

# MARCH NEWSLETTER



March, 2012

## RICHARDTON-TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE... *By Brent Bautz*

#### Strategic Planning

North Dakota Century Code 15.1-07-2 requires districts to engage in a long-term planning process during each even-numbered year. Between January 1 and June 30, every board must invite the public to participate in the planning process to address effects of demographic changes in the school district over the next three to five years. The data, discussion, and final plan should specifically address effects of demographics on the following areas.

- Academic and extra-curricular programs
- Instructional and administrative staffing
- Facility needs and utili-

zation;

- District tax levies.

The Richardton-Taylor School Board would like to use your thoughts and ideas in developing a plan for our district's future. Please take a few moments to complete the enclosed survey (pg 3-4) and return it to either school or you may take the survey online by going to the district web site, <http://www.richardton-taylor.k12.nd.us>, and clicking on the Strategic Planning Survey link.

The survey will be open until Friday, March 16. The survey does not cover all of the areas mentioned above, but you may ex-

press your thoughts and ideas on any area in the additional comments sections of the survey. Please be assured that your ratings and comments will remain anonymous.

The School Board will be holding a public meeting in the near future for patrons and parents to participate in the planning process. Please watch for information about the meeting in upcoming newsletters, and plan on attending the event.

At the conclusion of the planning process, the board shall prepare a report, publish a notice in the official newspaper of the district indicating that the report is available upon request. If you wish to see a copy of the 2010-2012 Strategic Plan, please contact the school or go to the district website. Thank you for taking the time to help us improve our district.

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**Lifetouch  
Spring  
Pictures  
@ RTHS  
and TRE  
Wednesday  
March 14**



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

We have a couple of student achievements that I would like to mention. The first is that one of our senior students, Brad Messer has been selected as a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition. This is a very high honor for Brad. The competition started when Brad took the PSAT as a junior and scored high enough to place him in the top. There were over one million students who took that first PSAT. Brad then had to take the SAT exam in order to move on in the competition. His score on the SAT placed him among the 16,000 remaining semifinalists from the 1.5 million who took the PSAT. Now the field has been reduced to 15,000 finalists and

of them 8,400 Merit Scholarships will be awarded. Just being named a finalist is a huge accomplishment for any student. There are many colleges and universities who will give scholarships, some full ride, to any student who was named as a finalist for the National Merit Program. So when you see Brad around make sure to congratulate him on his success.

Another student who deserves recognition is Acacia Fossum. Acacia is the 2012 State All-around champion in Class A gymnastics, and is also the floor exercise state champion. Acacia is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader here at Richardson-Taylor High School who competes in gymnastics on the Dickinson High School team. Acacia was the returning All-Around Champion and also the returning Floor Exercise, and Beam Champion from 2011. To be an 8<sup>th</sup> grader with 5 state championships under your belt is an amazing feat. If you have never seen a Dickinson High School gymnastics meet make sure you plan for it next season, you will not be disappointed. When you see Acacia around congratulate her on all of her successes.

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Boys and girls basketball seasons unfortunately have finished for the year. Each team has shown growth over the past few years. They are very young and will definitely be in the hunt next year. The more we can get the kids to play during the summer the better. I know the coaches are planning some camps for the summer and also open gym for the kids. With basketball over that means track is about to begin. I believe that is why we have snow now. With track starting the weather was bound to get cold and snowy.

Speech is also in full swing at the moment with students trying to get that first place spot to qualify for the state tournament. As I am writing this article RT has 5 students who are qualified for the state competition: Maggie Zentner in Dramatic, Ty Bloom in Humorous, Maggie Zentner and Ty Bloom for their Humorous Duo, Lindsey Kuntz in Poetry, Brianna Steiner in Radio, and Paul Koppinger for Entertain. The season is just beginning so I expect that there will be many more qualifiers before the end.

The junior high

play will take place here at the high school on March 11<sup>th</sup>. They are busy working on their lines and stage presence. The play this year is The Wizard of Oz and is going to be fantastic. Please come and watch these young students perform.

We are also planning for a musical this spring. Auditions will be on Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 for any interested 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grader at RTHS. The musical that is planned is the Sound of Music. We have not had a musical since the spring of 2007, so I am looking forward to this presentation. More information will be coming out when available.

One last item is that the junior high Acalympics will be held in Glen Ullin on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 mountain time. We are currently in the process of choosing questions and team members who will represent RT at the competition. If you remember our high school team won their competition in the fall and we are expecting good things from the younger students as well. Remember our motto: Expect SUCCESS!

**2. Taylor-Richardton Elementary**

Please respond to the following questions for Taylor-Richardton Elementary.

**1. Rate how good a job you think Taylor-Richardton Elementary is doing in each of the following areas:**

	Weak	Marginal	Moderate	Adequate	Strong
Language Arts (reading, writing, speaking, listening)	<input type="radio"/>				
Mathematics	<input type="radio"/>				
Science	<input type="radio"/>				
Social Studies	<input type="radio"/>				
Physical Education	<input type="radio"/>				
Fine Arts (music, art)	<input type="radio"/>				
Technology	<input type="radio"/>				
Title I Services	<input type="radio"/>				
Special Education Services	<input type="radio"/>				
Counseling Services	<input type="radio"/>				
Hot Lunch Program	<input type="radio"/>				

**2. My overall experience with the elementary school is very positive.**

Strongly Disagree     Disagree     Not Sure     Agree     Strongly Agree

**3. What are the strengths of the elementary school?****4. What would improve the elementary school?****5. Additional Comments:**

### 3. Richardton-Taylor High School

Please respond to the following questions for Richardton-Taylor High School.

