to change our instruction. The national education department is also looking at utilizing a growth model rather than what they currently have. I would agree with this because in a growth model students can be at different levels and if they show growth throughout the year the school will not be punished. In short there are a lot of changes coming down the pike and we need to be proactive as a school and community.

The high school parent teacher conferences are coming up in November. They will be November 14th and 16th from 4:00 to 7:00 each night. We are going to continue with the student lead conferences so please be on the look out for your schedule to come in the mail. Remember if that date does not work for you please let me know so we can get it switch to something that does.

Parents, please call into the school office if your son/daughter will not be in school that day. If we do not receive a call we will mark your child as unexcused for the missed time and that could have an effect on their semester grade. Another reminder to parents and visitors of the school, please come and sign in at the office when you are visiting and sign out when you leave. We need to know who is in the buildings at all times for the safety and welfare of all of the students. Thank you.

RTHS will be hosting the Acalympics for our region again this year. This competition will be on November 15th, starting at 6:00. Please come and see the students perform in this academic competition.

EXPECT SUCCESS!

- GET HELP
- GET AN ONLINE TUTOR
- FIND A RESOURCE 24/7

Better yet... It's Free!

Free Online Tutoring

Richardton-Taylor Public School is participating in the North Dakota State Library free online tutor program. All students, kindergarten through twelfth grade, may access the free online tutoring program. Students and parents have access to math, science, English, and social studies resources—from elementary to advanced levels. Access also includes resume help, citizenship, and GED prep/back to school resources. Live tutors are available Sunday through Thursday 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm Central Time for individual tutor needs.

For more information contact Misti Vogle, librarian at RTHS (974-2111).

SCHOLASTIC NEWS FLASH! In the Library

The Richardton-Taylor High School Library will be holding a **Scholastic Book Fair** during Parent-Teacher Conferences November 14th, 15th, and 16th. Parents, students, and teachers will be able to review and purchase book fair items during the day November 14, 15, and 16 and also in the evening on November 14 and 16 (during conferences). There will also be online book fair access if you are looking for a book that may not be available in the library. Door prizes will be included.

Sooooooooo, stop by, review a book, buy a book, and drop your name in for a door prize.



REMINDER:

If you are interested in trying the on-line payment system so you can pay for meals, etc from home — just go to the school web page link, scroll to the bottom and click on **E-FUNDS**. From there you can enroll your child/ren with the numbers provided to you earlier, and set up an account and make a payment. If you have lost your child/ren's personal ID number — just call the school and we can provide that to you. Remember there is a small transaction fee.

Congratulations goes out to Lindsey Kuntz, Kari Perusquia, Alexia Hoff, Lane Aune, and Ty Bloom for being selected through audition to represent RTHS at Dickinson State's Northern Plains Music Festival. Lindsey, Alexia, Lane, and Ty will be part of the Mixed Choir under the direction of *Dr. Ronnie Oliver*, and Kari will be part of the Women's Choir under the direction of *Charlotte Morey*.

Northern Plains will take place on November 11th and 12th.



RESP Hosts Food Service Workshop

-Dickinson, October 6

Food nutrition managers from seven school districts in southwest North Dakota attended a Health and Nutrition workshop sponsored by Roughrider Education Services Program and the RU-Fit grant. The workshop focused on the upcoming changes in federal guidelines for school meal programs. Trainer Vickie James, a registered dietician from the Healthy Kids Challenge Program, lead food nutrition managers as they assessed their food service needs and explored new ideas for meeting the new HealthierUS School Challenge criteria.

"Our school cafeterias are a great place to model nutritious meals and support students in making healthy food choices. School meals are moving toward more whole grains, less fat, less sodium and more fruits

and vegetables," explained Amy Axtman, RESP Director. "That means our food nutrition managers need to be an active part of the school wellness plan."

The workshop included exploring ways to promote the new MyPlate nutrition guidelines along with creative ways to increase student participation and satisfaction with school meals. Participants learned about creating nutrition awareness, changing the cafeteria environment, building skills for healthy food choices and connecting with families. "This workshop provided an opportunity for food nutrition managers to share menus, recipes, ideas and tips for promoting healthy eating for our students," said Axtman. "Participants also had an opportunity to create a long range action plan for promoting nutritious school meals. The RU-Fit

Wellness Grant is excited to recognize our food nutrition workers for the valuable part they play in providing nutritious, healthy food for our students. Their leadership is vital in keeping our kids healthy."

