



May School Newsletter

RTHS Announces Honor Students for 2012

TOP HONOR STUDENTS

3.85—4.00 GPA

- **LINDSEY KUNTZ**

Lindsey Kuntz is the daughter of Jay and Audrey Kuntz of Richardton. Lindsey has qualified for the National Forensic League tournament this summer and has placed in both the State Speech and

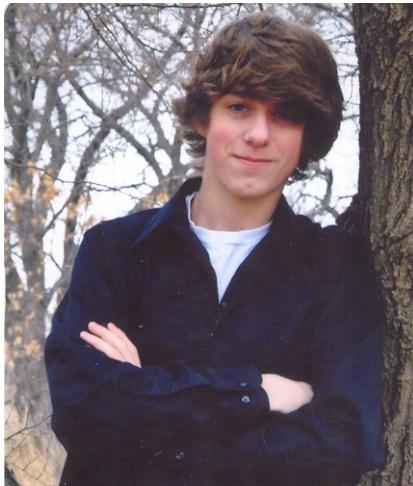
State Student Congress teams, as well as being a cast member in the State One-Act Play that received 1st place in the competition. She also has starred at State Music competition. Lindsey plans to attend Jamestown College in the fall and major in English Education and Theatre.

- **BRADLEY MESSER**

Bradley Messer is the son of Jerome and Debra Messer of Richardton. He is involved in cross country, track and speech. Bradley was a National Merit finalist this year. Bradley plans to attend the University of North Dakota in the fall.

- **AMBER REBEL**

Amber Rebel is the daughter of Rodney and Helen Rebel of Richardton. Amber participated in volleyball, one act play, basketball, speech, track, state music and national honor society. Amber won regional and state actress awards, as well as All District and All Region volleyball awards. Amber plans to attend Jamestown College in the fall and receive a degree in Business Administration.



- **BRIANNA STEINER**

Brianna Steiner is the daughter of Brad and Sheila Steiner of Mott. Brianna has been involved in volleyball, basketball, speech, student congress, one act plays, band and choir, 4-H, and Skills USA. Brianna has placed at State Speech and State Student Congress, and received All District and All Region volleyball awards. Brianna will attend the University of Mary in the fall for physical therapy.

- **LINDSAY TYRRELL**

Lindsay Tyrrell, daughter of Doug and Nikki Tyrrell of Taylor has been involved in volleyball, student congress, one act plays, and speech, earning the title of State Persuade Speaking Champion two years in speech, as well as a cast member of the State Champion One Act Plays this year. Lindsay plans to attend the University of North Dakota and study Graphic Design and Art.



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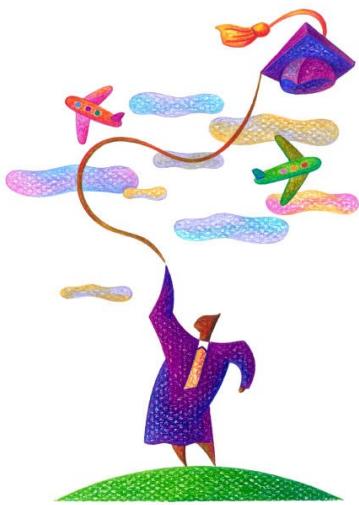
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HONOR STUDENTS

3.50–3.84 GPA

- **KAYLYN ARNOLD**
(daughter of Chuck and Donna Arnold of Richardton)
- **SIERRA CANEROT**
(daughter of Tonya Canerot and the late Mike Canerot of Richardton)
- **FALLON KELLEY**
(daughter of Genie Kelley of Richardton)
- **LINDSEY KIRSCHENHEITER** (daughter of Carl and Deb Kirschchenheiter of Taylor)
- **SAMANTHA PAVLENKO**
(daughter of Mike and Sara Conlon of Richardton)
- **McKINZEE STEIN**
(daughter of Russ and L'nette Stein of Taylor)



Superintendent's Message . . . By Brent Bautz

Don't Forget to Vote!

On Tuesday, June 12 we will be holding our school board election in conjunction with the county election. Voters will be asked to fill two board positions and to answer the question concerning changing the geographical voting area for board representation.

The terms for board members Lea Floberg and Rhonda Bloom will expire this year, and both have decided not to run for reelection. I would like to personally thank Mrs. Floberg and Mrs. Bloom for their service to our students. I enjoyed working with both of you.

Speaking of quality board members, we have two quality board candidates seeking terms, Travis Christensen and Shannon Goetz. Travis and Shannon were the only two candidates seeking election. The problem is Mr. Christensen and Mr. Goetz will be running against each other because both are residents of the geographical area known as the "former Richardton

School District." The other board position must be filled by a resident from the geographical area known as the "former Taylor School District." Thus, the ballot for one board position will be blank because neither of the candidates meets this criterion.

This brings me to the next election issue, changing the geographical voting area. According to our reorganization agreement, 3 board members must be from the "former Richardton School District" geographical area and 2 must be from the "former Taylor School District" geographical area. North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) 15.1-12-21 states "if a school district has been reorganized for at least ten years, the boundaries of geographical voting areas may be changed upon the concurrence of a majority of qualified electors voting on the question."

Ten years have passed since the Richardton and Taylor reorganization, and the school board would like to

change the geographical voting area to meet the requirements of NDCC 15.1-09-04, which states "If the taxable valuation of agricultural property in the rural area of a district containing a city is greater than the taxable valuation of the urban area,

the majority of the members of the school board must be rural members." NDCC 15.1-09-04 defines a rural member as "one who resides on a farm outside the corporate limits of a city." Under this reconfiguration, 3

board members would be "rural" and 2 would be "at-large."

A sample ballot is enclosed in this newsletter, please review it and consider voting "YES." We have had an extremely difficult time finding people to serve on the school board, and our June ballot is a testament of why we

need to change the geographical voting area.

A "YES" vote means you approve of changing the geo-

graphical voting area to meet the requirements of NDCC 15.1-9-04, which are 3 "rural" members and 2 "at-large" members, taking effect July 1, 2013.

A "NO" vote means you disapprove of the change, and would like the geographical voting

area to remain as 3 members from the "former Richardton School District" and 2 members from the "former Taylor School District."

"Under this re-configuration, 3 board members would be "rural" and 2 would be "at-large",

Reconfiguration of Instructional Days Approved

Our application for reconfiguration of instructional days for the 2012-2013 school year was recently approved by the North Dakota Department of Instruction. NDCC 15.1-06-05 allows school districts to apply to reconfigure the number of instructional days as long as time requirements are still met and the application is innovative and/or results in a significant cost savings to the district.