#### 1. Rate how good a job you think Richardton-Taylor High School is doing in each of the following areas:

	Weak	Marginal	Moderate	Adequate	Strong
Language Arts (reading, writing, speaking, listening)	<input type="radio"/>				
Mathematics	<input type="radio"/>				
Science	<input type="radio"/>				
Social Studies	<input type="radio"/>				
Physical Education	<input type="radio"/>				
Health Education	<input type="radio"/>				
Fine Arts (music, art)	<input type="radio"/>				
Foreign Languages	<input type="radio"/>				
Computer & Business	<input type="radio"/>				
Industrial Technology	<input type="radio"/>				
Title I Services	<input type="radio"/>				
Special Education Services	<input type="radio"/>				
Counseling Services	<input type="radio"/>				
Hot Lunch Program	<input type="radio"/>				

#### 2. My overall experience with the high school is very positive.

Strongly Disagree     Disagree     Not Sure     Agree     Strongly Agree

#### 3. What are the strengths of the high school?

#### 4. What would improve the high school?

#### 5. Additional Comments:

**Counselor's Corner.... By Scott Bohn****Scholarships:**

JoAnn Messer-Kopp Scholarship (Due in Mr. Bohn's office no later than March 28.)	<a href="http://www.ndcf.net/Scholarships/entryform.asp?id=37">http://www.ndcf.net/Scholarships/entryform.asp?id=37</a>
Lynn Fiest Memorial Scholarship	<a href="http://www.wrhs.com/foundation.htm">http://www.wrhs.com/foundation.htm</a>
Joyce Stippich Memorial Nurses Scholarship	<a href="http://www.wrhs.com/foundation.htm">http://www.wrhs.com/foundation.htm</a>
West River Health Services Auxiliary Scholarship	<a href="http://www.wrhs.com/foundation.htm">http://www.wrhs.com/foundation.htm</a>
FUMP Foundation Stanely Moore Scholarship	<a href="http://nfu.org/education/scholarships">http://nfu.org/education/scholarships</a>
Cenex Harvest States Foundation High School Scholarship	<a href="http://www.chsfoundation.org/scholarshipprog.html">http://www.chsfoundation.org/scholarshipprog.html</a>
Hattie K. Tedrow Estate Funds for Scholarships <a href="http://www.ndlegion.org/docs/apps_forms/2012_HKT_instructions_app.pdf">apps_forms/2012_HKT_instructions_app.pdf</a>	<a href="http://www.ndlegion.org/docs/">http://www.ndlegion.org/docs/</a>
Robert C. Byrd Scholarship	<a href="http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/resource/byrd.shtm">http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/resource/byrd.shtm</a>
E. O. Nesheim Memorial Scholarship	<a href="http://www.ndlegion.org/docs/bio_Nesheim.pdf">http://www.ndlegion.org/docs/bio_Nesheim.pdf</a>
Rueben T. Guenther Scholarship	<a href="http://www.nd.gov/cte/students/scholarships.html">http://www.nd.gov/cte/students/scholarships.html</a>
Standout Student College Scholarship	<a href="http://www.collegepeas.com/money">www.collegepeas.com/money</a>
Quentin N. Burdick Memorial Scholarship	<a href="http://areafoundation.org/index.php/scholarships">http://areafoundation.org/index.php/scholarships</a>
ND Military Scholarship	<a href="http://www.nddfs.org">www.nddfs.org</a>
ND College Access Network Scholarship	<a href="http://www.nddfs.org">www.nddfs.org</a>
Dushinske & Jamison Water Resources Scholarship	<a href="http://www.ndwater.com/images/2010%20Scholarship%20application.pdf">http://www.ndwater.com/images/2010%20Scholarship%20application.pdf</a>
Ross Loibl Memorial Scholarship (must have played varsity BB)	see Mr. Bohn
Bremer Bank Scholarship	application given to students
Gate City Bank Scholarship	see Mr. Bohn
Dickinson Women of Today Scholarship (deadline March 20)	see Mr. Bohn

**Activities:**

Seniors ACT Test April 14, 2012	Registration due March 9
Career Expo for Juniors and Sophomores at DSU	March 13 leaving at 8:20 a.m.
Discovery Day at NDSCS	March 23 beginning at 9:30 a.m. (CT)
College Goal Sunday (help with FAFSA) at DSU	March 25 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.
FAFSA should be in by April 15	
Juniors should begin preparing for the ACT to be given April 24, 2012	

**Junior  
High Play  
to be  
performed  
on  
Sunday,  
March 11.**

**Community Action  
Partnership Com-  
modity Supple-  
mental Food Pro-  
gram**

We now have openings in our commodity supplemental food program. This is open to children age 5 to 6 and no longer eligible for WIC. This is an income based program. Please call for more information on the income limits.

If interested, please call Sandy at 227-0131 or stop in at Community Action at 202 East Villard in Dickinson for an application or for any questions you may have.

**The Wonderful Wizard of Oz to be performed March 11**

The Junior High Drama Department at R-THS will be performing the play "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at the high school. Everyone is familiar with the loveable characters of Dorothy, the Cowardly Lion, the Tin Man, the Scarecrow, and Glinda, the Good Witch of the North. These performers are mixing it up a bit giving the story a twist. In this performance, females are playing the roles of the Lion and Tin Man; so we now have a Tin Girl and a Queen of the Beasts.

