

THE RGS REVIEWER

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What's New at Robert Graves School?

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Hello Readers,

Welcome to our
second mini issue for the
2019-2020 school year.

Healthy Kids

By Cari Hammond

Do your parents or grandparents work late and can't get you off the bus? Well there is a solution to that problem. There is a program after school at RGS called Healthy Kids. The RGS staff that works there will take care of you after school until 6:30 pm!

We do a lot of things at Healthy Kids. First, we have a bathroom break. Then, we have a snack,. We also do our homework there and play when we are finished. If we don't have any homework, we can play right away. There are many things to play with like playdough, crafts and more. Sometimes we put on music and dance. We also go outside. If it rains, we play a game called Four Corners. To sum it up, Healthy Kids is a lot of fun!

Orchestra

By Molly Stankus

Did you know there are only three districts in Ulster County that have orchestras? If you didn't know, we're one of them! Robert Graves has had an orchestra for over 40 years. That's a long time!

Our school string instrument teacher is Mrs. Murphy. She learned how to play violin in third grade. The other instruments she learned how to play in college.

The different string instruments from biggest to smallest are bass, cello, viola, and violin. Mrs. Murphy became an instrument teacher because she loved music so much she wanted to share it with everyone. If you don't know, the Spring Concert is May 7, 2020! See you there!

Chess Club

Did you know that at Robert Graves School we play chess? Chess has been going on as an after school program at RGS for almost six years. Every Tuesday, third and fourth grade students come to play chess with each other.

Our chess teacher is Mr. Evans. Mr. Evans has been playing chess since elementary school. Mr. Evans teaches chess because he enjoys the game and tries to play chess every day. He loves to learn chess moves to teach the kids.

Chess is a game of strategy and is a matter of taking your time and thinking. I love chess at Robert Graves School!

Chorus

By Mia Drakontaidis

Chorus is a great way to start your day! There are many different songs to sing and the kids in chorus get to choose the songs that get to be in the performance.

The songs in chorus are about friendship, fun and love. The songs in chorus make everyone happy. Some of the song styles in chorus are jazzy, waltz and ballad. A ballad is a song that tells a story.

Mrs. Lerner started chorus at Robert Graves in 2009. Mrs. Lerner started chorus so that the fourth graders who are in chorus get to have the experience to learn how to sing in a group.

Chorus is a fun, extra-curricular activity at RGS. See you at the Spring performance!

By Collin Whittaker

Intramurals

By Cameron Armstrong

Every year Robert Graves has intramurals at school. Both third and fourth grade boys and girls are invited to attend. Typically, intramurals are held before school. Our school PE teacher, Coach Morris, runs each intramural for all the kids. So far, Robert Graves has had tiger ball and basketball.

The next intramural is floor hockey. Floor hockey is a sport that involves a stick, a puck, a net and lots of running. Generally, floor hockey is broken up into two teams. Each team tries to score a goal in the opposite team's net. At the end of the game the team with the most goals wins.

Every school in KCSD, that has intramurals, will have a Sports Saturday held in the Kingston High School. On Sports Saturday, each school will be able to play against each other and try to get the most wins. GO HUSKIES!!

Heart Hero

By Sophia Coutant

Every year Robert Graves School is proud to participate in a fundraising event to benefit an important cause. This February 24th –28th The American Heart Association presents a fundraiser called Heart Hero. Our school participates in Heart Hero because we want to help the fight against the #1 killer of cardiovascular disease and stroke. Students also can earn rewards by fundraising money to donate back to the American Heart Association. To show their appreciation, they reward students with items like jump ropes and little stuffed animals. This is a school wide event. See one of the gym coaches for a fundraising sheet to contribute to this cause. Let's get together and join the team and help the fight against the #1 killer of cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Our PE Coaches

By Elizabeth Blair

Would you like to learn about our gym teachers at RGS? In our school, there is a new gym teacher names Coach P. This is his first year teaching gym. Our other coach, Coach Morris taught gym for 23 years. His favorite sport is hockey. Coach Morris graduated college in 1994. Both coaches like to play games. We are glad to have them at RGS!

The Superbowl

By Adam Naccarato

On February 2nd 2020 the NFL played Super Bowl LIV. It was the 100th season of the NFL. The game was played in Miami Florida at the Hard Rock Stadium. The teams that played were the Kanas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers. The final score of the game was 31 to 20. The Chiefs won the game. The MVP of the game was Patrick Mahomes, the Chiefs' quarterback. The Chiefs had 26 1st downs. The 49ers had 21 1st downs. Each team threw 2 interceptions. The half time show was performed by Jennifer Lopez and Shakira. The Super Bowl is a really competitive game between the AFC and NFC champions. I really enjoyed watching it.

Groundhog's Day

By Maddy Sykes

Hey, have you ever heard of a groundhog named Phil? Falling in the middle of the winter solstice and the spring equinox is the day February 2nd. The day is not just like any other day because it is Groundhog's Day. The first official groundhog's day took place on February in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, in the year of 1,887.

Clymer Freas, who was a newspaper editor, sold his idea of Groundhog Day to a group of businessman and groundhog hunters known collectively as the Punxsutawney Groundhog Hunters. Since then on February 2nd each year the town holds a celebration at Gobbler's Knob. If Phil sees his shadow there will be six more weeks of winter but if he doesn't then we may have an early spring.

This tradition has continued each year and the Groundhog Club of America expected thousands of visitors to watch Phil reveal his forecast again this past February 2nd!

Mills Mansion

By Cecelia Houghtaling

Have you ever been to Mills Mansion? The entrance is a great hallway with pictures of the Mills family. The outside looks like a Greek Temple.

The Mills lived in the mansion in the late 1800s to early 1900s. There are 65 rooms in the mansion. Can you imagine having 65 rooms?! The Mills were a very rich family.

When you are there, you get to do fun activities. For example, some people pretend to be Mr. and Mrs. Mills and their friends, the King and Queen of Europe. You can also see how the Mills family ate. The maids had a secret passageway to go around the entire house. They servants and maids ate way differently than the Mills. The Mills had many courses and the servants did not. The Mills also had a lot of silverware and the workers did not.

If you ever wanted to visit Mills Mansion and you haven't, you should. Mills Mansion is a very interesting place, but you should go see for yourself.