

THE RGS REVIEWER

What's New at RGS?

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Fourth Grade News

By Ellie Weber

In November, our class designed and built bridges. Mrs. Nageli explained to us the four types of bridges. A famous suspension bridge was Galloping Gertie. My favorite design was the suspension bridge which my team built.

In class, we learned about a famous bridge called Galloping Gertie. It was called this because it looked like it was galloping from the wind. This bridge was built in the state of Washington. The bridge broke into pieces in 1940 from high winds. One car fell into the water and a dog lost its life.

My team chose a truss suspension bridge to build. Dr. Parese said he would have built a suspension bridge as well. Our bridge was made with straws, covered in tape and had a cup to hold the pennies. Our design held exactly two hundred pennies and didn't fall down. It was a fun project to learn about bridges!

History on Wheels

By Cole Winrow

Have you ever wondered what life would be like in the 1700's? If so, History on Wheels would be fun for you. History on Wheels is presented by Mr. Albert. Mr. Albert visits 4th grade classrooms once every month. Mr. Albert teaches us what life was like as a Dutch child in colonial times. At the end of the school year 4th graders have a competition called last family standing where we compete against North Park Elementary to see you can recall the most facts on Dutch in colonial times. We have lost to North Park 2 times in a row. Mr. Albert presents History on Wheels to teach kids the past and how things were done without modern advantages. If all that sounds fun, you will have a blast when Mr. Albert comes.

Art News

By Mason Cafaldo

The art teacher Mrs. Taylor will be teaching all students how to make a piece of clay into a work of art. Kindergarten will be making snails for their clay projects. The first graders will be making owls for their masterpieces. Second grade will be making magnificent salamanders for their clay pieces. Third grade will be making fun foliage pots for their pieces. Finally, fourth grade will be bringing home, for the last time... keepsake boxes with their choice of design for the knob. Mrs. Taylor will be sending them home for Christmas. The pieces of art will all be in the hallway on a shelf or in a case. Be sure if you stop by at the school to check them out.

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Hello Readers,

Welcome to our
first issue for the
2018-2019 school year.
Happy Holidays!

Meet Mrs. Cooper

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By Hazel Lewis

As a child, Mrs. Cooper had a lot of teachers that inspired her to learn new things. Before she was a teacher, she was a dental assistant. When she started teaching, she taught kids how to keep their teeth healthy and clean.

Before RGS, Mrs. Cooper taught at George Washington. Right now her favorite subject to teach is reading and writing. She thinks Mrs. Dipple, the teacher she works with, is a good teacher because she cares about her students and wants them to do their best. In my opinion, Mrs. Cooper is the best ELA teacher ever!

MUSIC NOTES

Robert Graves Band

By Keegan Sickler

My name is Keegan Sickler and I play the trombone in the band. This year the band teacher is Ms. Ghee. There are 7 different kind of instruments. They are the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone and drums. Band practice is two times a week for thirty minutes each to prepare for our first concert in May. There are 43 students in band at RGS. I hope you are able to come to our concert next year!

RGS Orchestra

By Hannah Rider

This is the portion of the news paper that is about the orchestra. There are 28 students in 4th grade participating in orchestra that are taught by Mrs. Murphy. There are 9 people playing viola, 16 people playing violin, 2 people playing cello and 1 person is playing bass (read like base). We meet on C and F days in the room across from the kitchen entrance.

I think you should do orchestra because it is a great experience. You get to learn something new and get new opportunities in life. Plus, you use a different part of your brain to read music. If you want to play an instrument in high school, then you should start in **elementary school!**

Meet the RGS Chorus Teacher: Mrs. Lerner **By Sara Lakin**

Today I will be reporting about our RGS chorus teacher. For this, I interviewed Mrs. Lerner. She said that she has been teaching chorus for thirty-four years! She also did chorus when she was a little girl too. Mrs. Lerner said that all of the kids that she has had so far in chorus have been great!

Mrs. Lerner enjoys listening to her chorus students sing. She lets the students vote on the songs so she does different songs for every concert. She also said that she will be doing chorus until she retires. Good luck to Mrs. Lerner and the RGS Chorus this year!