Photo 1: School Nutrition Managers display their food nutrition chain, standing: Leona Freymiller, Bowman County Public School; Suzy Padeliski, Billings County Public School; Cheryl Fox, Killdeer Public School; Toni Hofer, Hebron Public School; Mariann Voegelé, Taylor-Richardton Elementary Public School; Rachel Gaab, Richardton-Taylor Public School. Kneeling: Mona Teske, Scranton Public School; Patti Faiman, South Heart Public School; Michyle Stern, Hebron Public School.



Counselor's Corner.... By Scott Bohn

Scholarships

SENIORS:

AXA Achievement Scholarship (December 15)

www.axa-achievement.com

UND Outstanding High School Leadership Award (December 5) *If you are planning on attending UND in the fall, come and see me.

Elks Most Valuable Student Award (December 1) *If interested, come and see me.

Lisa Burdolski Memorial Scholarship (December 31)

<http://nd.usjcisenate.org>

SENIORS AND ALUMNI:

SAE International Engineering Scholarship (December 1)

<http://students.sae.org/awdscholar/scholarships/engscholar>

Upcoming School Events

Nov. 2 John Deere Program rep at RTHS

Nov. 9 DSU rep at RTHS

Nov. 3 ASVAB Interpretation for Juniors

Nov. 9 VCS rep at RTHS

Nov. 4 registration deadline for December 10 ACT Test

Nov. 17 NDSU rep at RTHS

Upcoming ND College Events:

Nov. 4 BSC Open House Plus Electronics / Telecommunications

Nov. 10 NDSCS Ag Day

Nov. 14 NDSCS Electrical Day

Nov. 18 BSC Open House

Nov. 18 NDSCS Senior Day

Nov. 21 John Deere Tech Day

State of North Dakota Office of the Governor

Proclamation

FAMILY WEEK

November 13–19, 2011

The primary purpose is to honor the family and encourage families to spend time together. It is our hope to generate a “spirit of family” which will carry on throughout the entire year.

***MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR: JANUARY 30**

Richardton-Taylor High School will be hosting “Crash Course” for grades 7-12 and parents. This is an evening beginning with supper which is followed by the opportunity for you to learn about financial aid, state scholarships, health care jobs, RUReady.com, and more. Please plan on attending.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

The Richardton-Taylor student council is again participating in Operation Christmas Child. The student council will be packing and delivering their shoeboxes the week of November 7th to the 10th. Any member of the community who would like to participate with the student council is welcome to do so.

To participate in Operation Christmas Child, all that is needed is a regular-sized shoebox filled with gifts; \$7.00 to cover shipping costs; then bring your shoebox to the high school and we'll deliver it.

How to pack a Shoe Box:

1. Find an empty regular sized

shoe box.

2. Decide whether your gift box will be for a boy or girl and choose an age category (2-4), 5-9), or (10-14). Attach the appropriate boy/girl label on the TOP of your box and mark the correct age category.

3. Fill your shoe box with a variety of gifts:

*toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoes, harmonicas, yo-yos, small Etch-A-Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), slinkys, small boxed jig-saw puzzles, etc.

*School Supplies: pens, pencils & sharpener, crayons, markers, col-

oring books, writing pads, activity books, solar calculators, etc.

*Hygiene Items: toothbrush, soap, comb, washcloth, etc.

*Other: hard candy, lollipops, gum, sunglasses, flashlights with extra batteries, ball caps, socks, t-shirts, hair clips, watches, jewelry sets, etc.

~NO perishable food, no violent games or toys, nothing war related, no liquids or gels.

Bring your gift filled box to RTHS before November 9th. If you have questions contact advisor Jan Stromsborg at 974-2111.

