

# RWMS Newsletter



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

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### May 9-11

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Band Mackinaw Music Clinic Trip

### May 10

- Salmon Release

### May 15

- Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade visits to RW (Turrill, Lynch, & new LCS students for next year)

### May 16

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Band DSO field trip

### May 21

- Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade visits to RW (Mayfield, Murphy, Schickler)

### May 22

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade to Skinner Lake field trip

### May 31 & June 1

- Wojo's fundraiser

### June 5

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Michigan's Adventure field trip

### June 9

- Electives Common Assessments for classes that have YR students in them.

### June 10

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band trip to Cedar Point

### June 11

- Student Council field trip with Zemmer Student Council- grades 6,7,8

### June 12

- Awards Ceremonies- 7<sup>th</sup> - 10am, 6<sup>th</sup> - 1pm, 8<sup>th</sup> - 2:30pm

### June 13

- Field day
- Last day for RW Year-Round students

### June 16-18

Common Summative Assessments

- June 16 for hours 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>
- June 17 for hours 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>
- June 18 for hours 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>

## Outstanding Citizens

During Semester #1, we had 59 students earn a mark of Outstanding for Citizenship in all of their classes.

Earning "Outstanding" means that students are following our PBIS code fully—exuding excellent Pride, Ambition, Cooperation, and Kindness within the classroom. This is a high honor for sure!

Students earning this award received a string backpack in the new Lapeer Lightning Colors!

Congratulations!



### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- ✓ Paul Kirschner
- ✓ William Kirschner
- ✓ Elizabeth Kroll
- ✓ Kenneth Lueck
- ✓ Kyle Martindale
- ✓ Carson Moore
- ✓ Joseph Schultz
- ✓ Chandler Sheatzley
- ✓ Katherine Walker
- ✓ Elise Whittaker

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

- ✓ Jessica Aalbertsberg
- ✓ Mackenzie Andrews
- ✓ Isabella Banowski
- ✓ Sydney Bridges
- ✓ Kimberly Curry
- ✓ Taya Fisher
- ✓ Joshua Hundt
- ✓ Hayley Jackson
- ✓ Ethan Lilly
- ✓ Rose Ly
- ✓ Grant Masterson
- ✓ Lindsey McNulty
- ✓ Kristie Mosher
- ✓ Paige Mullaney
- ✓ Brianna Opalweski
- ✓ Leah Ridenour
- ✓ James Scott
- ✓ Aurorah Stephen
- ✓ Emma Tompkins

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

- ✓ Taylor Aguinaga
- ✓ Carmyn Barber
- ✓ Ireland Betzold
- ✓ Rylee Brown
- ✓ Hannah Clark
- ✓ Amina Dada
- ✓ Taran Desai
- ✓ Audra Dewitte
- ✓ Hannah Erla
- ✓ Kyli Evans
- ✓ Delanee Germonprez
- ✓ Mackenzie Giddins
- ✓ Haylee Greene
- ✓ Summer Jeffrey
- ✓ Rebecca Kanthook
- ✓ Rachel Kroll
- ✓ Camdyn Labelle
- ✓ Kameron Lubonski
- ✓ Alexis Mallett
- ✓ Miranda Marra
- ✓ Ava Mroz
- ✓ Robert Opalewski
- ✓ Andrew Przekora
- ✓ Benjamin Schultz
- ✓ Blair Smith
- ✓ Veronica Staley
- ✓ Brooklyn Stone
- ✓ Marissa Vittone
- ✓ Victoria Ward
- ✓ Dominic White

## Rolland-Warner NJHS News

### Food Drive for Stone Soup Pantry in Lapeer May 5-9 is Hunger Awareness Week!

NJHS is sponsoring a food drive. It will be a grade level contest open to all RW students. Contest begins on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and ends on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Bring donations to the following rooms: 6<sup>th</sup> grade-(A108) Mrs. Hill; 7<sup>th</sup> grade - (B107) Mr. Elzerman; 8<sup>th</sup> grade-(C108) Mrs. Niemi.

Any non-perishable foods and paper products are acceptable. However, the Food Panty has the most need for the following items: canned meat, cereal, canned fruit, peanut butter, paper towels and toilet paper.

**Service Hours:** NJHS members are required to **provide at least 1 hour of service per month and turn in a completed service form as documentation.** Forms can be picked up and dropped off in the NJHS crate in Mr. Elzerman's room (B107) or dropped off to Mrs. Hill (A108). All service forms for this year need to be turned in by May 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Final Meeting Dates for this year

Final RW 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade NJHS mtg. **(during lunch time)**

Tues, May 13 — Mr. Elzerman's room B107

Final 6<sup>th</sup> grade NJHS meeting (4-5 PM)

Thurs, May 15 — Room A108

Keep informed! Check out the NJHS Facebook page! Go to <https://www.facebook.com/rwnjhs> and get the latest NJHS news.