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Superintendent's Message (continued)

We requested to provide professional development to faculty during contracted hours by increasing our early release professional development days from four to seventeen. This does have its advantages and disadvantages, but we believe the advantages outweigh the disadvantages.

Advantages

1. Cost savings to the district
 - a. Eliminates faculty stipends for attending local professional development after contracted hours.

2. Increases faculty participation
 - a. All faculty members will be required to attend professional development sessions since it is being held during contracted hours.
3. Improved student learning
 - a. Providing meaningful, sustainable, and job-embedded professional development to our faculty will lead to improved student learning.

- improved student learning.
- Disadvantages**
1. Inconvenience
 - a. Some parents may have to make special arrangements for students being dismissed at 1:30 pm.
 2. Loss of grace day
 - a. Since we are using our time for professional development, we will no longer meet the time requirements to receive a free storm day.

A 2012-2013 school calendar will be available on the school website, after we have completed finalizing the early release days.

Strategic Planning Meeting

Mark Thursday, May 10 on your calendar, the Richardson-Taylor School Board will be holding a strategic planning meeting at 5:30 pm at the high school. The regular May board meeting will follow the strategic planning meeting. Your input is valuable to us and our students. Please plan to attend.

RTHS 2012 Graduates

Kaylyn Dawn Arnold ~ Amber Victoria Askins

Gregory Wayne Bagley ~ Austin Eugene Bohn

Sierra Kaitlin Canerot ~ Fallon Olivia Kelley

Lindsey Elizabeth Kirschenheiter

Lindsey Jaye Kuntz ~ Bradley Peter Messer

Dakota Christ Messer ~ Samantha Lynn Pavlenko

Amber Michelle Rebel ~ Dalton John Rixen

Biancarae Jemez Sperry ~ McKinzee Dayle Stein

Brianna Alyce Steiner ~ Lindsay Sandra Tyrrell

Secondary Principal's Notes... by Russell Ziegler

We are half-way through the fourth quarter and the weather is getting nice. You can sense the increase in energy in the school with students and staff anticipating summers arrival. I say this every year but this year went by the fastest of them all. I can't believe it is already the end of April with four weeks left to go for the year. Speech is wrapping up with the State tournament coming on the 28th of April, band night will be here before we know it, and track will be finishing up in the end of May.

We have been doing the "working lunch" during the fourth quarter and it has been amazing to see the results thus far. For the last three weeks we have had NO students with two or more failing grades, and our D and F list is slowly shrinking. The high school students really stepped it up right away and are rarely in "working lunch", the junior high students are still lagging behind the senior high but are slowly getting their work handed in. We are very pleased with the results that we have seen thus far. However we are disappointed that it took

something like this to get the students to hand in their work. We will definitely keep this program for the upcoming school year.

Speaking of upcoming school year, we have finished building the schedule for next year and will be registering the students shortly. One thing that we would like to do this year is to have the pre-registration the final registration. In other words once the student is registered for next year and the parents have signed off on it that WILL be their class schedule. They will not be allowed to change their schedule in August. We have numbers for teachers to place orders for next year, and book to order, etc... Having definite numbers will allow the staff and teachers to plan accordingly. The Aug. registration time would be for any new students and for existing students to pay their fees, and fill out other demographic information.

The school will also be looking at other various policy changes for the next school year. A couple that we need to look at is the dress code and extra curricular absences.

The working lunch will need to be placed into the student handbook as well. This year the student handbook was separate from the students' planners. We will be placing them in the planners again for next year.

Since this is the last news letter for the year I would like to take the time to thank some individuals for what they have done for our school. I would like to thank all of the teachers and paras' for their time and effort during this year, it has been a rocky year but I feel we are headed into the right direction and I look forward to the coming year. Thank you to Char for everything that she does for me and anyone in the school. I don't think we would be able to function without Char in the front office. The maintenance/cleaning staff need to have a huge round of applause. We have been short staffed throughout the year and they have done a fantastic job. Mika, Gladys and Shawn are absolutely amazing. I would like to give Gladys another THANK YOU, as you know Gladys retired last year but was gracious enough to

come and help us out this year, THANK YOU! Rachel and Jacquelyn have been fantastic in the kitchen. These two are here before anyone else, except maybe Mika, and put in a full day before the rest of us get started. The food at RTHS is second to none, thank you ladies! A couple of other individuals that help me immensely are Mr. Bautz and Mrs. Dressler, thank you two for everything! Last but definitely not least I would like to thank the students. Thank you for being positive representatives of the Richardton -Taylor communities and for doing what is RIGHT!!!



**EXPECT
SUCCESS!**

OFFICIAL BALLOT

JUNE 12, 2012

RICHARDTON-TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 34

Shall the Richardton-Taylor Public School District No. 34, of Stark and Dunn Counties, North Dakota, change the geographic area from "former Richardton and former Taylor" to "3 rural and 2 at-large" positions to meet NDCC 15.1-09-04 rural membership requirements. This change would not take effect until July 1, 2013.

YES: A "YES" vote means you approve of the change to "3 rural and 2 at-large" board representation, taking effect July 1, 2013.

NO: A "NO" vote means you disapprove of the change to "3 rural and 2 at-large" board representation.

For TWO Members of the Board of Education of Richardton-Taylor Public School District No.34, of Stark and Dunn Counties, North Dakota.

All voters (Richardton and Taylor) vote for TWO candidates (mark and X in front of the names for which you are voting)

THREE YEAR TERM-MUST BE A RESIDENT OF THE FORMER TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.

_____ (no candidates filed)

AND

THREE YEAR TERM-MUST BE A RESIDENT OF THE FORMER RICHARDTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.

_____ Shannon Goetz

_____ Travis Christensen

THE SOUND OF MUSIC to be presented at RTHS

THE SOUND OF MUSIC



The halls of RTHS are alive with the sounds of music this spring as the theater and music departments prepare to present Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic production, *The Sound of Music*. Set in Austria during the 1940's, the story revolves around the Von Trapp family and their governess, a young nun, Maria. Famous musical numbers from *The Sound of Music* include "Do - Re - Mi", "My Favorite Things", "Climb Every Mountain", "Edelweiss", and "I'm Sixteen Going On Seventeen".