Group Fitness Classes Offered... By Kori Remington

Ladies and Gentlemen of all fitness levels:

Kori Remington, owner of reSOULution: Total Wellness: Mind, Body & Soul, will be offering group fitness (ZUMBA, kick-boxing, cardio pump & boot camp with the possibility of yoga and pilates) in the Richardton-Taylor communities and these classes are open to anyone interested 18+ years. *Ages 13-17 may attend if there parental guarding signs a waiver.

RATES:

- Pay Per Class = \$8/class
- 10 Class Punch Card = \$6.50 / class (\$65 total)

Classes will be held the entire month of November in the gymnasiums as follows:

Taylor gym: Tuesday & Wednesday evenings from 7:30–8:30 pm

Richardton gym: Thursday morning from 5:30–6:30 AM (No class on Thursday, Nov 24th–Happy Thanksgiving!)

(Keep your eyes open for the December newsletter for the new schedule.)

I can't wait to see you TUESDAY, Nov 1st from 7:30–8:30 pm at the Taylor Elementary School gym.

** E-mail Kori prior to Nov. 1st stating your commitment to at-

tend class and be entered into a drawing for FREE gifts!! If you can't make it on Nov 1st, then we look forward to seeing you at the next class!

*** Interested in getting a private group going? Personal trainer sessions? Group sessions held in another town or facility? If you have additional questions/comments and/or concerns, please contact: Kori Remington, Box 373, Richardton ND 58652 or reSOULution@hotmail.com

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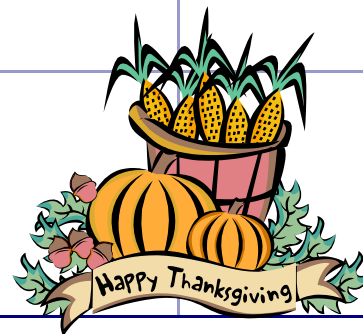
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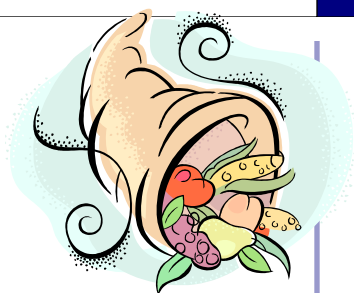
RTHS November Menus

DATE	BREAKFAST:	LUNCH:
Mon. Oct 31:	yogurt, cereal, juice, milk	popcorn chicken, rice pilaf, peas & carrots, dinner roll, fruit, milk
Tues. Nov 1:	doughnut, cereal, juice, milk	super potato oles, breadsticks, strawberry shortcake, milk
Wed. Nov 2:	granola bar, cereal, juice, milk	BBQ riblet on bun, baked potato, green beans, fruit salad, milk
Thur. Nov 3:	fritta omelet with cheese, toast, juice, milk	diced chicken & gravy over biscuits, corn, peaches, cookie, milk
Fri. Nov 4:	caramel roll, cereal, juice, milk	knoepfla soup, ham & cheese wrap, pickles, banana, milk
Mon. Nov 7:	toast, egg patty with cheese, cereal, juice, milk	sloppy joe, pickles, cheese slice, ranch oven potatoes, fruit, milk
Tues. Nov 8:	breakfast Tac Go, cereal, juice, milk	spaghetti with meat sauce, side salad, bubble bread, pears, milk
Wed. Nov 9:	French toast sticks, sausage, juice, milk	Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, roll, jello, milk
Thurs. Nov 10:	long john, cereal, juice, milk	chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, peas, dinner roll, fruit, milk
Fri. Nov 11:	NO SCHOOL / Veteran's Day	
Mon. Nov 14:	yogurt, granola, cereal, juice, milk	chicken noodle soup, cold meat & cheese sandwich, fruit, milk
Tues. Nov 15:	breakfast wrap, cereal, juice, milk	roast turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberries, pumpkin bar
Wed. Nov 16:	scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk	chili, baked bread with peanut butter, veggies & dip, fruit, milk
Thurs. Nov 17:	toast, sausage pattie, hash browns, juice, milk	taco, veggies & dip, fruit, rice krispie bar, milk
Fri. Nov 18:	breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk	shredded BBQ chicken on bun, parsley potatoes, corn, dessert
Mon. Nov 21:	doughnut, cereal, juice, milk	hot dog, baked beans, potato wedges, pickles, strawberry cup, milk
Tues. Nov 22:	egg & cheese muffin, cereal, juice, milk	burrito, nachos & cheese, asst veggies & dip, applesauce, milk
Wed. Nov 23:	Egg bake, toast, fruit, milk	pepperoni pizza, side salad, pickle spear, banana, milk
Mon. Nov 28:	fruit muffin, cereal, juice, milk	chicken taco salad, tortilla chips & cheese, fruit, milk
Tue. Nov 29:	pancakes, sausage links, juice, milk	deli turkey sub
Wed. Nov 30:	toast, ham patty, egg and cheese, juice, milk	roast pork
Thur. Dec 1:	blueberry bagel, cereal, juice, milk	chicken nuggets
Fri. Dec. 2:	caramel roll, cereal, juice, milk	stromboli