Elizabeth Bohn is performing the role of Dorothy, the meek and mild girl from Kansas who lands in the mysterious land of Oz. Her three

companions on her journey to see Oz are played by Marshall Ziegler as the Scarecrow, Rachel Entze as the Tin Girl, and Reagan Olson as the Queen of the Beasts. The Good Witch Glinda, played by Courtney Bernhardt, helps them to reach Oz. Of course, there needs to be a Wicked Witch of the West to cause trouble on their journey. This part is being played by Tiffany Kopfinger. There would be no land of Oz without an Oz, played by McKinley Hoselton. Her Guardian of the Gate is Rose Kuntz. Other cast members include Jozelyn Taylor, Victoria Kitzan, Caitlyn Messer, Christian Kelley, Alec Dinius, Ethan Kuntz, and Riley Hoff.

A play is never possible without the help of many behind-the-scene workers. The students helping out in this way are Denver Colgrove, Brendan Butterfield, Jayden Olson, Kyle Kuntz, and Ethan Goetz. A few of the high school students have also helped in directing, set design and painting, and lighting. Those students include Lindsey Kuntz, Maggie Zentner, and Ty Bloom.

The entire cast and crew hope to see many come to the performance on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The cost to see this Two-Act play is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for school-aged children. Come and enjoy this journey to the wonderful land of Oz.

**CONGRATULATIONS Marissa Schatz**

Marissa Schatz has qualified to represent our school and participate at the state level of the National Geographic Bee, sponsored by Google and Plum Creek. The state Bee will be held on Friday, March 30 at the University of Mary in Bismarck.

One winner from each state and territory will advance to the national competition, which will be held May 22-24 at the National Geographic Society Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Good luck to you, Marissa.



**2011-2012 YEARBOOKS — PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER!**

The 2011-2012 Yearbooks are being sold. The cost of the yearbook is \$45.00. It is a hard covered book full of memories that can be looked at for years to come. If interested in purchasing one, send the order form found below along with a check to R-THS, PO Box 289, Richardson, ND. 58652. The yearbook will arrive sometime in August or early September. **We only order the number of books purchased. No extra books will be available.** We encourage the grade school families to purchase the yearbook also. There are many pictures of these students as well as the upper grades including school portraits, sporting teams, dancers, and action shots of the year.

Be sure to take this opportunity to remember students in this particular school year. Order your 2011-2012 Raider Yearbook entitled "One Wild Year"!

2011-2012 Yearbook

Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of books \_\_\_\_\_ X \$45.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!!!!!!!

# Thank You

Thank you to all who supported the Girls and Boys Basketball programs at the silent auctions on Feb 3 and Feb 7. Your donation of an auction item or a purchase helped raise \$1889.50. Funds will be used to defray costs of the Midwest Elite Basketball Camp for Boys and Girls teams held at RTHS this summer.



***Thank you again for your support.***

***Coach Rob Bartz and Coach April Berger***



### **March Pennies for St. Jude's**

During the month of March the math classes at RTHS will be collecting pennies for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

The students are asked to bring the number of pennies that corresponds to the day of the month. For example on March 1 bring 1 penny; on March 2 bring 2 pennies, etc.

Our goal is to raise \$300 — the cost of one chest x-ray, spinal tap, or a single unit red blood cell transfusion at St. Jude's.

### **National School Breakfast Week — March 5-9**

#### **BENEFITS OF BREAKFAST**

- Eating breakfast can help improve math, reading and standardized test scores.
- Children who eat breakfast are more likely to behave better in school and get along with their peers than those who do not.
- Breakfast helps children pay attention, perform problem-solving tasks, and improves memory.
- Children who eat school breakfast are likely to have fewer absences and incidents of tardiness than those who do not.
- By eating breakfast, students get more of important nutrients, vitamins and minerals such as calcium, dietary fiber, folate and protein.
- Studies have shown that children who eat breakfast on a regular basis are less likely to be overweight.
- Eating breakfast as a child is important for establishing healthy habits for later in life.
- What you eat for breakfast can have an impact on learning. One study showed that eating breakfast food high in fiber and low in sugar for breakfast helped students sustain the cognitive effects of breakfast.
- School breakfast provides 1/4 the recommended amounts of protein, calcium, iron, vitamin A, and vitamin C for the day.

The school breakfast program is available every weekday morning. You do not have to register your child in advance. Your child can eat breakfast at school every day or only occasionally. School breakfast is an ideal solution on busy mornings when kids are running late or parents have to be at work early and breakfast at home is not convenient.

Thank you for helping us to make sure that all of our students start the school day alert, well-fed and ready to learn.

**FOR SALE    Canon Faxphone L90 Laser Fax and Printer with 2 additional toner cartridges (valued at \$70.00 each)**

**Please contact RTHS office to make an offer.    974-2111**

**RTHS March Menu****BREAKFAST**

- Mar. 5 blueberry bagel, cereal, juice, milk  
 Mar. 6 breakfast tac-go, cereal, juice, milk  
 Mar. 7 sausage patty, toast, hash browns, juice, milk  
 Mar. 8 pancakes, sausage link, juice, milk  
 Mar. 9 egg & cheese biscuit, cereal, juice, milk  
 Mar. 12 doughnut, cereal, fruit, milk  
 Mar. 13 scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk  
 Mar. 14 fruit muffin, cereal, juice, milk  
 Mar. 15 Breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk  
 Mar. 16 No School  
 Mar. 19 No School  
 Mar. 20 granola bar, cereal, juice, milk  
 Mar. 21 waffles, sausage patty, juice, milk  
 Mar. 22 egg bake, toast, juice, milk  
 Mar. 23 cinnamon roll, cereal, juice, milk  
 Mar. 26 blueberry bagel, cereal, juice, milk  
 Mar. 27 ham & cheese rollup, cereal, juice, milk  
 Mar. 28 doughnut, cereal, fruit, milk  
 Mar. 29 French toast, ham patty, juice, milk  
 Mar. 20 banana bread, cereal, juice, milk