### MEETING CANCELLED

Parent Advisory Council cancelled on May 14. Dates for next year will be set up to begin in September.

### WATER TESTING PROJECT

Rolland-Warner 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science students had the opportunity to partner with the Flint River Watershed Coalition and test the quality of water at Farmer's Creek. A group of students have compiled the results and will be presenting at Kettering University on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The students will leave at 9am and return at 3pm. A permission slip has gone home to those students.

### 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SKINNER LAKE FIELD TRIP

On Thursday, May 22, all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be learning about ecology at Skinner Lake. We will leave school at 9:10am and return by 3:30pm. Students will need a sack lunch. Please talk to your teacher if you need a sack lunch ordered from the cafeteria. Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather and outdoor activities.

### COMMON SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

Our students will be participating in end of semester Common Summative Assessments the last week of school, June 16-18. Each of these is a full school day. On each day, students will take two of these assessments; one block at 9:09-11:00 and the other at 12:38-2:27. Also, students will have two, one-hour long study periods during each of these days.

## Salmon in the Classroom Release



Rolland-Warner 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their families are invited to release the salmon smolt into the Black River on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Students and parents can meet us at the intersection of Beard Rd & Ford Rd in Clyde, Michigan. We will meet at 12:30pm and the salmon will be released at 1:30pm. Additional information can be made available by contacting any of the following 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science teachers: Mrs. Burris ([mburris@lapeerschools.org](mailto:mburris@lapeerschools.org)), Ms. Cook ([dcCook@lapeerschools.org](mailto:dcCook@lapeerschools.org)), or Mrs. Prill ([aprill@lapeerschools.org](mailto:aprill@lapeerschools.org))

## Student Council to Leelanau Outdoor Center

Leelanau Outdoor Center (LOC) is located in Maple City, Michigan and specializes in character education. The Rolland-Warner Student Council traveled to LOC April 28 – May 2 to take advantage of this character education to increase the members' leadership roles, teamwork and positive character values at our school. Student Council Members participated in four days and three nights worth of activities, exercises, and lessons that taught the lessons necessary for them to become more positive leaders and then carry out these lessons back at Rolland-Warner for the rest of the school, therefore affecting the entire population of the school, not only through actions, but through teachings.

The natural setting on 220 acres abutting the shoreline of Lake Michigan, in the heart of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore produces a setting that allows for a safe, unique, and rewarding experience for the students and staff while learning positive character values. These lessons range from high-rope experiences to small groups in the "Big House" around a crackling fire; each including teamwork, leadership and positive character values lessons.

Please ask any SC member about LOC and what they have gained after their experience!

## Student Council Planning Benefit Event

The Rolland-Warner Student Council is planning an afternoon of fun on **Thursday, May 29, 2014 from 4-8 pm** to raise money for the Doris Rolland Fund that contributes to the students here at RW! Students will purchase tickets to attend a dance, open laser-tag, a laser-tag tournament, open-gym, and other events! Stay tuned for more information and permission slips being handed out in your I-Connect!

If you would like to donate to the Doris Rolland Fund or volunteer during this event, please contact Mrs. Prill or Mr. Stevens at RW!

## Student Councils Leadership Training Institute

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, both RW and Zemmer Student Councils will be bused to the Administration and Services Center to participate in a Leadership Training Institute being led by student council members, along with then participate in teambuilding activities later in the day. The students will rotate through Skill Sessions such as Goal Setting, Organizing & Planning, Leadership Styles, or Diversity & Differences. These Skill Sessions will allow the students to gain and share these skills with each other and therefore impact the school population. If you are currently in a leadership role or have been in the past, and you would like to volunteer your leadership skills or training by serving as a guest speaker or otherwise, please contact Mrs. Prill or Mr. Stevens at RW or Ms. Bireta or Mrs. Bjork at Zemmer.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band to D.S.O.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra /Detroit Institute of Arts Field Trip has been rescheduled for Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The concert begins at 10:45 and we will need to leave the school no later than 9:10. Students will travel by school bus and need to bring a sack lunch to eat. This is a wonderful opportunity for our band students and should also be a lot of fun! Please contact Mrs. Hundt with any questions or concerns.