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Oct 31 Dist 14 VB Tourn. @ RTHS (2 games) U Mary rep @ RT	1 Dist 14 VB Finals @ RTHS (3 games) JHGB @ Killdeer 4:30 5/6BB vs. HR	2 TRE Promethean JD Program rep @ RT 3:00	3 ASVAB interp. State Student Congress @ Bismarck— JHGB vs. Hazen @ TRE 4:00 5/6 BB vs. H/GU @ Hebron 5:00	4 State Student Congress @ Bismarck TRE BB Fundraiser 6:30 pm	5 NFL Student Congress @ Bismarck
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends (clocks back 1 hour)	7 Region VB Tournament @ Trinity	8 Region VB Tourn. JHGB @ Beulah 3:30 School Brd. Mtg @ TRE 5:30 Acalypmics Quest Mtg.	9 TRE P-T Conferences One-Act Plays/DSU	10 TRE P-T Conferences PICTURE RETAKES 5/6BB vs. Trinity @ TRE 4:30	11 NO SCHOOL — Veterans Day State FB Games —	12 NFL Student Congress @ Bismarck
13 RTHS P-T Conferences Boys BB practice begins	14 RTHS P-T Conferences Boys BB practice begins	15 HS Acalypmics @ RTHS 6:00 JHGB vs. Killdeer @ TRE 4:30 5/6BB @ Mott 4:30	16 RTHS P-T Conferences	17 NDSU rep @ RT JHGB vs. M/R @ TRE 4:30 5/6 BB @ Killdeer 4:30	18 NO SCHOOL — Thanksgiving break	19 5/6 BB Tournament @ Killdeer Taylor Lions Bingo Night 6:30
20 State One Act Plays in Grand Forks — 5/6BB vs. H/GU @ TRE 4:00	21 State One Act Plays in Grand Forks 5/6BB vs. H/GU @ TRE 4:00	22 State One Act Plays in Grand Forks JHGB vs. HR @ SH 4:30	23 RT Book Study	24 NO SCHOOL — Thanksgiving	25 NO SCHOOL — Thanksgiving break	26 AB BB vs. Bowman @ RTHS 1:00
27 RTHS Fall Awards Potluck 5:30 pm	28 GB practice begins TRE "Positive Discipline At Home" 6:30pm	29 AB BB vs. Hettinger @ RTHS 5:30 JHGB vs. GU/H @ TRE 4:00	30 RT Book Study			





TRE November News

Special points of interest:

- **TRE Parent-Teacher Conferences, November 9 & 10**
- **Picture retake day November 10**
- **No school Friday, November 11—Veteran's Day**
- **Club's Choice delivery Wednesday, November 16, 2:00—5:30 pm**
- **Taylor Lion's Bingo Night, Saturday, November 19—6:30 pm**
- **No school Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25—Thanksgiving Break**

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From the Principal's Printer.....

The Fall Concert was held on Thursday, October 6th. Miss Fandrich and the students in grades 1 - 3 did a **fantastic** job performing the patriotic music. What a nice tribute to the people who serve and have served our country! Now we can look forward to the Christmas Concert, which is scheduled for Monday, December 19th at 7:00 PM. Students in grades K - 6 will be performing at this concert. Hope to see you there!

