

RWMS Newsletter



March 2014

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The mission of Rolland Warner Middle School is to develop critical thinkers who have the necessary skills for future success.

IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS



March 11

- 8th Grade Pre-Festival Concert at 8pm in cafeteria, set-up immediately after school, students report at 7:30pm for warm-up

March 12

- Coffee with the Principal, 8:30-9:30am, office conference room
- 6th Grade Field trip to DSO/DIA- All Day (9:15-4:30)

March 14

- No school
- 8th Grade Band Festival- Students report at 2:00 and return at 10:00. Performance is at 6:20 at Frankenmuth High School Performing Arts Center

March 25

- 6th & 7th Grade Concert at 6:30pm in the gym. Students report at 6pm. Set up immediately after school.

March 27

- School Dance

March 28

- PTC Adult Trivia Night fundraiser-contact the office for more information

March 31

- National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony

March 31-April 1

- 7th and 8th grade students take ACT Explore Test

April 3

- Drama Club production

April 7-11

- Spring Break, no school

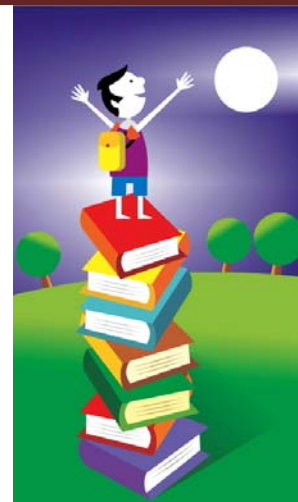
April 18 & 21

- No school

March is Reading Month!

Throughout the month of March, students at Rolland-Warner will be celebrating and promoting reading with a variety of activities. I-connect groups are in a fierce competition to read the most books by the end of the month. Students will also have the opportunity to design a bookmark to encourage their peers to read. Near the end of the month, there will be a books for wolf bucks sale and read-a-thon.

With students being busier than ever, it is sometimes difficult to squeeze in time for reading. However, as you can see in the chart below, reading at home for pleasure gives kids a huge advantage in school and in life.



WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.
If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6 th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.		
(Story and Herman, 1997.)		
WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.		

Having a role model at home is a great way to emphasize the importance of reading. At times, it may not seem like our kids are listening to what we say, but they are all the time watching what we do. Having a parent who talks about what they are reading or reads in front of his/her child can be just as powerful (if not more powerful) as having someone tell them it is important. Other students can also be "reading role models." I have noticed in my own classroom that if one student is excited about a book, his/her enthusiasm is contagious, and I will have several others begging for a copy of the book. Reading can connect people—the benefits are truly endless!



COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPALS

If you have not had a chance to attend a Parent Advisory Council meeting yet this year, please think about attending. We meet from 8:30-9:30am in the office conference room. At these meetings, you will have a chance to meet other RW parents, share suggestions or voice concerns, and be involved in the collaborative process of helping with your child's school and education. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- March 12
- May 14

DRAMA CLUB NEWS

Have you ever wondered how kids get roped into being in a play?

The Rolland-Warner drama club will be presenting *15 Reasons Not To Be In A Play, A One Act Non-Play* by Alan Haehnel on Thursday, April 3rd at 7pm. The performance will take place on the RW cafetorium stage, and there is no charge for admission. Come one, come all!

ATHLETICS

Sign-up forms for 7th and 8th grade softball, baseball, and track & field are in the main office. Practices will begin the third week of March, pending the weather. Contact Mr. West via e-mail at rwest@lapeerschools.org or athletics secretary, Patty Carr at pcarr@lapeerschools.org for more information.

Imagination, Inspiration, Locker Decoration

Get a Student's locker decorated!

Is there a special occasion coming up? Get your buddies' or your locker decorated! We do sports, birthdays, holidays, achievements, and so much more! For only \$1 you can get a decorative sign, for \$2 you can get a sign and balloons! For just \$3 you can get a sign, balloons, and candy!

You can get locker decoration forms from the office or Mrs. Gannon's room, B103. Turn in forms to Mrs. Gannon the day before you want the locker decorated, or that day during/before 1st hr.

Brighten someone's day, get their locker decorated today!



Student Council Info

- Next Student Council Meeting: March 25, 2014 from 4-5 pm in C-112
- LOC forms and payment due March 25
- Spring Break Dance March 27
- LOC April 29, 30, May 1, & 2
- Garden Committee
- Yearbook Signing Dance May 29



Spring Break Dance

Date & Time
March 27, 4-6 pm

Theme
"Under the Stars"

Cost
\$6

Ticket Sales
Before school March 17, 19, 21, 24, & 26

Activities
Karaoke, Ping Pong, Open Gym, & Dancing!

Concessions & Items for Sale
Popcorn, Pop, Pizza, Candy Bars, Chips,
Photo Strips & Glow Sticks

Must have signed Permission Slip in order to purchase a ticket!