**LUNCH**

- Mar. 5 chili, baked bread, cheese, veggies & dip, fruit, milk  
 Mar. 6 popcorn chicken, buttered noodles, creamed corn, dinner roll, fruit, milk  
 Mar. 7 chef salad with assorted toppings, breadstick, banana crème pie, milk  
 Mar. 8 hot turkey sandwich with gravy and mashed potatoes, green beans with cheese sauce, jello cup with topping, milk  
 Mar. 9 breakfast egg & cheese biscuit, hashbrowns, frozen juice bar, fruit medley, milk  
 Mar. 12 sloppy joe, cheese slice, pickles, oven potatos, fruit, milk  
 Mar. 13 chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes and country gravy, corn, dinner roll, apple crisp and topping, milk  
 Mar. 14 pepperoni pizza, side salad, fruit, cookie, milk  
 Mar. 15 Indian taco, veggies & dip, blueberry cake with topping, milk  
 Mar. 16 NO SCHOOL  
 Mar. 19 No School  
 Mar. 20 chicken tortilla soup, meat/cheese sandwich, pickle spear, fruit, milk  
 Mar. 21 hot dog, baked beans, oven potatoes, pickles, caramel apple salad, milk  
 Mar. 22 diced chicken with gravy over biscuits, mixed veggies, strawberry cup, rice krispy bar, milk  
 Mar. 23 French toast, omelet, hash browns, orange slices, milk  
 Mar. 26 Tacos, veggies & dip, apple slices, milk  
 Mar. 27 Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans, dinner roll, fruit, milk  
 Mar. 28 cheddar beef on deli roll, fries, pickle spear, fruit, milk  
 Mar. 29 baked ham, oven browned potatoes, creamed corn, dinner roll, strawberry shortcake, milk  
 Mar. 30 Knoepfla soup, fishburger or egg salad on bun, pickles, crackers, fruit, milk

**Attn: Senior Parents:**

A head and shoulders wallet-size photo is needed if you would like to have your graduate included in the DICKINSON PRESS graduation tab supplement to be printed in April/May for area schools. Deadline for this picture to be in the RTHS office is **MONDAY, MARCH 26**. If no photo is received by the deadline, your child will not be included in the picture.



**BASKETBALL AWARDS PROGRAM SCHEDULED**

RTHS Boys and Girls  
Basketball Awards Program  
Monday, March 26th  
6:30 p.m.  
(Coffee—juice—bars will be served)  
Please bring a pan of bars to share

***Elementary Wrestling Program***

The 2012 elementary wrestling season has begun. Practices are Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:45 at the Taylor-Richardton Elementary School. Our coaches this year are our former high school principal, Ron Dazell, and two Dickinson State University students/wrestlers, Garret Traylor and Jesse Hellinger. The coaches' philosophy is to use the fun sport of wrestling to help the children mature in sportsmanship, responsibility, accountability, work ethic, respect, and a general sense of well-being. Our high school wrestlers and Hebron's high school wrestlers compete in a co-op with the Night Hawks from Hettinger and Scranton. In an effort to foster a team atmosphere with the co-op our team name will be the HUSKIES. The elementary wrestlers have been invited by the Hettinger coaches to a Jamboree on March 8<sup>th</sup> in an effort to familiarize them with the wrestlers and coaches from the Night Hawks team. Our local wrestling tournament will be held on Friday, March 23 at the Richardton-Taylor High School Gymnasium. Wrestling will begin at 5:00 PM. If you want to see something amazing come to this event. You will not be disappointed! If you have any questions about the program, feel free to contact Janine Olson at TRE at 974-3585, Ron Dazell at 483-4472 or [ron.dazell@ dickinsonnebc.com](mailto:ron.dazell@ dickinsonnebc.com), or Travis Olson at RTHS at 974-2111.

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## **From the Principal's Printer... by Janine Olson**

Parent-Teacher Conferences were very successful once again this year. We had a wonderful attendance rate, as usual! I really appreciate those of you who took the time to fill out the Title I School-wide **Parent Survey** while you waited for your conference time. Your input helps our staff plan for next year and allows us to make adjustments to our reading program and other curriculums. Thank you for your assistance and input! You can see the results in this newsletter, so keep reading!

We also held **kindergarten registration**. We already have 19 students registered! If you haven't already done so or know someone who hasn't, please come into the office to register any children who will be attending kindergarten next year (2012 - 2013). There are forms in the office to be filled out. We also need a copy of the Live Certificate of Birth and the Immunization Records of the child. There is information available in the office about kindergarten readiness skills, too. Stop in and ask or give us a call at 974-3585.

Reading Month has been awesome! "**Leaders Are Readers**" was the theme and the TRE students worked on reading in and out of school. The children traveled across the United States throughout the month learning about different American leaders along the way. Thank you for taking the extra time to read with your child(ren). To end the reading month activities, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss Day. Parents and/or guardians are invited to breakfast on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 7:30 AM to 8:15 AM at the TRE lunchroom (no charge for 2 breakfasts per family). Following breakfast those who can stay are invited to read books in the gym with the children and/or attend our annual **BOGO Book Fair** (Buy One Get One free). It will open that morning and run through Tuesday, March 6th. We hope you can join us!



Once again **LifeTouch Studios** will be coming to TRE to take photos of our students. They are scheduled to be here on Wednesday, March 14. Packets will be sent home closer to that date. Remember, all students will have their picture taken. So, choose a background and then decide when the pictures come back if you want to purchase 1 photo, the whole packet or nothing at all. You may also go online to order. There are so many options available if you choose to do it that way. It's up to you!