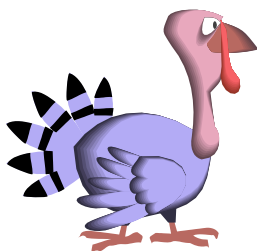
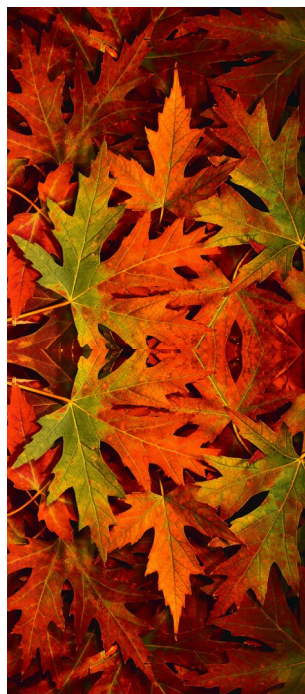
Red Ribbon Week was celebrated October 25 - 29. The student council organized some activities for the student body to do. On Monday each class picked a slogan for Red Ribbon week and to stop bullying. Tuesday the students drew pictures of alternatives to doing drugs. Wednesday the students wore red or camouflage to show their support. Mr. Bohn scheduled a guest speaker, Holly Praus, to speak to the kids on bullying and drug awareness. Thursday there was a coloring contest and Friday was

Crazy Hair/Crazy Clothes day. "Let's keep drugs out of our hair! Don't do drugs, they make you crazy!" Thank you to the student council for helping us focus on **Drug Awareness and Anti-Bullying**.

The students in grades 3 - 6 started taking the **North Dakota State Assessment (NDSA)** the week of October 24th. This assessment is a nation-wide standardized test that compares how our students do compared to other students in the country. Last year our district did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Our district's AYP report is based upon the results of the NDSA. We encourage the children to do their best. Their performance determines our federal funding. Testing is a big issue in education now. The TRE staff is making efforts to stay on top of the assessments. We also use the STAR Reading and Math Assessments for grades 1 -6, DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) for kindergarten - 3rd, and the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Map test for grades K - 6. Those students



Thanksgiving



No School Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25. Thanksgiving Break

Principal's Printer continued...

Our district is continually working on our Title I School-wide and School Improvement plan. The ND Mile (North Dakota Moving to Improve Learning for Everyone) committee has compiled a plan to help the staff become more effective educators. We continue to focus on **reading comprehension and fluency**. You may have heard your child talk about "good fit books", building their stamina, or their book bags. These are a few strategies we are teaching the students this year to help them focus on reading. This year the TRE staff is using the CAFÉ method to teach reading focusing on comprehension, accuracy, fluency, and expanding vocabulary.

The 5/6 grade boys have begun their basketball season. So the TRE gym is still in full swing with practice and games. The **annual Basketball Fundraiser** is scheduled for Friday, November 4th, 2011 at 6:30 PM (doors open at 6:00). At the fundraiser, the 5th grade girls' basketball player and their parents will take on the 6th grade girls' basketball players and their parents followed by the boys. I hope that many of you will be able to attend this event. It is so much fun to watch the students and their parents compete against each other. Come and join the fun!

Parent/Teacher Conferences for grades K- 6 will be held on Wednesday, November 9, and Thursday, November 10. Please keep an eye out for conference slips from the teacher letting you know when your conferences are scheduled. The conferences are an opportune time for parents and teachers to communicate about the students' progress, strengths and areas of improvement. Please remember that the allotted time to visit the teacher is only 15 minutes. If you think you will need longer than that, please let the teacher know so she can schedule your time appropriately. Thank you for your consideration.

Club's Choice orders will be delivered to the school on Wednesday, November 16th. Parents are asked to pick up the orders at

TRE on the south side of the school along the sidewalk between the hours of 2 and 5:30 PM. If you are unable to pick up your child's order at that time, please make arrangements for someone else to do it. TRE does not have any freezer space to store the food items ordered. The monthly PAWS meeting will be held on SUNDAY, November 20th at 3:00 PM at TRE. Everyone is invited to attend. Free child care will be provided. Hope to see you there!