Ty Bloom with his dazzling voice is playing Captain Von Trapp, and Lindsay Tyrrell is exceptional as the fun - loving Maria. Sierra Canerot, mischievous Louisa; Maggie Zentner, rebellious Liesel; Jacob Kuntz, quiet Friedrich; Reagan Olson, truthful Brigetta; Marshall Ziegler, polite Kurt; Bailey Paulson, sweet Marta; and Ava Bartz, heart-melting

Gretl are portraying the Von Trapp children. Lindsey Kuntz enhances the stage with her vocal talent as the Mother Abbess. Beside her are Alexia Hoff as Sister Margaretta, Logan Olson as Sister Berthe, and Erica Belzer as Sister Sophia. These four nuns will entertain you with their delightful rendition of the song, "Maria". Capturing the heart of Liesel (Maggie Zentner), Lane Aune will portray Rolf Gruber, a young Austrian caught up in Hitler's propaganda. Paul Koppinger will provide the audience with many laughs with his comedic character of Max Detweiller. Gracing the stage with her elegance, Brianna Steiner will play Elsa Schraeder. Hunter Kuntz plays the stolid Von Trapp butler, Franz, and Charlee Scott plays the tidy housekeeper, Frau Schmidt. Caught up in the web of Hitler's overthrow are Dakota Messer as Herr Zeller and Bradley Messer as Admiral Von Schreiber. Samantha Steiner displays her multiple talent by por-

traying the characters of Baroness Eberfeld, and Fraulein Schweiger. Adam Messmer plays a staunch and mature, Baron Elberfeld. Kaylyn Arnold, Lizzi Bohn, Ariana Dressler, McKensy Friedt, Rachel Goetz, Bailey Isaak, Lindsey Kirschenheiter, Victoria Kitzan, Megan Kuhn, Tawnya Miller, Halle Olson, Destiny Schank, Bianca Sperry, and McKinzee Stein round off the cast as the nuns of Nonnberg Abbey.

This delightful production that has captured the hearts of millions over the past thirty years will be presented at Richardson - Taylor High School on Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19 at 7:00 PM and on Sunday May 20 at 3:00 PM. Please join us as we celebrate the talent of our RTHS students as they perform Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music*.

LIBRARY NEWS...

The RT high school library is in need of new fiction books for student reading. If you have new fiction books that could be donated for student reading, please donate appropriate level fiction books to the library by dropping books off in the gray tub in the school office.

Thank you,

Misti Vogle, librarian

ART NEWS...

The Richardson-Taylor High School art department will be joining the music program on Monday, May 14, 2012 for a festival of Art and Music. Student work will be displayed for viewing following the Spring Music Concert. Come out and join us for a spectacular showcase of students and their talents.

RTHS Speech Team Wins 6th Consecutive State Speech

The Richardson - Taylor High School returned from the State "B" tournament with its sixth consecutive speech title. Members of the state team included: Sierra Canerot, Fallon Kelley, Lindsey Kuntz, Bradley Messer, Dakota Messer, Amber Rebel, Bianca Sperry, McKinzee Stein, Brianna Steiner, Lindsay Tyrrell, Ty Bloom, Paul Koppinger, Maggie Zentner, Lane Aune, Alexia Hoff, Samantha Steiner, Lane Voltz, Charlee Scott, and Marshall Ziegler.

Individual state

champions were Brianna Steiner in Speech to Inform, Maggie Zentner in Dramatic Interpretation Maggie Zentner and Ty Bloom in Humorous Duo, and Lane Voltz in Radio Broadcasting.

Along with the individual champions the following people placed at the state tournament:

In Serious Interpretation Lindsay Tyrrell placed 4th while Sierra Canerot placed 7th. Ty Bloom took 2nd in Humorous Interpretation. Dramatic Interpretation finished with Maggie Zentner in 1st and

Alexia Hoff in 8th. Additionally, Lane Aune received a Superior Medal in Dramatic. Competing in Poetry were Lindsey Kuntz who placed 4th and Fallon Kelley who placed 8th. Humorous Duo was won by Maggie Zentner and Ty Bloom and Samantha Steiner and Paul Koppinger took 4th. In Serious Duo Lindsey Kuntz and Dakota Messer placed 4th, while Sierra Canerot and Amber Rebel Placed 7th. Paul Koppinger placed 4th in Entertain and Lindsay Tyrrell placed second in Speech to Persuade.

Brianna Steiner won the Speech to Inform title and received a Superior Medal in Radio Broadcasting. Lane Voltz's state championship rounded off the team's accomplishments.

Congratulations to all the members of the RTHS speech team!



Nine Named to All-State Speech Team

Nine RTHS students were named to the All - State Speech Team for 2012. Those receiving the honors were Sierra Canerot, Lindsey Kuntz, Brianna Steiner, Lindsay Tyrrell, Ty Bloom, Maggie Zentner, Alexia Hoff, Samantha Steiner, and Marshall Ziegler. In order to be named to the team you must place in four events between Student Congress, One- Act Plays, and Speech. Congratulation to these nine individuals on their outstanding performance!



RACING TO INDIANAPOLIS

Brianna Steiner, Lindsay Tyrrell, Maggie Zentner and Ty Bloom are headed to Indianapolis in June for the National Forensic League's National Tournament. Brianna and Lindsay will compete in Original Oratory and Maggie and Ty will compete in Dramatic Duo.

RTHS May Menu

BREAKFAST

- 4/30: egg & cheese muffin, cereal, juice, milk
5/1: doughnut, cereal, juice, milk
5/2: blueberry bagel, cereal, juice, milk
5/3: ham pattie, pancake, juice, milk
5/4: cinnamon rolls or granola bar, cereal, juice, milk

5/7: omelet, toast, cereal, juice, milk
5/8: ham-egg-cheese roll-up, juice, milk
5/9: doughnut, cereal, juice, milk
5/10: ham or links, hash browns, omelet, toast, juice
5/11: caramel roll, cereal, juice, milk

5/14: fruit muffin, cereal, juice, milk
5/15: ham-egg-cheese muffin, cereal, juice, milk
5/16: breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk
5/17: caramel roll, cereal, fruit, milk
5/18: donut, cereal, juice, milk

5/21: egg-cheese muffin, cereal, fruit, milk
5/22: ham slice, hash browns, toast, juice, milk
5/23: caramel roll, scrambled eggs, juice, milk