We are quickly approaching the last nine weeks of school. Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> is the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Expect to receive **report cards** in the mail by Easter.

Remember, **Spring Break** is scheduled for Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

There will be many activities filling up our calendar in the coming weeks. Please look for informational notes that will be sent home about up coming activities. As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school. I will do my best to assist you!

Think Spring!

Janine M. Olson

TRE Principal

### **Inside this issue:**

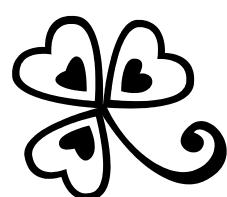
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## ND Department of Transportation

**Wrestling**  
**Practice will be**  
**held at TRE**  
**every Monday,**  
**Tuesday and**  
**Thursday from**  
**3:30 to 4:45 pm**

Two members of the North Dakota Department of Transportation came into the fourth grade room to talk about the importance of safety when traveling. Slowing down on icy roads was the main focus of their discussion. Their "Be SMART" motto stands for Be Safety Minded, Alert, Responsible Travelers. The two men showed student signs and other safety equipment they use on the job. Students were encouraged to take their booklets home and share the information they learned with their parents.

The NDDOT representatives finished their presentation by letting the students tour a snow plow and sign the plow itself. The students enjoyed seeing the big truck and appreciated being part of the hands-on learning experience.



## Stark County Spelling Bee



Finalists from grades 5 and 6 for the Stark County Spelling Bee; back row: Harlee Leingang, Shelby Floberg, Cole Carazzo, Tony Kolar, Coy Diede. Middle row: Jodi Leingang, Daniel Berry, Haylee Leingang, Elle Goetz. Front row: Bailey Paulson, Gavin Wallace, Preston Floberg.



The Spelling Bee winners, representing Taylor-Richardton Elementary at the Stark County Spelling Bee in Dickinson on February 15 were: Alternate Gavin Wallace, Haylee Leingang, Tony Kolar and Cole Carazzo.

## TRE Student Council Busy

The Student Council Members at Taylor Elementary have been busy planning events for the students. A Halloween party was planned with many games and activities to participate in, with non-sweet treats as prizes. An arts and craft project was purchased for each student and after finishing the craft, they took them home for the Thanksgiving holiday. In December candy canes with messages were purchased for 25 cents and delivered to other students and staff by the student council. In January, the council members visited the residents of the long-term care unit in Richardson, the residents were treated to poetry readings and little gift bags with chocolates and lotion. A Valentine's Day raffle was held on February 14, with the raffle prizes donated by the stu-

dents and their families. Snow cones, a bake sale and a bingo session are events planned for the remainder of the year. The council members for this year are: Trey Bohlman, Jeremiah Friedt, Ayanna Fossum, Annika Bobb, Mac Hoselton, Elle Goetz, Josie Wicks, and Cole Carazzo. Student Council members work together to provide fun activities for the other students at TRE as well as the community members who support us.



## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

### Dress-Up Day for Reading Month



Grade five decided that boys would dress up as girls, and girls would dress up as boys, as part of the festivities of Reading Month. They looked hilarious and some could have fooled a bystander. Great job fifth grade!!



## Hello from the TRE Library

**Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day—March 17**



It's been an exciting and busy month for reading. We are having an amazing time celebrating reading month with a lot of fun activities for our students. On February 1<sup>st</sup> we started a contest to "Round up AR Points". The contest runs through February 27<sup>th</sup> and one lucky student from each grade will win a new book along with some other great prizes. Another motivating activity students are participating in is the Reading Wall of Fame. They have been accumulating AR points since the beginning of the school year and have been receiving trophies for points earned. Students who earn all of their trophies will be treated to an end of the year Hall of Fame party and WOW, the wall is really filling up. Next time you are visiting the school, please check out their accomplishments, we are very proud of their progress. We will be having our book fair March 2-6 and welcome everyone to come and

have a look at all the wonderful books offered. This book fair is buy one get one free so it's the perfect opportunity for students to increase their reading libraries. Thank you for supporting the love of reading to everyone in our community. If you have any questions in regard to the library or the upcoming book fair I can be reached at 701-974-3585 or email at [pat.disrud.2@sendit.nodak.edu](mailto:pat.disrud.2@sendit.nodak.edu)

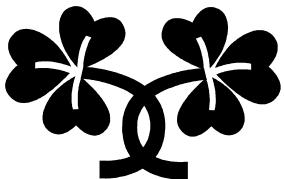
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## Daylight saving Time

Daylight Savings Time Begins on Sunday, March 11.



## No School and Early Dismissal

No school on March 16 and 19—PTC Comp Days

Early dismissal on Thursday, March 29 2:45 p.m.—Speech at RTHS.

