

# THE RGS REVIEWER

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## What's New at Robert Graves School?

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Hello Readers,

Welcome to our  
final mini issue for the  
2020-2021 school year.

-RGS Reviewer Staff

### The COVID-19 Pandemic

Elizabeth Bair

We are in a COVID-19 lockdown and all events with lots of people are closed. COVID-19 a.k.a. the Coronavirus disease was discovered in Wuhan, China in December 2019. In the US, there have been 1,432,265 cases and 87,180 deaths. Worldwide, there have been 4,628,903 cases and 312,009 deaths.

What is a virus? A virus is a submicroscopic germ that causes diseases in plants and animals. Submicroscopic means that something is small enough that we need a microscope to see it. If viruses are so small, is there any way to prevent getting sick?

In this kind of situation, social distancing and self-quarantine are suggested because if someone is sick, it doesn't spread viruses to others. If you have to go into public, wear a mask, gloves and wash your hands! Everyone hopes that COVID-19 fades away soon!

### Robert Graves School Spirit

Maddy Sykes

On Wednesday May 13th, students who attended Robert Graves school drove with their family's around the bus circle to see all the staff. The staff members were lined up around the bus circle with many inspirational signs on their cars and in their hands. Most of the staff were wearing husky paw masks made by the RGS PTO president. This parade reflected a lot of Robert Graves spirit. The parade included many, many happy teachers and staff. The parade lasted from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Also, on the week of May 4th, 2020 it was Teacher Appreciation Week. During teacher's appreciation week you could make a poster or a nice speech that would include a thank you to the teachers. Teacher Appreciation Week is a week that we celebrate the hard work and dedication to our teachers. After many RGS students made posters, signs, and speeches, the PTO made a video of all the pictures and videos. If you have not watched it yet, you definitely should!

I just wanted to say thank you to all the teachers who are putting most of their time into online learning. All the teachers are working very hard to help us understand. Online learning has been very challenging for both teachers and students. This pandemic has brought some major changes. Stay safe RGS!

### Editorial

By Sophia Coutant

#### *What I'm Going to Miss About RGS*

As the school year is almost to an end, the fourth grade students will be graduating to middle school. For me, graduating as a 4th grader this year is both exciting and sad at the same time.

There will be many things I am going to miss about being a student at Robert Graves. The first thing I am going to miss about Robert Graves are the awesome teachers and Dr. Parese. I am going to miss the teachers the most because they were very kind to me and they made learning fun. I am also going to miss school starting a half hour later than middle school. Another thing I am going to miss about Robert Graves is my birthday being announced on the loud speaker. Finally, I am going to miss my bus being sprayed by water on the last day of school.

To conclude, I will never forget the fun times and great memories I have of Robert Graves as I move on to middle school.

**We will miss you Class of 2020!**

## Cancelled Sports

By Adam Naccarato

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a virus that has been spreading around the world. Because of how contagious it is, many things have been cancelled or postponed, including many sports.

On March 11th, National Basketball Association cancelled the remainder of its season after a player tested positive for COVID-19. On March 12th, 2020, Major League Soccer and Major League Baseball postponed the start of their seasons. On that same day, the National Hockey League cancelled the rest of its season. The National Football League has not yet made any decisions for their season because they do not start playing until the fall of 2020.

In our town, the Kingston Stockade Soccer team has cancelled its entire season. Governor Cuomo has said that he would like sports to resume in New York as soon as possible, only with no crowds. Hopefully soon this will happen so that we can all watch sports on TV!

## The NFL Draft

By Collin Whittaker

The NFL draft is where football coaches pick their players from college. The NFL draft took place on April 23rd to April 25th. Normally the coaches go to an event and pick the college players they want for their team, but this year they had to do the draft virtually. That means they had to do it online in their houses. It's the first time in history that they had to do it virtually!

This year the Bengals had the first pick, because in the NFL draft, the teams that win the least amount of games gets the first pick in the draft. The next team was the Redskins and then the Lions had the next pick in the draft.

The Bengals chose Joe Burrow from LSU. The Redskins chose Chase Young from Ohio State. Last, the Lions chose Jeff Okudah from Ohio State. All three players worked hard and earned their place in the NFL.

Hopefully there will be a football season in the fall of 2020!

## Local Hikes

By Molly Stankus

Do you want to get outside? Do you feel bored stuck inside? Do you like to hike? If so, I have something you'll like a lot, the local Shaupeneak Ridge hiking trails!

They are full of beautiful scenery and are a fun hike. Activities include fishing, hiking, hunting (by permit), kayaking, canoeing, mountain biking, picnicking, wildlife watching, and X-country skiing and snowboarding. Best of all it's only 10 minutes away from the school!

The trails are on Poptown Rd. in Ulster Park, New York. You can take the white trail which starts on the right side of Old Post Rd. near the Firehouse in Esopus. If you do take the white trail, I would recommend going on to the purple trail which connects to it further along the way, with a waterfall! If you choose to go past the purple trail, it will lead you back to the main lot, but it's a long and beautiful hike!

So make sure the next time it's a nice day go check out the trails and have fun!

## Happy Numbers

By Cecelia Paone-Houghtaling

In Clever, there is an application called Happy Numbers. Happy Numbers is a learning math game. Happy Numbers is about a dinosaur named Dino. Dino helps baby dinosaurs hatch. To start, you have to build a rocket ship, then you have to choose a planet to hatch an egg. To hatch an egg you have to do math problems. After you hatch an egg, you can move to a different planet. If there is more than one egg, you stay on the same planet until you finish all of the math problems. Happy Numbers isn't just for me and you, my brother is 4 and he is using it too! I don't know what happens when you finish all of the planets, but I can't wait to find out!

***Congratulations to all of our fourth grade students at RGS as they move up to middle school!***

***Congratulations to the retirees at RGS as well. May you all know that you will always be a husky at heart!***