KALP

By Charlotte McFarland

This year's KALP Explorations program started in October. The theme of this year's KALP program is survival. It is held at the Kingston high school every four weeks during school days. Twenty-five fourth graders participate in KALP. Students are chosen based on academic performances. KALP is run by teachers from various elementary schools. The three teachers that run the program are Mr. Hansen, Mrs. Rhinehart and Mrs. Stegmayer. Participants read various books that revolve around the theme of survival. We also answer questions about the current book online given to students by the teachers. The purpose of KALP is to challenge the KALP participants. The 2018 student will be working on what they are interested in. KALP, so far, has been fun.

Chess Club By Tyler O'Sullivan

Chess Club is a really fun club. You get to play and learn to play chess. Sometimes you get to do some special things like play with the 5th graders or play on the giant chess board.

Mr. Evans, the chess teacher, started teaching chess because people wanted to learn how to play. Mr. Evans learned how to play chess from his neighbor's dad. Mr. Evans's favorite chess piece is the knight because it jumps over the other pieces. Mr. Evans and I hope to see you next year at Chess Club!

With Flying Colors

By Elias Celuch

Flying Colors is an after school program that will entertain your child.

The program is a public charity run by local artists. With Flying Colors teaches students and provides entertaining art activities.

The after school activity is located at Robert Graves Elementary School.

People sign up for Flying Colors because they want to improve on their artwork and learn about artwork from different countries.

The next meeting of the RGS Reviewer will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2018 in Mrs. Beesmer's room until 4pm. Remember, you must be present to receive your article assignment for the February issue.

In the 2018 World Series played October 23, 2018 to October 28, 2018 the Boston Red Socks defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers in 5 games. The first game, played at Fenway Park the Red Socks won 8 to 4. In the second game played at Fenway Park the Red Socks won again 2 to 4. In the third game played at Dodger Stadium the Dodgers won 3 to 2 in 18 innings. In the fourth game played at Dodger Stadium the Red Socks won 9 to 6. In the final game played at Dodger Stadium the Red Socks won 5 to 1 and were the World Series champions. The MVP of the 2018 World Series was Steve Pearce. This was the 114th World Series played. This is the 4th championship won by the Boston Red Sox this century. For the Dodgers it is the second time they have lost the World Series in a row. The Boston Red Socks celebrated the win with a parade in Boston on Halloween.

NFL

By Cruz Guess

This holiday match-up proved how amazing the Saints really are. Going into this game, the Saint's record was 9-1 and the Falcons was 6-5. The Saints and the Falcons are some of the best rivals in the NFL.

The top players on the Saints are Calvin Kamara, Mark Ingram, Drew Brees and Michael Thomas. The top players on the Falcons are Julie Jones, Matt Ryan and Calvin Ridley. Calvin Kamara ran 24 yards to start the game off. The Saints first drive led to a touchdown. Throughout the entire game, the Saints had it in control.

In the 2nd quarter, the Falcons scored 3 points. If you are a Saints fan then this was the game of you! The final score of the game was Falcons 17 and Saints 31. This was a good game to watch while eating Thanksgiving dessert!

By Alex Coutant

Would you as a student of Robert Graves ever think that you would be a teacher here one day? Well, that's exactly what Coach Boughton did. Coach Boughton lives in Kingston and is a graduate of Robert Graves Elementary School. He also graduated from SUNY Cortland University in 2012. After college he became a substitute gym teacher and this is his first year teaching full time. In addition to teaching, he also coaches high school soccer and lacrosse. Coach Boughton became a gym teacher because he wanted a job that would teach children how to be physically active and healthy. When Coach Boughton is not busy teaching or coaching, he enjoys going to the MAC gym where he is also a personal trainer. He also enjoys all kinds of sports with lacrosse being his favorite.

We are very lucky at Robert Graves to have Coach Boughton as our gym teacher. Who knows, some day you may be back here as a teacher at Robert Graves Elementary School!