In honor of Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11, 2011, there will be NO SCHOOL! Also, there is NO SCHOOL on Thursday, November 24 – Sunday November 27. Happy Thanksgiving!

Lion's Bingo Night is scheduled for Saturday, November 19th, at 6:30 PM in the TRE gym. Everyone is welcome to attend!

A parenting class called **Positive Discipline at Home** will be offered to all parents on Monday, November 28, 2011, at TRE from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. This class will reinforce the Positive Discipline procedures that the classroom teachers are using to enforce rules and help children solve problems by coming up with their own solutions. If you are interested in attending this workshop, please call the TRE office at 974-3585 to sign up. Deb Theurer from West Dakota Parent and Family Resource Center will be the facilitator. Free childcare will be available, so you must register by Wednesday, November 23.

West River Student Services (WRSS) and the Richardton-Taylor Public School District have available to parents and/or guardians of preschool children a **developmental screening**. If you have a child or know of a child who you feel may be developmentally behind other children of the same age, please call me at (701) 974-3585 or the main office at (701) 483-1257 for assistance. We can help!

We are always looking for responsible, reliable people to act as **substitutes** for the Para educators in the district and/or our custo-

Positive Discipline at Home

Join us for tips and tidbits for Positive Discipline. Use your parenting

skills to help your child develop self-respect, self-discipline, cooperation, good behavior and problem-solving skills. Support the techniques at home that your child's teachers are using at TRE. Help your child excel in school and in life.

6:30-8:00PM

Childcare available

Families **MUST** register for session and **CHILDCARE** by calling TRE at

974-3585 by November 21st.

Monday, November 28th

Debra Theurer

PAWS News



PAWS and Bridge Building

Like all famous bridges there is first a need. For the Brooklyn Bridge that need was spanning the East River. The chief problem was always the East River, which is no river at all technically speaking, but a tidal strait and one of the most turbulent and in that day, especially, one of the busiest stretches of navigable salt water anywhere on earth. In 1855, John Roebling, the owner of a wire-rope company and a famous bridge designer, proposed a suspension bridge over the East River after becoming impatient with the Atlantic Avenue-Fulton Street Ferry. Like this we see a need and are trying to "Bridge the Gap" to the solution. Club Choice has been another success and that has a lot to do with the community and the kids that work so hard. The funds we raise are going towards replacing the playground equipment. But like all bridge building projects nothing happens without a crew. We encourage everyone to come to the PAWS meeting on November 20, 2011 at the Taylor Richardton Ele-

(continued from previous page) 974-3585. We are more than willing to talk to you about this opportunity and supply the training. This is a great way to get involved in the school and with the young people in our community!

As always, please stop in or call me if you have any questions, concerns or comments (974-3585). I enjoy hearing from you. My door is always open!

Thank you,



Join us
November 28, 2011
6:30-8:00 pm
at TRE

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Next Paws meeting
Sunday,
November 20
3:00 pm
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TRE November Menu

BREAKFAST:

November 1-4

Tuesday- cereal, muffin, juice, milk

Wednesday- sausage on a stick, fruit, milk

Thursday- cereal, granola bar, juice, milk

Friday- ham & cheese biscuit, fruit, milk

November 7-11

November 14-18

Monday- breakfast combo bar, juice, milk

Tuesday- cereal, English muffin, juice, milk

Wednesday- egg omelet, toast, fruit, milk

Thursday- cereal, donut, juice, milk

Friday- breakfast pizza, fruit, milk

November 21-25

Monday- cereal, cinnamon toast, juice, milk

Tuesday- long johns, fruit, milk

LUNCH:

November 1-4

Tuesday- hamburger, French fries, pickles, ½ orange, milk

Wednesday- spaghetti, green beans, bread sticks, fruit, salad, milk

Thursday- chicken strips, rice pilaf, muffin, mixed veggies, applesauce, milk

Friday- super nachos, broccoli and cauliflower w/dip, cantaloupe, cookie, milk

November 7-11

Monday- chicken hotdish, muffin, peas, apple crisp, milk

Tuesday- pizza, lettuce salad, pineapple cup, cookie, milk

Wednesday- meatloaf, baked potato, corn, dinner roll, jello, milk

Thursday- potato dumpling soup, crackers, ham sandwich w/lettuce leaf, pears, milk