LUNCH

- hamburger, fries, cheese slice, peaches, milk
baked potato bar with toppings, breadstick, pudding, milk
pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, dinner roll, jello, milk
tacos with toppings, orange juice, rice krispie bar, milk
baked ham, hash browns, creamed corn, dinner roll, pineapple, milk

diced chicken & gravy over biscuits, peas, fruit, cookie, milk
spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, bubble bread, fruit, milk
chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, roll, banana crème pie, milk
chef salad with toppings, breadstick, fruit, choc. cake, milk
shredded BBQ pork on bun, baked beans, ranch potatoes, fruit, milk

chicken twisters, potato rounds, fruit, milk
pepperoni pizza, side salad, veggies & dip, short cake, milk
sloppy joe, cheese slice, oven potatoes, pickles, fruit, milk
super nachos, veggies & dip, fruit salad, rice krispie bar, milk
deli turkey & cheese sub, oven potatoes, pumpkin pie, milk

burrito, nachos & cheese, veggies & dip, apple crisp, milk
chicken nuggets, buttered noodles, veggie, dinner roll, fruit, milk
tacos with toppings, pickle spear, ice cream cup, brownie, milk

Class Officers for 2012-2013

SENIORS: President-Nicole Leingang, Vice President-Ty Bloom, Secretary-Halle Olson, Treasurer-Brett Frederick

JUNIORS: President-Hannah Rummel, Vice President-McKensy Friedt, Secretary/Treasurer-Sami Steiner

SOPHOMORES: President-Mikayla Aluise, Vice President-Brielle Van Orman, Secretary/Treasurer-Bailey Isaak

FRESHMEN: President-Elizabeth Bohn, Vice President-Christian Kelley, Secretary/Treasurer-Acacia Fossum

GRADE 8: President-Destiny Wallace, Vice President-Alec Roll, Secretary/Treasurer-Ethan Kuntz

GRADE 7: President-Shelby Floberg, Vice President-Haylee Leingang, Secretary/Treasurer-Harlee Leingang

State Music



STATE MUSIC... By Ms. Gress

Congratulations to the following students headed to State Music on May 5. **Soloists:** Lindsey Kuntz "Se miei sospiri", Ty Bloom "Wayfaring Stranger", Lane Aune "Black is The Color of my True Love's Hair", and Bailey Isaak "Joshua Fit The Battle of Jericho". **Duets:** Lindsey Kuntz and Sierra Canerot "Panis Angelicus", Lane and Ty Bloom "Finiculi, Finicula. **Mixed Quartet:** Sierra Canerot, Lindsey Kuntz, Lane

Aune, and Ty Bloom "Ahrirang". **Boys Trio:** Lane Aune, Paul Kopfinger, and Ty Bloom "That Heart I'll Give". **Boys Ensemble:** Lane Aune, Jacob Kuntz, Hunter Kuntz, Paul Koppinger, Ty Bloom, and Dakota Messer "Fillimiooriay. **Mixed Ensemble:** Sierra Canerot, Brianna Steiner, Maggie Zentner, Linsdey Kuntz, Bianca Sperry, Lindsey Kirschenheiter, Lane Aune, Jacob Kuntz, Hunter Kuntz, Dakota Messer, Paul Kopfinger, and Ty Bloom

"How Can I Keep From Singing", and **Girls Ensemble:** Lindsey Kirschenheiter, Brianna Steiner, Logan Olson, Sierra Canerot, Alexia Hoff, Maggie Zentner, Bailey Isaak, Bianca Sperry, Lindsey Kuntz, Destiny Schank, and Halle Olson "Dance on My Heart".

This year State Music will be held in Bismarck, at Bismarck State College. Again congratulations to all students involved.

WHAT IS THIRD HAND SMOKE, AND WHY IS IT A CONCERN?

Third hand smoke is generally considered to be residual nicotine and other chemicals left on a variety of indoor surfaces by tobacco smoke. This residue is thought to react with common indoor pollutants to create a toxic mix. This toxic mix of third hand smoke contains cancer-causing substances, posing a potential health hazard to nonsmokers who are exposed to it, especially children. Studies show that third hand smoke clings to hair, skin, clothes, furniture, drapes, walls, bedding, carpets, dust, vehicles and other surfaces, even long after smoking has stopped. Infants, children and nonsmoking adults may be at risk of tobacco-related health problems when they inhale, ingest or touch substances containing third hand smoke. Third hand smoke is a relatively new concept, and researchers are still studying its possible dangers. Third hand smoke residue builds up on surfaces over time and resists normal cleaning. Third hand smoke can't be eliminated by airing out rooms, opening windows, using fans or air conditioners, or confining smoking to only certain areas of a home. Third hand smoke remains long after smoking has stopped. In contrast, secondhand smoke is the smoke and other airborne products that come from being close to burning tobacco products, such as cigarettes. The only way to protect nonsmokers from third hand smoke is to create a smoke-free environment, whether that's your private home or vehicle, or in public places, such as ho-tels and restaurants.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's “*The Sound of Music*”

Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19 - 7:00 pm

Sunday, May 20 - 2:30 pm

RTHS gymnasium

Adult admission: \$6.00

Student admission (Gr K-12): \$4.00

RTHS Spring Pops Concert & Art Show

Monday, May 14, 2012 ~ 7:00 pm

RTHS gymnasium



Richardton-Taylor High School received a Technical Assistance to North Dakota Communities Grant through the North Dakota Education Technology Services to offer Adult Education classes, during the 2011-2012 school year. Classes were free to participants from Richardton, Taylor and surrounding communities. Several participants took part in the classes, which ranged from; Digital Scrapbooking, and Photo Retouching, taught by Misti Vogle and Cindy Dohrmann, Excel for Beginners and Excel Advanced taught by Vicky Gullickson, and How to Search the

Adult Education Classes Held @ RTHS

Internet Safe and Effectively and Social Networking taught by Superintendent Brent Bautz.

Participants who completed any one of the classes were put into a random drawing for the technology prizes. Armin Treiber was the Grand Prize winner. He received a net book, case and accessories. Mary Unruh received a digital camera, and Mary Beyer received a 32 GB flash drive. All prizes were related to the technology classes that had been offered at the school. Mary Unruh donated the camera to the After Prom Com-

mittee as a prize for the students for the after prom party.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for taking part in the classes and Mary Unruh for donating her prize back to the students of RTHS.