**TRE March Menu****Breakfast:**

March 5-9  
Monday- French toast, syrup, ham patty, juice  
Tuesday- cereal, cinnamon bread, juice, milk  
Wednesday- breakfast combo bar, toast, fruit, milk  
Thursday- cereal, yogurt, juice, milk  
Friday- egg & cheese biscuit, fruit, milk

March 12-16

Monday- cereal, granola bar, juice, milk  
Tuesday- sausage on a stick, fruit, milk  
Wednesday- cereal, cinnamon toast, juice, milk  
Thursday- jelly roll, fruit, milk  
Friday- No school – PTC comp day

March 19-23

Monday- No school – PTC comp day  
Tuesday- cereal, toast w/jelly, juice, milk  
Wednesday- egg wraps, fruit, milk  
Thursday- cereal, banana bread, juice, milk  
Friday- cinnamon roll, fruit, milk

March 26-30

Monday- ham & cheese biscuit, fruit, milk  
Tuesday- cereal, donuts, juice, milk  
Wednesday- pancakes, sausage patty, fruit, milk  
Thursday- cereal, toast w/jelly, juice, milk  
Friday- breakfast pizza, fruit, milk

**Lunch:**

March 5-9

Monday- chicken strips, buttered noodles, bubble bread, applesauce, milk  
Tuesday- sloppy joes, tator tots, cole slaw, brownie, milk  
Wednesday- ham, criss cross potatoes, corn, dinner roll, strawberry shortcake, milk  
Thursday- pepperoni pizza, broccoli & cauliflower, ½ apple, chocolate chip bar, milk  
Friday- macaroni and cheese, peas, muffin, pears, milk

March 12-16

Monday- beanie weinies, cinnamon bread, lettuce salad, pudding cup, milk  
Tuesday- burritos w/lettuce, carrot & celery sticks, ½ orange, cookie, milk  
Wednesday- chicken and gravy over biscuits, mashed potatoes, carrots, Jell-O w/fruit, milk  
Thursday- turkey sub w/lettuce & cheese, chips, pickles, cantaloupe, milk  
Friday- No school – PTC comp day

March 19-23

Monday- No school – PTC comp day  
Tuesday- chicken nuggets, rice pilaf, mixed veggies, peaches, milk  
Wednesday- meatball stew, corn, dinner roll, pumpkin bar, milk  
Thursday- super nachos, cauliflower & broccoli w/ dip, grapes, cookie, milk  
Friday- French toast sticks w/syrup, egg patty, juice, banana, milk

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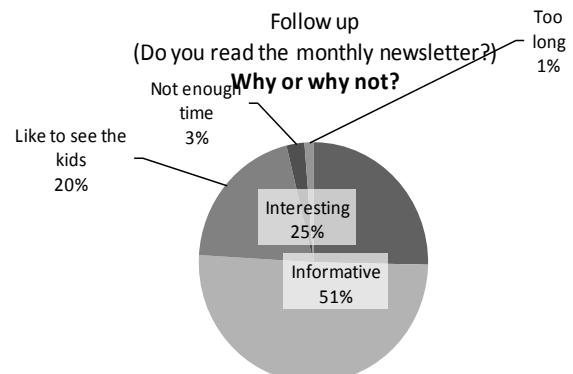
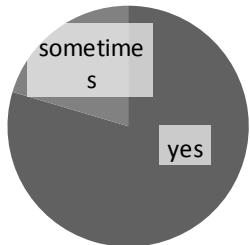
Monday- chili, cheese, bread sticks, crackers, ½ orange, milk  
Tuesday- sausage, buttered noodles, California veggies w/cheese, bubble bread, apricots, milk  
Wednesday- spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans, fruit salad, milk  
Thursday- chicken fajitas w/lettuce, cheese & salsa, corn on the cob, pears, cookie, milk  
Friday- fish burger, hash browns, pickles, ½ apple, milk



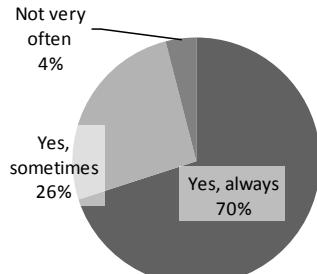
## Survey Says! .....

Results from the Title I Parent Survey were compiled to determine the needs and programs for the 2012-2013 school year. We appreciate the time you took to fill out the surveys during parent-teacher conferences.

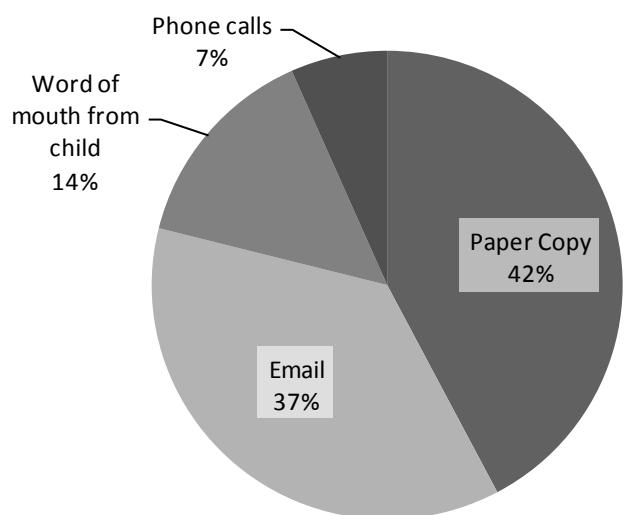
### Do you read the monthly newsletter?



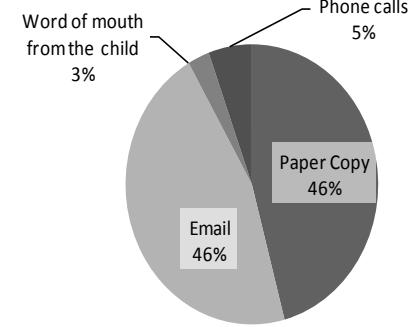
### Does your child's teacher send timely notices of classroom happenings?



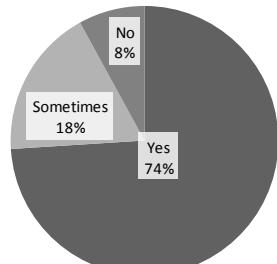
### How do you receive notices/information?