Local Sports

Biddy Ball By Jackson Beesmer

Biddy ball is basketball for boys and girls who live in or around Kingston. There are a few different age groups. The age groups are 7 year old boys, 8-10 boys 8-12 girls and 11-13 boys. The games are at the Andy Murphy Neighborhood Center on Saturdays in late fall and the winter.

This year there are 12 kids on a team. Biddy Ball is for kids to play basketball and to have fun. So say good luck to Robert Graves kids that are playing this year!

Girls Basketball Intramurals

BY Giana Lindhorst

On November 29, 2018, the 4th grade girls played their first basketball intramurals. It took place in the RGS gymnasium. We arrived at the school at 7:45 in the morning before school starts. The coach for the girls basketball intramurals was Mr. Morris our gym teacher.

When we first get there we practice shooting hoops then we divide into practice teams and play a quick game. Sometimes we keep the same teams and other times we mix up the people on the teams. At the first practice we kept our same teams. In conclusion we had a great game and we had the best time.

After School Activities and More

MOVIE REVIEW by Rody Rakchev

The Nightmare Before Christmas is mainly about a pumpkin King named Jack. Jack had a problem. He only celebrated Halloween day. One day Jack was walking to the graveyard when Zero the dog came toward him. They were walking to this magical place they've never seen before, with doors that led to all the Holidays. When Jack saw Santa he wanted to capture him but he needed help, so he knew just the kids to do the job - Lock, Shock and Barrel.

Those kids were very very evil. Together they captured Santa Claus and put him in with Oggie Boggie (as in the Boogie man). Jack was jealous of the elves, so he went to everybody's houses with crazy gifts. After his sleigh got shot down, a brave young girl freed the real Santa. All the children got lovely gifts. To conclude, you should watch "The Nightmare Before Christmas".

The Hobbit – Monsters Galore! By Julia Leibowitz

The Hobbit is placed in a fantasy world where gryphons and dragons roam the skies and dwarves mining in the mountains, and elves living in forests. The main character of the Hobbit is a hobbit, a short creature with furry feet who loves to eat and relax at home.

One day his life is turned upside down by a wizard named Gandalf the Grey who along with a group of dwarves push him out the door of his home and on the road to adventure. The reason he is on this quest is because the dwarves need a burglar, someone who can sneak about, and help the dwarves take back their home from the dragon Smaug.

The Hobbit is a fascinating book of wonder, hardship, bravery, and monsters. I'm sure you'd like it too. It is a truly a classic worth 5 stars!

Trunk or Treat by Maygan Blaha-Carney

Trunk or Treat was the BEST! It was on October 19th. We had pizzas, juice, water, and chips for sale. The trunks were amazing! This year we had 39 trunks. WOW! It was the most trunks Robert Graves ever had. There were many different types of trunks, like Harry Potter, Mario Brothers, Claw machine, Hulkamania, Robin Hood, and Yankees fans (AKA Mrs. Beesmer). We had lots of candy, and when I say lots I mean lots. We were able to donate the leftover candy to a children's center for their Halloween. This was the BEST, BEST, BEST Trunk o

Mrs. Beesmer's Thanksgiving Tea By Kate Brown

Gobble, gobble! Mrs. Beesmer's 6th annual Thanksgiving Tea was held at 2:00pm on Monday, November 19th, 2018 in Mrs. Beesmer's room. During the event, the students greeted their parents and served them tea. Then, they read a few poems and ended the event with the turkey trot (a dance). Mrs. Beesmer holds her teas because she has been sharing a love of reading with Jack Prelutsky's poems. Now, Mrs. Beesmer is looking forward to her 7th annual Thanksgiving Tea.

Computer Lab News By Isabella Dipaola

Computer lab at Rgs is mainly to learn how to type, to go to math and reading websites and to learn computer shortcuts. Some of the most used websites in computer lab are SUMDOg, Typtastic and Edutype.

Our computer lab teaching assistant is Mrs. Lemister. She started working in the computer lab in 2002. Before working in the computer lab she was a teaching assistant in the special education class since 1984. Mrs. Lemister chooses during traditional holidays to use the computer app "draw" for a project. Computer lab is fun!