Scholarships:

B. Davis Scholarship

<http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm>

Big Sun Scholarship

www.bigsunathletics.com

Abbot and Fenner Scholarship

<http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>

Joe Francis Haircare Scholarship

<http://www.joefrancis.com>

CARS/PLOWS Scholarship

http://www.ndida.com/ndida/career_center/scholarship_program.php

Nursing Scholarship Program

DEADLINE: MAY 8 http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/scholarships/Nursing_eligibility.html

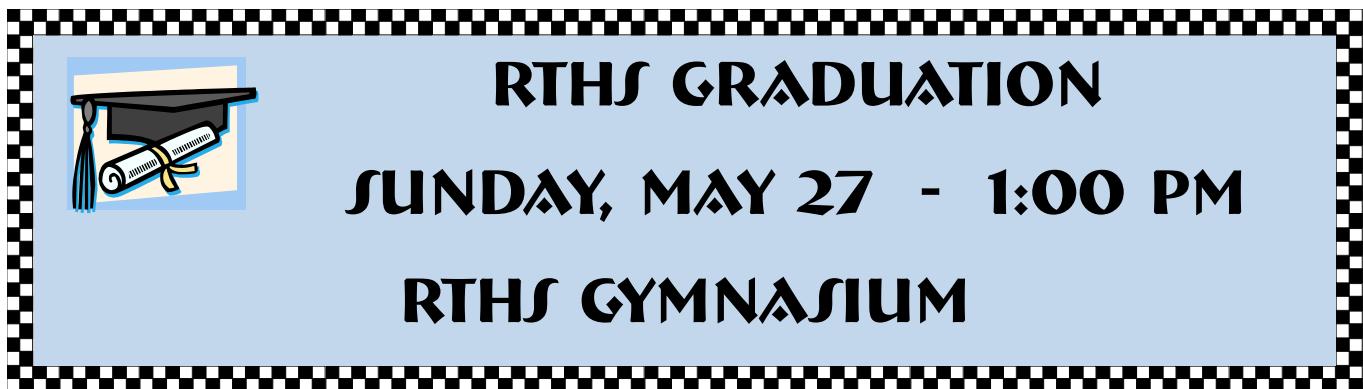
Seniors: If you have not already done so, you should apply for the ND Academic or CTE scholarship if you qualified. Remember, even if you don't use it right away, it will still be there for you to use at a later date if needed. If you've misplaced the website address come and see me. Also, if you need any additional paperwork done after graduation, make sure that you let me know.

Upcoming Events:

Juniors ACT make up test

May 8

REMEMBER: 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students – Volunteer hours are very important for scholarships, and Camp ReCreation is right here in Richardton during June. Great opportunity!!



Richardton-Taylor Raider basketball will again be hosting the Midwest Elite basketball camps this summer at RTHS. The first camp will be held June 21,22,23, with the second camp July 26, 27, 28. Any interested player in grades 7-12 can fill out the attached registration along with the three day fee. (Paid to RTHS). If you attend the first camp we are looking at a reduced fee for the second. The girl's camp will run in the mornings 7:30—12:30 and the boys camp runs 1:30—6:30 pm. Please contact Coach Berger (590-9097) or Coach Bartz (590-3375) with any questions.



Midwest Elite Basketball Camp Registration

Name: _____	Address: _____
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Email: _____
Grade: _____	Position(s): _____

- 1-Day Camp - \$60/camper
- 2-Day Camp - \$95/camper
- 3-Day Camp - \$120/camper

MEDICAL RELEASE

Must be signed by a parent or guardian before participation in the camp.

In consideration of the acceptance of this application for enrollment in the 2012 Basketball Camp, I/we, intending to be legally bound, hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against all sponsors and all employees of Midwest Elite Basketball for any or all damages which may be sustained and suffered by me in connection with my/our association with or entry into this camp, and which may arise out of my travelling to, participating in or returning from the camp. I/we hereby authorize the staff of Midwest Elite Basketball to act for me according to their best judgement in any emergency requiring medical attention and I hereby waive and release Midwest Elite Basketball from any and all liability. I/we understand the risks involved in participating in athletics, such as basketball, which can include serious injury or death. I/we hereby grant permission for my/our child to participate in the Midwest Elite Basketball Camp and if an injury should occur during, traveling to or returning from the camp, I/we agree to pay for all costs, present and future, through my/our medical insurance policy and/or personal finances.

Name of Athlete _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____



May School Newsletter



From the Principal's Printer ...

Thank you to all the wonderful businesses and people who have donated to TRE's Project Playground! We have ordered the playground equipment and it will be installed in June! We live in such a wonderful community, so supportive. Our new playground would not be possible without you. Thank you so much. This has been a humbling experience for me and the PAWS members. We truly appreciate your support!

There are approximately 3 weeks of school left and even though I know at the beginning of every year when school ends, it always seems to sneak up on me. WHY?!?! I think it is because there are so many activities scheduled for the last few weeks of school, it's spring and everyone is anxious to get outside and do something different, and human nature is to wait for the very end to accomplish all the goals of the year. So even though there are a million things to do, I am confident that it will all be done as it needs to be and it will be done well. So here's the month at a glance:

The kindergarten "Open House" which is usually conducted in May will be held in August this year after the fall registration dates. The kindergarten teacher and I will send out letters to those children registered to attend kindergarten in the fall for the 2012 - 2013 school year. This orientation is a time to familiarize the children and their parents with the "ins and outs" of kin-

dergarten. If you haven't already done so, please come to the elementary office and register your child for kindergarten. We are required to have a copy of each student's immunization records (current and updated) and a copy of the Certificate of Live Birth on file. Please bring these items with you when you come to register.



The sixth grade students are rounding the corner going for the finish line of elementary school. On Wednesday, May 2nd, there will be a luncheon celebrating the students' elementary career. Staff members from the high school and TRE are invited to speak to the students about what to expect at the high school and share the memories that have been made with them at TRE. On Wednesday, May 9th, the 6th grade students will be going over to RTHS

for a tour and dinner. Mr. Ziegler will introduce them to life as a junior high student.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is May 7th – 11th. If you feel the urge, give your child's teacher a call to say thanks or send a note of appreciation. There are many people in the school building who make the educational world run smoothly. It is always nice to feel appreciated!

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Special points of interest:

- May 2–6th Grade Luncheon
- May 4–TRE Spring Fling, 5:00 pm
- May 23 LAST DAY!!!!

Principal's Printer Continued...

PAWS will be hosting their 7th annual Spring Fling on Friday, May 4th. This year our theme is "An Amazing Adventure"! They will be serving a free-will supper from 5:00 to 6:30. After supper a dance will be held in the gym until 8:00 PM. This year's music will be provided by Justin and Mary Zich, and there will be door prizes for the children to win. Also, we are looking for volunteers to help us clean up after the dance. If you are interested, please let me know. We appreciate your help. The Spring Fling is a wonderful time to spend with your family and socialize with friends. Come one, come all! Young and old! Everyone is welcome. It will be a great time!