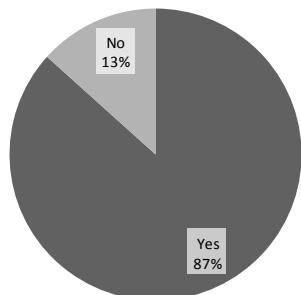
### How do you prefer to receive notices/information?



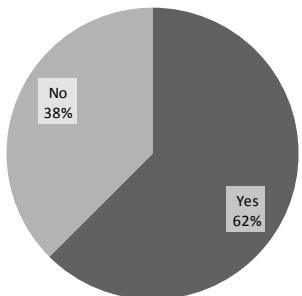
### Do you spend time reading with your child?



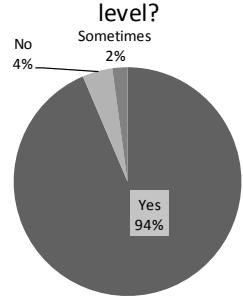
Does your child show more interest in reading?



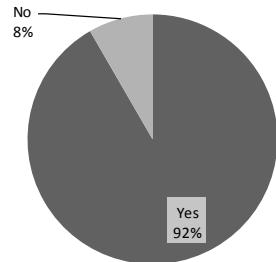
Does your child talk about bully strategies learned at school?



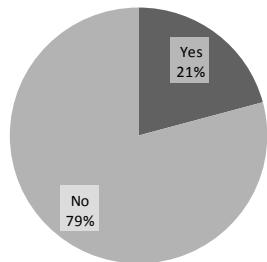
Are you satisfied that the information your child is taught prepares him/her for the next grade level?



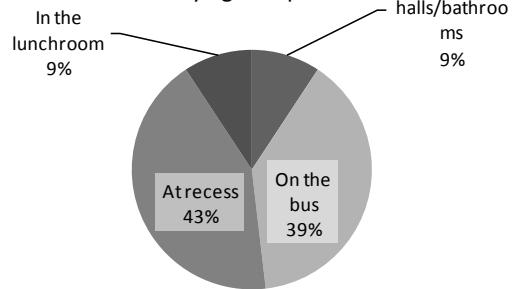
Do you think your child feels safe at school?



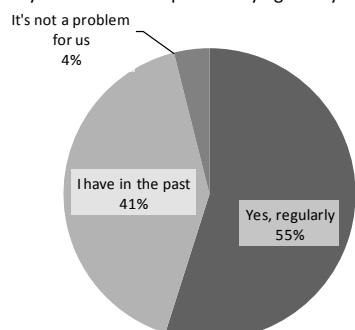
Have you heard your child talk about Daily 5 and/or CAFÉ strategies?



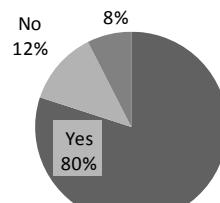
If your child reports bullying, where does the bullying take place?



Do you discuss the topic of bullying with your child?



Based on your comments from last years survey, we are providing more supervision at lunch and recess. Do you feel this has helped reduce bullying on school grounds?



## First Grade Celebrates 100th Day

TRE first graders loved the 100th day celebration! They wore their hand-made shirts while enjoying many 100 day activities.



## Bobb Moves on to State-Level GeoBee Competition

Annika Bobb, fifth grade student and champion of the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee, moves one step closer to \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 24th annual National Geographic Bee. This year's Bee is sponsored by Google (visit [www.google.com/educators/geo](http://www.google.com/educators/geo)).

The kickoff for this year's Bee was held in thousand of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participating. The school winners, including Annika, then took a written test; and the top scorers on that test in each state are eligible to compete in the state Bee. The North Dakota state Bee will be held on Friday, March 30, 2012 at the University of Mary in Bismarck.

One winner from each state and territory will advance to the national competition, which will be held May 22-24 at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C. The National Geographic Channel and Nat Geo Wild will air the final round of the 2012 National Geographic Bee, moderated by Alex Trebek, on Thursday, May 24 (to be followed on public television stations in your area).

Congratulations and best wishes to Annika's success in the state Bee!



# BUILDING READERS®

How Families Can Help Children Become Better Readers

Taylor Richardson Elementary  
Janine Olson - Elementary Principal

## Spend some time thinking like Dr. Seuss

March 2, the birthday of the late Theodore Geisel—also known as Dr. Seuss—is Read Across America Day. This day provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading.

Did you know that when legendary author Dr. Seuss was a kid, he loved drawing zoo animals? This inspired him later when writing about zany creatures.

If your child enjoys art, it can encourage her to write, too. After she draws a picture, ask what's happening in it. Record her response, or let her do it. She might write a sentence—or a whole story, complete with more illustrations. Don't be surprised if the job is challenging, just as it was for Dr. Seuss. Then read the story aloud with enthusiasm and pride!

*"Without the ability to read, excellence in high school and beyond is unattainable."*

—R. Anderson, E. Hiebert, J. Scott and L. Wilkinson,  
*Becoming a Nation of Readers: the Report of the Commission on Reading*



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## Post the five keys to writing success

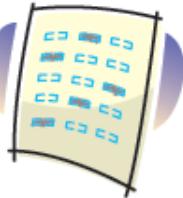
Whether your child loves or dreads writing assignments, five steps will make them easier. Post these tips in a visible spot so they're always handy.

1. **Prewrite.** This is a fun time to brainstorm and talk. Bounce ideas off someone else before moving on.
2. **Draft.** Write a first copy—without worrying about mistakes! It can be messy, as long as it's readable.
3. **Revise.** Read through the paper at least once. Does everything make sense? Are there more exciting or sophisticated ways to say things?
4. **Edit.** Read through the paper again and check small details, including grammar, spelling and punctuation.
5. **Review.** You're almost finished! Read the paper aloud to catch any remaining mistakes.