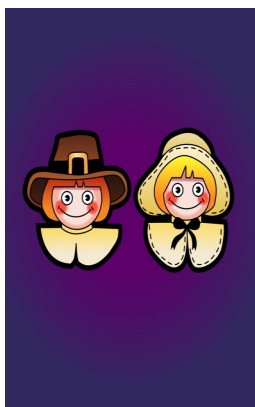
Friday- Veteran's Day, no school

November 14-18

Monday- beanie weinies, lettuce salad, cinnamon bread, vanilla pudding w/whipped topping, milk

Tuesday- hot ham and cheese, chips, pickles, cole slaw, cantaloupe, milk

Wednesday- turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, cranberries, pumpkin bar, milk



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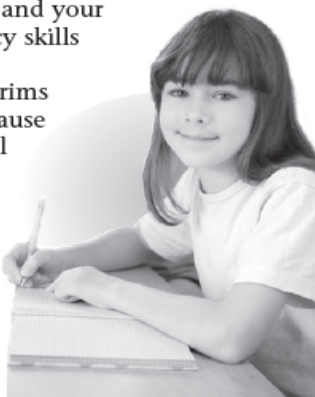
How Families Can Help Children Become Better Readers

Taylor Richardton Elementary
Janine Olson - Elementary Principal

Thanksgiving offers literacy opportunities

Holidays can mean more than big meals and football games on TV. They can also offer you and your child a great chance to work on literacy skills together. Here are some ideas:

- **Work on writing.** In the U.S., the Pilgrims observed the first Thanksgiving because they were thankful for their survival in a new land. Have your child write a list of things for which your family is thankful. Post the list.
- **Read the poem** "Over the River and Through the Woods" by Lydia Maria Child with your child. It tells the story of a Thanksgiving long ago. As a family, write a story about your own holiday traditions.
- **Set aside some extra time** for reading aloud. Consider delaying bedtime over the holiday for a longer reading time.



Hemera

*"It is not enough to simply teach children to read;
we have to give them something worth reading.
Something that will stretch their imaginations ..."*

—Katherine Patterson

Build vocabulary by using words naturally

You're reading a book aloud, and you come to a word your child doesn't know. Should you stop and teach it to him? Experts say parents should try to naturally:

- **Provide an easy-to-understand definition.** "Asphalt is the black stuff used to make roads."
- **Give an example of how the word is used.** "The driveway at our house is made of asphalt."
- **Suggest that your child use the word.** "I bet you can make up a sentence that includes asphalt. Go for it!"
- **Use the word repeatedly.** Over the next week and more, make a point of using the new word in conversation.

Source: "Building Your Child's Vocabulary," Reading Rockets, www.readingrockets.org/article/32444.

Teach about verbs and adverbs with a grammar game

To work on your child's grammar, try verb-adverb charades. Write the same number of verbs and adverbs on index cards (one word per card). One player picks a verb, such as *run*, and acts it out. When someone guesses it, the player then chooses an adverb, such as *slowly*, and acts it out with the verb. (This sample player would act out *running slowly*.) Whoever guesses the adverb can be the next player.

Source: "Teaching Grammar Without the Hammer," Education World, <http://tinyurl.com/69ye4r4>.



Simplify long pages of reading

Textbooks require lots of reading. If your child is intimidated by seeing many words on one page, have him use a sheet of paper to cover some of the words. This way, he'll focus on one paragraph at a time. As your child reads down the page, he can move the paper down to uncover more paragraphs.



Synonyms and antonyms add variety to your child's writing

Kids need to learn about *synonyms* (words that mean the same thing) and *antonyms* (words with opposite meanings) because they help with reading and jazz up writing. Imagine your child is describing a character who is incredibly *happy*.

It's time to get out a thesaurus! She can look up synonyms and find *ecstatic* or *jubilant*. Or maybe the character isn't happy. Your child might look up antonyms and find *depressed* or *morose*.