The next PAWS meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15, at 6:30 PM at TRE. Please join us!

Mrs. Barb Kuhn and Mrs. Connie Treiber will be retiring after this year. These marvelous women will be greatly missed at TRE. I would like to thank them for their many years of dedication and service to the Richardton-Taylor Public School District. Best wishes with your retirement!

At the end of each school year our district reviews the Title I School-wide Program. This year our goals were to improve reading comprehension and fluency. Although we have just completed our last round of NWEA and DIBELS assessments, the staff has not met to discuss the results and look for trends. We will be doing so the second week of May, time permitting. Each individual teacher reviews their own class results as soon as the results are available. Unofficially, we have seen some nice gains in our students' achievement. Data from the assessments will be sent home with the final report card for each student at the end of May. If there are concerns about your child, you will be contacted by your child's teacher. Our Leadership team is also planning to assess the Title I School-wide Program and goals. If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding reading comprehension or fluency or anything else for that matter, please contact me via phone or email. I look forward to your input.

Kindergarten graduation is Tuesday, May 22nd at 9 AM. Please invite grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbors to attend the program. Flyers will be available soon with more information. The students will go home with their parents after graduation. Then it is off to first grade in August! YIP-PEE!!

A field trip schedule is in this newsletter with dates and

places the grades will be going.

Each classroom teacher will be sending home a memo with more information about their class trip.

The last day of school is Wednesday, May 23rd. Once again the 6th grade class will be hosting a Renaissance Fair in the morning for the students in grades K – 5. Then the students will watch a movie while teachers collaborate and clean out files. For dinner the students will have a sack lunch picnic. Following dinner there will be an Awards Ceremony for the various end of the year awards that teachers give, including reading, math, attendance, band, and Student Council to name a few. It will be a fun-filled day!

Summer school will be held Tuesday, May 29th – Thursday, June 21st, 8:00 - 11:45 AM (Monday – Thursday, except for the 1st week). Students who are currently in grades 1 – 5 are welcome to participate, but we strongly encourage students who could use a little extra boost in the areas of math and reading to attend. Mrs. Treiber and Mrs. Johnson will be the teachers. Please fill out the survey included in the newsletter for summer school and return it to the TRE office whether you are interested in having your child attend summer school or not. It helps us prepare for the program a little better. Thank you!

As always, please feel free to stop in or call with questions, comments or concerns. Our doors are always open. Thank you for your commitment to education!

Sincerely,

Janine Olson

TRE Principal

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WANTED—People to Participate in an Amazing Adventure!



Pack your bags, find that passport and mark your calendar for Friday, May 4, 2012. PAWS is hosting the annual Spring Fling and this year's theme is Amazing Adventures. The fun will start at 5:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. There will be food, fun and prizes. We want you to come and enjoy this adventure with us. The music will be great, the food will be wonderful, and this is an incredible way to spend a Friday night. The event is a free will offering and a fund raiser for PAWS.



Butterflies Galore

The fifth graders at TRE recently released their butterflies into the wild blue yonder. We received the butterflies in the mail while they were in the larva stage. We watched them grow bigger and bigger until finally they formed a cocoon. They stayed in their cocoon for about 2 weeks. They gradually transformed into a beautiful Painted Lady Butterfly. We were sad to let them go, but happy to set them free!



TRE Field Trip Schedules

May 14	Kindergarten	Bismarck
May 18	Grade 1	Dickinson
May 18	Grade 2	Dickinson
May 21	Grade 6	Bismarck, lv. 6:00 am
May 22	Grade 3	Enchanted Highway
May 22	Grade 4	Mandan, Ft Lincoln
May 22	Grade 5	Beulah, Coteau Mine





Summer School Plans Underway

Pre-Registration Survey

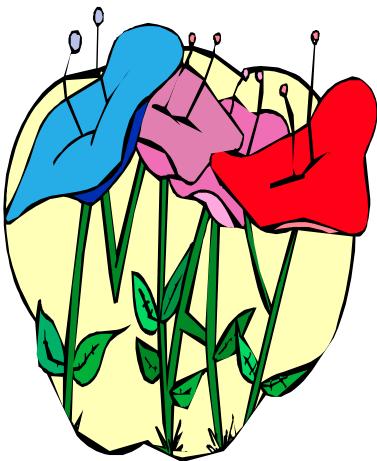
TRE has plans for a summer school program. This is a perfect time for students in grades 1-5 to brush up on their reading and math skills and have fun doing it.

The dates for this year's summer school are May 29 to June 21. School will be in session from 8:00 to 11:45 four days a week. We hope that you take the opportunity to have your child participate. Please return the following slip by Friday, May 11, 2012. Thank you.

YES, I am interested in a summer school program for my child/children.

Parent's Names _____

Child(ren) _____



Kindergarten Open House has been postponed until August. Parents that have pre-registered their children for kindergarten will receive a letter with the date and time. If you have not yet registered please do so as soon as possible, or call the school office at 974-3585.

TRE May Menu

May School Newsletter

BREAKFAST:

May 1-4:

Tuesday-	french toast bites, ham pattie, fruit
Wednesday-	cereal, donuts, juice, milk
Thursday-	caramel roll, fruit, milk
Friday-	cereal, toast, juice, milk

May 14-18:

Monday-	cereal, yogurt, juice, milk
Tuesday-	egg & cheese biscuit, fruit, milk
Wednesday-	cereal, lemon bread, juice, milk
Thursday-	cinnamon rolls, fruit, milk
Friday-	cereal, muffin, juice, milk

May 7-11:

Monday-	egg omelet or wrap, toast, fruit, milk
Tuesday-	cereal, cinnamon toast, juice, milk
Wednesday-	long johns, fruit, milk
Thursday-	cereal, bagels, juice, milk
Friday-	sausage on a stick, fruit, milk

May 21-23:

Monday-	pancakes, ham pattie, fruit, milk
Tuesday-	cook's choice
Wednesday-	cereal, granola bar, juice, milk

LUNCH:

May 1-4:

Tuesday-	pizza, lettuce salad, ½ apple, cookie, milk
Wednesday-	meatballs, mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll, ice cream, milk
Thursday-	burritos, carrot/celery, grapes, fruit bar, chocolate milk
Friday-	macaroni & cheese, cinnamon roll, peas, pears, sunflower nuts, milk