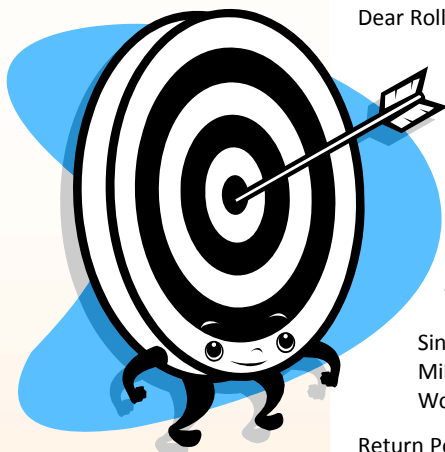
National Junior Honor Society News

- **NJHS has a Facebook Page!**
Go to the following link and get the latest NJHS news! <https://www.facebook.com/rwnjhs>
- **Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringers raised \$1,709.90!**
NJHS members rang bells at Walmart and Kroger on 5 different dates in December. Throughout the entire month a total of \$26,624 was raised to assist people in Lapeer County. Rolland-Warner NJHS raised \$1, 709.90 of that, which was more than any other organization. Way to shine Rolland-Warner Honor Students!
- **Operation Care Package**
Michigan was a big success. When the load of supplies was delivered to the warehouse the shelves were almost empty. The volunteers who collect and distribute care packages all year long to deployed and wounded soldiers were happy to see so many wonderful items. Another job well done!
- **Induction Ceremony for New Members**
Monday, March 31 at 6pm in the Rolland-Warner Gym. There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday, March 11, after school from 4-5pm in Room A108. Any current member interested in having a speaking part at the ceremony needs to attend. We will be passing out scripts for you to practice before rehearsal. Induction Ceremony Rehearsal will be Tuesday, March 18, after school from 4-5pm in the Media Center. Only members participating in the ceremony and all new members must attend.

Upcoming Events

- Tues, April 15: 4-5pm, Cafeteria
NJHS meeting to meet & greet new members and kick off food drive for Hunger Awareness Week
- Tues, May 13: Mr. Elzerman's room B107
Final RW 7th & 8th grade NJHS mtg. (during lunch time)
- Thurs, May 15: 4-5pm, Room A108
Final 6th grade NJHS meeting

Archery Tournament



Dear Rolland-Warner Archery Students,

We are having an Archery Tournament in the school cafeteria on March 18, starting at 5pm. The tournament is open to any student who has shot archery in class or before/after school. The students who are entered will be competing for medals and trophies. The top three archers in each grade for both boys and girls will earn medals. The top boy and girl archer in the entire school will additionally win a trophy as well as have their name engraved on a trophy displayed in the schools Outdoor Club Showcase, outside of the gymnasium. The tournament is being sponsored by Whitetails Unlimited as well as local businesses. The student participants will have an opportunity to win a prize that is not based on shooting results. Last year the tournament lasted about 2 hours. The cost for the tournament is \$5. Please return your entry form and \$5 to Mr. Brusie in room C105.

Sincerely,

Mike Wiltse, Director of the Lapeer Outdoor Club — mwiltse@lapeerschools.org
Work 810-534-2334 ext. 3348, Cell 810-422-7207

Return Portion Below to Mr Brusie in room C105

My child _____ has permission to be in the Archery Tournament.

Print Parent Name: _____ Parent phone #: _____

LCS Adult Trivia Night

Proceeds go to support Lapeer MS PTCs

Friday, March 28, 2014 @ Lapeer Center Building

Are you smarter than a 5th grader? Can you make it to Final Jeopardy? Can you compete against your neighbors in a trivia challenge and win? If you'd like a chance to test your knowledge, join us for the second annual LCS Adult Trivia Night as we raise money to benefit our athletes. Participants must be 21 or older.

Sponsor a table and bring your family, former classmates, co-workers, neighbors, and friends. It's a fun-filled night to reconnect with friends and carry on conversation while engaging in the competitive spirit.

- Teams of 8 cost just \$150.00 per table (includes 2 pizzas)
- 8 Rounds of Trivia with 8 questions per round from 7:00-9:00pm
- DJ and dancing from 9:00pm to ??
- "Best Team Spirit" award will be decided based on a vote (including team table décor, overall theme, costumes, etc.)
- Concessions will be available for purchase.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged as we are limited to 40 teams. Walk-ins welcome if space allows.

To reserve your spot, return the form and your \$150 entry fee by Friday, March 21st.

For more information contact:
Jen Taylor via email at jtaylor@lapeerschools.org,
Beth Fisher (248) 765.3627
or Jennifer Hoeft (810) 417.1767.



LCS Fall Adult Trivia Night

- ☐ Yes, I want to play Trivia!
- ☐ No, I cannot make it but would like to donate to RW PTC.
Donation: \$ _____

*Upon request, those who donate will receive a letter from LCS documenting the donation amount.

NAME (1 contact name per team)

PHONE

E-MAIL

Return this form and \$150 registration fee by March 21, 2014. Payable to Lapeer Community Schools/RW PTC to reserve your seat.

Mail to:

Trivia Night
Rolland-Warner Middle School
3145 West Genesee St
Lapeer, MI 48446