**Source:** Dr. F. Nace, "A Tip for Creating Good Writers," State of New Jersey Department of Education, [www.nj.gov/education/parents/articles/tips/tip.htm](http://www.nj.gov/education/parents/articles/tips/tip.htm).

## Attendance & reading are yearlong priorities

As the end of the school year approaches—often along with state testing—good attendance is still important. Kids who arrive on time and prepared (with plenty of sleep, a full breakfast and school supplies) have a better chance of doing their best. And a daily dose of reading is critical, too. After all, most tests involve reading. Try to spend at least 10 minutes a day reading with your child.



## Try making flash cards online

Studying with flash cards is helpful for many students. But making them can be tedious. To spice things up for your child, help him try the Time for Kids "flash-card maker" at [www.timeforkids.com/homework-helper/study-helper/flashcard-maker](http://www.timeforkids.com/homework-helper/study-helper/flashcard-maker). Using it is easy and fun!



## Read about spring cleaning safety



Will your older child be helping you with household cleaning chores this spring? Reading safety labels is an example of how reading is essential to our daily lives. With your child:

- **Read the safety labels** on cleaning products before beginning chores.
- **Have your child** explain the label directions to you after reading them to be sure she understands.

**Source:** "Poison Prevention for Big Kids At Home," National Safe Kids Campaign, [www.safekids.org/safety-basics/big-kids/at-home/poison-prevention.html](http://www.safekids.org/safety-basics/big-kids/at-home/poison-prevention.html).

## Bookmarks can make textbook reading more productive

Reading a textbook is different than reading a novel. Sometimes it's harder to stay focused on a textbook. To help with this, place three bookmarks throughout your child's textbook. One goes toward the beginning of the reading assignment. Another goes in the middle. A third goes at the end. Explain that:

- **When your child reaches the first bookmark,** she should jot down how the book's features (such as subheadings and charts) have helped her understand what she has read.
- **When your child reaches the second bookmark,** she should try to summarize what she has learned so far.
- **When your child reaches the third bookmark,** have her write down what she remembers most about the reading. Then spend some time talking about it.



**Source:** C. Forsten and J. Grant, *Differentiating Textbooks*, Crystal Springs Books.

## Improve comprehension in a surprising way

Which would help a child remember more after reading: an easy-to-read font (print type) or a tougher-to-read one?

In a study, kids remembered more after reading the tougher font! Why? Researchers suspect it required more focus, so the students learned more. This doesn't mean, however, that kids should have to read unappealing print!

Instead, it shows the importance of paying attention. Thankfully, there are other ways to accomplish this. You and your child might take



turns reading aloud, for example. Or your child might follow along with his finger while reading. Such simple steps may lead to better concentration—and learning!

**Source:** C. Hebblethwaite, "Making things hard to read 'can boost learning,'" BBC, [www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-11573666](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-11573666).



**Q:** My child loves math—but will do anything to avoid reading. How can I combine the two?

**A:** There are many books about math subjects, such as *Why Pi?* by Johnny Ball. You can also do reading activities that involve math. For example, read sale signs (such as "20% off all shirts" or "Buy one pair of shoes, get the second pair free.") Have your child figure out how much you'd pay for certain items. And challenge her to solve interesting word problems, too!

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

## Help struggling readers gain interest in books

To find high-interest books for older students reading below grade level, look for books by publisher Barrington Stoke ([www.barringtonstoke.co.uk](http://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk)). These children's books combine interesting topics with short chapters and simple vocabulary—resulting in stories that will have even the most reluctant readers begging for more!



## For lower elementary readers:

- *LMNO Peas* by Keith Baker (Beach Lane Books). Reviewing letters is fun with this book's pea-sized characters. Kids enjoy hearing the tale aloud—and inspecting pictures closely.
- *First Grade Jitters* by Robert Quackenbush (HarperCollins). This popular story has been re-illustrated for today's students, who still worry, "What will school be like next year?"



## For upper elementary readers:

- *Sent* by Margaret Peterson Haddix (Simon & Schuster). Two 13-year-old boys have been kidnapped from another time. What will happen when they're sent into the past?
- *The Magical Ms. Plum* by Bonnie Becker (Yearling). Every student does well with star teacher Ms. Plum. But why? The answer is in her special supply closet!

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<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
				1	2	3
				Boys State BB Tournament in Grand Forks— Speech @ Mott	BB Tournament	BB Tournament Speech @ DSU
4	5	6	7	RESP Gov. Brd. Mtg @ Dix	Girls Region Finals	Speech @ Dix
	Girls Region BB Tournament @ Trinity —	GBB Region Tourney —			RUFit Wellness Mtg.	Speech @ RTHS
			Track begins			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
JH Play 2:00 (The Wizard of Oz)	Instrumental Music Festival @ DSU	Career Expo @ DSU (Gr. 11-12)	RTHS and TRE Picture Day	State GBB Tournament @ Bismarck —	NO SCHOOL (P-T Comp Day)	Parade of Champions
Daylight Saving Time begins		School Brd. Mtg @ TRE 5:30			GBB State Tournament —	State GBB Finals
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
NO SCHOOL (P-T Comp Day)		JH Acalympics @ Glen Ullin 6:00 MT			End of 3rd Qtr	Speech @ Hettinger
					Speech @ Bowman	
					Elem WR @ RTHS	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	RT Girls and Boys High School Basketball Awards 6:30 pm			School Dismissed @ 2:45		
				Speech @ RTHS		



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