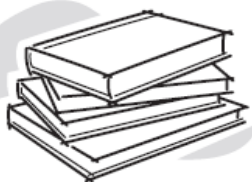
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Tackle book reports together

Your child has to write a book report, and she's not sure where to start—or finish! Guide her through basic steps, such as:

- **Choose an appealing book.** Make sure it matches her interests and abilities.
- **Take notes while reading.** Use an "organizer"—a worksheet that organizes information.
- **Write an introduction.** Include the book's title, author and genre (mystery, how-to, etc.).
- **Summarize the plot,** characters, setting and storyline.
- **Add a conclusion.** Include opinions about the book. Was it enjoyable? Why or why not?
- **Edit.** Read the report and have someone else read it, too. Make it the best it can be!



Source: "Book Report," Time for Kids, www.timeforkids.com/homework-helper/a-plus-papers/book-report.

Reading can strengthen math concepts, too

Math skills go beyond adding and subtracting. Reading is an excellent way to introduce and practice other math concepts. While reading, your child can:

- **Compare and contrast.** For example, how are two characters alike? How are they different?
- **Make illustrations.** Have him pay attention to details and how they can be presented as graphs and charts.
- **Look for sequences.** How does the story progress? What parts lead to a whole? Name the conflict and how it's resolved.
- **Solve problems** in different ways. How else could the story have ended? Are there



new ways to reach the same conclusion?

Source: C. Vanwilligen, "Reading and Mathematics: Integration in the Classroom," suite101.com, www.suite101.com/article.cfm/math_education/14761/2.



Q: My child picks books that are too challenging. Then she gives up after one chapter. How can I help her make better choices?

A: Choose a few books that match her reading level. (She should be able to read a full page without struggling with more than about five words.)

Then let her pick her favorite. If she needs an extra boost, read part of it aloud. Consider taking turns reading to each other.

Do you have a question about reading? Email readingadvisor@parent-institute.com.

Try biographical nonfiction

Many kids stick with fiction when choosing books at the library. But don't overlook biographies and autobiographies! They're exciting because the stories are true. Explain that to your child. Then ask, "Who would you like to learn about?" Look for books about that person's life.



For lower elementary readers:

- *Are You Awake?* by Sophie Blackall (Henry Holt and Co.). Edward isn't ready to sleep. He's curious about a lot of things! Despite his mom's answers, the questions keep coming.
- *Press Here* by Hervé Tullet (Chronicle Books). Follow the directions in this interactive book to find out just how fun simple dots can be! And check out the free activity sheets at <http://bit.ly/mkOcdG>.



For upper elementary readers:

- *Cars on Mars* by Alexandra Siy (Charlesbridge). What is it like on Mars? Two real-life rovers, *Spirit* and *Opportunity*, find out—and the details (including photos) are amazing.
- *Happy Happy Clover* by Sayuri Tatsuyama (VIZ Media). This story about a bunny's adventures is told in comic-book style, which may appeal to reluctant readers.

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Back row: Miss Fandrich—advisor; Cole Carazzo, Josie Wicks, Annika Bobb, Elle Goetz, and Mrs. Treiber –advisor.
Front row: Jeremiah Friedt, Ayanna Fossum, Trey Bohlman and MacKale



Welcome Mrs. Tammy Friedt

I moved to Richardton last year from Lisbon where I lived for 20 years. I am married to Arnie Friedt. I worked with teens at my last job where I was an assistant manager. I have always loved working with children of all ages so I took my para-training and started at TRE as a para in September.

I have four grown children of my own and also 5 granddaughters and a grandson that will be born in March. I

Welcome Miss Danielle Crawford



I grew up in California in a family of six. I am the oldest of the siblings and always took on the role of “mom” and the “annoying responsible sister”. I started playing softball at a very young age and was recruited to play softball at Dickinson State University. After finishing my eligibility in the spring of 2010, I am now focusing on finishing school and earning my degree in physical education K-12.

Because I grew up taking care of my younger siblings, I know this is one reason I went into education. I have always known I wanted to be around kids and make a difference



**TRE Basketball
Fundraiser**

Friday, November 4

6:30 p.m. at TRE



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