May 7-11:

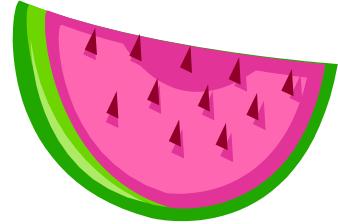
Monday-	popcorn chicken, rice pilaf, mixed veggies, cinnamon bread, applesauce, chocolate milk
Tuesday-	tacos in a bag, lettuce & cheese, broccoli/cauliflower/dip, cookie, dry fruit mix, chocolate milk
Wednesday-	spaghetti, green beans, bubble bread, fruit salad, milk
Thursday-	sub sandwich/lettuce & cheese, chips, carrots & celery, juice bar, chocolate milk
Friday-	chili, cheese, crackers, ½ orange, chocolate chip bar, milk

May 14-18:

Monday-	beans & wieners, lettuce salad, cinnamon bread, brownie, chocolate milk
Tuesday-	chicken fajitas, lettuce & cheese, chips, ½ apple, chocolate cookie bar, chocolate milk
Wednesday-	sausage, fried potatoes, corn, muffin, cheesecake, milk
Thursday-	super nachos, broccoli & cauliflower, cookie, cantaloupe, chocolate milk
Friday-	chicken burgers, French fries, pickles, peanut butter bar, milk

May 21-23:

Monday-	chicken strips, buttered noodles, green beans, peaches, chocolate milk
Tuesday-	cook's choice, chocolate milk



COMMUNITY CALENDAR ORDER FORM

Order Your PAWS Calendar Now!!

PAWS will again be sponsoring a community calendar, which includes birthdays of local community members as well as school events. In order to receive a 2012-2013 PAWS community birthday calendar you **MUST** fill out the order form below and send it to TRE with your \$6.00 payment. **NO extra calendars** will be ordered. Please take time to order your calendars now.

2012-2013 Taylor-Richardton

Community Calendar Order Form

Please send your order to Taylor-Richardton Elementary, PO Box 157, Taylor, ND 58656. Include any corrections, deletions, or additions. New community members please send us your birthdays. Remember, **NO EXTRA** calendars will be ordered this year, so please order your calendar now.

Name _____

Birthday _____

Name _____

Birthday _____

Name _____

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Name _____

Birthday _____

The cost of the calendar is \$6.00. Please make checks payable to Taylor-Richardton Elementary School. Send your payment and order to:

Taylor-Richardton Elementary

PO Box 157

Taylor, ND 58656

Numbers of calendars _____ @ \$6.00 each. Amount enclosed \$ _____



Snack Attack . . . Balance Your Way

Pick Your Healthy Balance Options

100-calorie snack pack

Those 100-calorie snack packs can be helpful for portion control and will work to control calories **as long as you eat just one!** Don't fall into the trap of thinking that multiple bags will be just as healthy.

It's easy to create your own 100-calorie snack packs in a resealable bag, ready to take to work or on the road. Start with the ideas below, then get creative with your own ideas:

100-Calorie Snack Packs*

Food	Amount
Almonds, dry	12
Animal crackers, plain	12
Apple, fresh	1 medium
Grapes, green or red	30
Mini pretzels, twists	15
Orange, fresh	1½ medium
Strawberries, fresh	16 large or 25 medium
String cheese, regular	1¼ sticks
String cheese, light	2 sticks

* Calories may vary slightly with brands and size per piece.

Yummy, Healthy Choices

Be creative to ensure that snacks are healthy *and* tasty.

Cut the amount of sugar down, not out. It will feel more manageable.

For example:

- Top a fruit cup with 2 tablespoons of low-fat pudding.
- Refrigerate and then grate a small chocolate bar. Top sliced strawberries with 1 tablespoon of fat-free whipped topping and sprinkle with 1 tablespoon of grated chocolate.
- Mix a carton of low-fat yogurt with ½ cup berries.

Look for a smaller size or lower calorie option.

- Choose a cereal bar over a cupcake and save more than 200 calories.
- Choose an ice cream bar over a small malt and save up to 300 calories!
- Choose the "fun size" chocolate candy pieces over the 1.67 oz. package and save about 135 calories!

Eat your snack slowly and enjoy the taste.



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Mix Your Food Groups for Variety

These snack ideas combine two or more different food groups. Snacks that add fiber and some protein can help keep hunger at bay longer.

- Orange wedges and 10 almonds
- Grapes and 12 low-fat Wheat Thins
- Pretzels and 1 oz. mozzarella cheese
- An apple and baked chips (about 15)
- Low-fat microwave popcorn and baby carrots
- Toasted English muffin half with low-fat cheese
- Strawberries with pineapple chunks and 15 peanuts

Mini-Pizza Snack Recipe

½ English muffin
1 tablespoon pizza sauce
2 tablespoon low-fat mozzarella cheese
1 tablespoon chopped mushrooms, green peppers or other fresh veggies

Directions: Spread the pizza sauce evenly over the muffin half. Sprinkle the cheese and veggies on top. Heat in a toaster oven until the cheese melts.

Challenge yourself to use one of the above tips this week to help prevent the "Snack Attack Blues" and be sure to track your progress!

Put a check on the chart below to track each day and time you make a healthier snack choice:

My Snax-Trax

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Tips on the Web

For more recipes and tips for fruit and veggie snacks, visit fruits and veggies more matters.org at http://www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org/?page_id=7232

Or visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <http://www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov/tips/snacks.html> or <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/dnparecipe/recipesearch.aspx>

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BUILDING READERS®



How Families Can Help Children Become Better Readers

Taylor Richardson Elementary
Janine Olson - Elementary Principal

The Summer 2012 Reading Olympics will be taking place in your home!

This summer, the Summer Olympic Games will be held in London, England. Use this theme to get your family excited about reading by hosting a summer "Reading Olympics." Of course, every Olympic Games—even reading ones—need:

- **A torch.** To make a "Reading Olympic Torch," have each family member trace his or her hand on a sheet of construction paper. Cut out the hands and tape them to the top of a paper cone to symbolize flames. Pass the torch and have your child read about the real Olympic torch to finish your "Opening Ceremony."
- **Events.** Perhaps participants have to read a book in each of five categories: fiction, nonfiction, Olympic history, a book set in London, and a book about sports. Maybe you'd like to reward the person who reads the most books or the most pages. Get creative—see who can walk the farthest while reading without tripping!
- **Medals.** Award medals for participation—simple paper circles attached to ribbons are perfect. Ask each person to name his or her favorite book read during the Reading Olympics.