## REMAINING SPRING ATHLETIC EVENTS

### Friday 5/9

- 7<sup>th</sup> Girls' Softball Home vs. Flushing 4:45pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Girls' Softball @ Holly 4:45pm

### Monday 5/12

- 8<sup>th</sup> Girls' Softball @ Fenton 4:45pm
- Track & Field @ Holly 4:45pm

### Tuesday 5/13

- 7<sup>th</sup> Girls' Softball @ Grand Blanc East 4:45pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Boys' Baseball Home vs. Kearsley @ West HS 4:30pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Boys' Baseball @ Flushing 4:30pm

### Wednesday 5/14

- 7<sup>th</sup> Boys' Baseball Home vs. Swartz Creek @ West HS 4:30pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Girls' Softball Home vs. Clio 4:45pm

### Thursday 5/15

- 7<sup>th</sup> Girls' Softball @ Carmen Ainsworth 4:45pm
- Track & Field @ Kearsley 4:45pm

### Friday 5/16

- 8<sup>th</sup> Boys' Baseball Home vs. Davison @ West HS 4:30pm

### Tuesday 5/20

- 7<sup>th</sup> Girls' Softball @ Clio 4:45pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Boys' Baseball Home vs. Grand Blanc West @ West HS 4:30pm

### Wednesday 5/21

- 7<sup>th</sup> Girls' Softball Home vs. Kearsley @ 4:45pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Boys' Baseball @ Davison 4:30pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Girls' Softball @ Kearsley 4:45pm

### Thursday 5/22

- 7<sup>th</sup> Boys' Baseball @ Grand Blanc East 4:30pm
- Track & Field @ Flushing 4pm

### Friday 5/23

- 8<sup>th</sup> Girls' Softball @ Carmen Ainsworth 4:45pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Boys' Baseball Home vs. Fenton @ West HS 4:30pm

### Tuesday 5/27

- 8<sup>th</sup> Girls' Softball Home vs. Zemmer @ 4:45pm

### Wednesday 5/28

- 8<sup>th</sup> Girls' Home vs. Holly 4:45pm
- Track & Field @ Oxford 4:00pm

## MASB Education Excellence Award

The Before-School-Intervention Math program at Rolland-Warner won the Michigan Association of School Boards Education Excellence Award for 2014 for their success with students. This program was started at Rolland-Warner in the winter of 2013 and runs every day an hour before school to help students gain fundamental skills in math. Great progress has been made in the program at RW and Zemmer also started a program this school year. Math teacher and department chair, Mrs. Margrif and Principal, Mrs. Taylor will be receiving the award on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.



## Awards Ceremonies

This year we will be holding our end of year awards ceremonies during the school day on **Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**. **7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 10am, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade -1pm, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade-2:30pm**. If your child earns an award or honors recognition, you will receive an invitation in the mail. Students will be awarded for Semester #1 Honors Awards as well as department area awards during these ceremonies. Semester #2 Honors will not be determined until after the last day of school when grades have been completed. These names will be posted on our website so that students will have recognition.

## Silent Sustained Reading

Research suggests that students who read more are more successful in school. This is why the staff at Rolland-Warner engages students in the Sustained Silent Reading (SSR) program three days per week for 20 minutes each day. Sustained Silent Reading is a time when students and teachers independently read books of their own choosing. This allows students to observe their teachers modeling positive reading habits and to practice their reading strategies.

The SSR program has had many positive effects on our students. For example, we surveyed students about their reading habits and attitudes prior to beginning SSR and after six months. On average, our students' reading habits and attitudes have improved! We believe that if students have a positive attitude toward reading, then there is an increased likelihood that they will read more. Students who read more will become better readers, as practice improves skills. Next year, we are happy to announce that we will be increasing our Sustained Silent Reading time to 30 minutes! This ensures that students have even more opportunities to practice their skills.

## 2013-2014 ACT EXPLORE and MEAP Growth

Rolland-Warner administration is excited to share this year's 2013-2014 MEAP and Explore test results. Due to the hard work and dedication of the Rolland-Warner staff and the determination of the students to seize the educational opportunities they are provided, test results indicate 4 straight years of positive growth in the building composite score from (15.1) to (16.1). 2014 8<sup>th</sup> grade scores of English (15.4), Reading (15.1), Science (17.6) and Composite (16.1) exceed national averages!

In addition to strong 2014 EXPLORE scores Fall 2013 MEAP data indicates positive growth in grade level proficiency in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. 7<sup>th</sup> grade student proficiency scores in reading have increased by 13 percent over the past two years. At the 7<sup>th</sup> grade level, proficiency scores in all three areas meet or exceed state averages! 8<sup>th</sup> grade student proficiency scores in reading have increased by 11 percent over the past two years. 8<sup>th</sup> grade student proficiency scores in math have increased by 5 percent over the past year. Over the four years of Rolland-Warner Middle School, positive growth is shown in both reading and math in both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

## WOJO's Fundraiser Supports Middle School Cross Country

The Lapeer Middle School Cross Country team is raising money to help offset the cost of our new uniforms. You can help us by shopping at the Davison WoJo's (just west of Menard's) on either of the dates listed below during regular shopping hours. WoJo's will donate 10% of the receipts collected from those days! When the cashier tings up your order, you must say "**Lapeer Middle School Cross Country**" in order for us to receive the 10% profit from your receipt total. Thank you in advance for your support!

**Dates: Saturday, May 31 (8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.) & Sunday, June 1 (9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.)**