Source: "Family Olympic Torch," Reading is Fundamental, www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/activities/family-olympic-torch.htm.



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Four books stop the 'summer slide'

Research shows that kids who read **just four books** over the summer will avoid "summer slide"—the loss of academic skills kids experience when they're not in school. Encourage your child to read this summer, but don't make it seem like an assignment. Say, "It's summer, and you get to read what you choose! I'll even let you stay up late if a book is so good you can't put it down."



Source: L.J. Colker, Ed. D., "What Can Families Do to Keep Children Reading During the Summer?" Reading is Fundamental, www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/what-can-families-do-to-keep-children-reading-during-the-summer.htm.

Spice up those bookshelves

Looking for a rainy-day reading activity this summer? With your child, rearrange your family bookshelf in a fun way. Show off gorgeous covers, or decorate shelves with small toys. The new look for old books just might inspire more reading.



Plan ahead for family reading success

Summer is a great time to read the same book as your child—and have fun discussing it, too. But if you're worried that your child will reject this idea, prepare in advance. Let him pick from books with irresistible elements like:

- **Humor.** Young readers giggle at pictures and wordplay. Older kids understand jokes that play out through dialogue and scenes.
- **Personality.** Look for main characters who are similar to your child in feelings and experiences.
- **Excitement.** Reluctant readers like short chapters with lots of action. Even the first paragraph should be fascinating!
- **Uniqueness.** Sometimes a book's cover draws readers in. Stand-out topics (like "Gross bugs!") attract readers, too.

Source: L. Backes, "Writing Books for Kids Who (Think They) Hate to Read," www.writerswrite.com/childrens/writingforkidswhohatetoread.htm.

Combat common reading excuses

Does your child frequently give one of these reasons for not wanting to read?

- **"I don't have time."** Help your child rearrange her schedule to include time specifically for reading.
- **"It's too hard."** Ask your child's teacher to help you find reading materials written at your child's reading level.
- **"It's no fun."** Extend your child's positive reading experiences. If she enjoyed a book about dinosaurs, follow up with a visit to a museum.



Summer reading programs lead to real progress

Has your child joined a library summer reading program yet? In addition to being fun, research shows they're linked to better reading skills when school starts. Keep in mind they also:

- **Offer exciting activities.** For example, kids may do art projects, form book clubs and meet authors.
- **Encourage the use of all kinds of materials.** Many kids enjoy magazines, graphic novels and audio books.
- **Provide motivation in a safe environment.** Library events are good chances to socialize with other readers, too.
- **Build good habits,** such as visiting the library often. And once a child likes summer reading events, she may want to come back next summer!



Source: "Library Services," U.S. Department of Education, <http://www2.ed.gov/pubs/parents/Library/Services.html> and "Why Public Library Summer Reading Programs Are Important," Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, <http://dpi.wi.gov/pld/pdf/slp-points.pdf>.

Games make vocabulary words memorable

This summer, introduce your child (and yourself!) to one new word a day. Do it in fun ways that feel more like games than learning. Then use the words several times to reinforce them. For example:

- **Open a children's dictionary** and pick a random word. Have everyone take a turn at guessing its definition before reading the real definition.
- **Use a "word of the day"** email or calendar. Read them together and see who can come up with the funniest sentence using today's word.



- **Read an interesting article** in the newspaper aloud. Choose one unfamiliar word and look it up. Who can use it in a conversation tomorrow?



Q: I want my child to relax this summer—but I don't want her spending all her time with TV and video games. What reasonable limits should I set?

A: In general, experts recommend two hours or fewer of screen time a day—and no more than about 10 hours per week. That leaves plenty of time for more important activities, such as reading, playing and talking with family members.

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

Innovative website lets children personalize online books

If your child resists reading, consider checking out a website that lets him create and narrate his own books—free of charge. At <http://littlebirdtales.com>, kids can do all this and more, including sharing stories by email. Be sure to supervise and help when needed.



For lower elementary readers:

- **Whole-y Cow! Fractions Are Fun** by Taryn Souders (Sleeping Bear Press). Short poems and vivid pictures illustrate and simplify the concept of fractions.



- **Jasper John Dooley: Star of the Week** by Caroline Adderson (Kids Can Press). It's Jasper's week to shine—but nothing is going according to plan. Will he be able to get back on track with the help of his family and friends?

For upper elementary readers:

- **Pie** by Sarah Weeks (Adams Media). Alice's aunt died and left a secret (and popular) pie crust recipe to her cat. She also left her cat to Alice. Now the town is going pie crazy!
- **The New Kid** by Mavis Jukes (Dial). Carson is the new kid in class—with no friends except for his stuffed moose named Moose. But when Moose goes missing, will Carson be able to make a real human friend?

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May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Badlands Conference TR @ DSU Elem VB Fun Day @ RTHS 3:30—5:00	2 RESP Brd. Mtg. Region 10 Fine Arts Mtg 4:30/DSU	3	4 JH TR (Badlands Conference) @ Bowman 1:00	5 STATE MUSIC @ Bismarck TR @ Bismarck 8:30 MT
6	7 JH TR @ Beach 2:00 Best In The Class luncheon @ Elks	8 ACT make-up Test Raider Booster TR meet @ DSU	9 Gr. 6 to RTHS for orientation 11:45	10 RTHS Strategic Planning Meeting 5:30 School Board Mtg. 7:00	11 Band Night	12 TR @ Hazen (or) Beach
13 Mother's Day	14 RTHS Pops Concert & Art Show 7:00pm	15 Last Chance TR @ DSU CTC Town Meeting @ RTHS 6:30 pm	16 RUFit Wellness Committee MTg 1:00	17	18 The Sound of Music 7:00 pm	19 The Sound of Music 7:00 pm Region TR @ DSU
20 The Sound of Music 2:30 pm	21 RTHS Academic Awards Program 7:00 pm	22 RTHS semester tests —	23 Last Day of School RTHS semester tests	24	25 State Track Meet @ Bismarck —	26 State Track Meet @ Bismarck
27 RTHS Graduation 1:00 pm	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		

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State Music - Sat. May 5

Band Night - Friday, May 11

RTHS POPS Concert & Art Show - Mon. May 14

The Sound of Music – Fri-Sat-Sun May 18-19-20

RTHS Academic Awards—Mon. May 21

Last Day of School—Wed. May 23

RTHS GRADUATION—Sun. May 27