

# THE RGS REVIEWER

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### School News

#### Spirit Week

By Alex Coutant

The January Sprit Week here at RGS was quite crazy and fun. Monday though Friday students had a different theme to show their school spirit in some creative way. Spirit Week kicked off with Mismatch Monday. Students wore things clothing items with different colors and designs that weren't supposed to math. Following that was Team Tuesday. Here students expressed their favorite sports team by wearing different sport jerseys and hats. After that we went into Wild Hair Wednesday. That day, students came up with ways to make hair look crazy with things like dye, hairspray, get and other decorations. Next was tropical Thursday, where students dressed up like they were hanging out on the south shore of Hawaii with their tropical clothes. Finally, it was Fun Spirit Friday, when students wore their Robert Graves Husky Wear. This week long even was really fun and a great way for all of the students and even staff members to show their school spirit!

#### Family Fun Night

By Audrey Dyshuk

Families were at Wood'NWheels Family Fun Night on January 11, 2019 from 6 to 9 PM. There was laser tag, bumper cars, an indoor rock wall, games in the arcade and refreshments. While seeing friend was a huge highlight, many students voted for roller skating as a favorite activity. As for the rock wall, Julia Liebowit climbed 25 feet. Lucien Downing said he climbed 69 feet. Lots of kids were seen turning in their tickets for prizes too. People from RGS went to this event because all of the profits go to RGS PTO. The fundraiser made \$965! Many of us wish we can do it again this year!

#### The Pasta Dinner

By Cole Winrow

The Pasta Dinner is one of the many fundraisers the RGS's PTO organizes to benefit the students. The Pasta Dinner is catered by Ship to Shore. The delicious desserts are donated by PTO members. The 4th graders serve and wait tables. The Pasta Dinner was held in the Robert Graves cafeteria on February 8th from 4:30 to 7:00. Also, the Pasta Dinner has been hosted for 13 years. I hope you and your family had a great time at the Pasta Dinner. Bon appetite!

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Hello Readers,

Welcome to our second issue for the 2018-2019 school year.

-RGS Reviewer Staff

### Meet Mrs. Halwick

#### By Isabella DiPaola

Mrs. Halwick is a teacher at Robert Graves Elementary School. She got her teaching degree in the year of 2010. Also, the first school she taught at was Onteora as a sub in 2011. Mrs. Halwick started working in the Kingston in 2017, now working in Mrs. Jacobs room at RGS. She was inspired to become a teacher because she always loved working with kids and helping them learn and to teach them to do the right thing. We are glad she joined RGS!

### Meet Liza

#### By Hazel Lewis

Meet our RGS therapy dog, Liza. Liza was born on June 8th 2012. She came to RGS on April in 2013. Before Liza there was another therapy dog at RGS names munchkin. Liza's job as a therapy dog is to make kids and teachers happy. Before Liza was a therapy dog, she was a rescue dog. Liza's breed is a pug and part cairn terrier. In my opinion, Liza is the best therapy dog ever.

## Robert Graves Orchestra

By Julia Leibowitz

So far in orchestra we have learned two of the concert songs. The names of the songs are *The Salamander Samba*, in which all of the notes are whole notes, and the *House of Untold Horrors*. The *House of Untold Horrors* is a sound effect story. A sound effect story is when someone is telling a story and the orchestra does all of the sound effects. We are making many weird noises in music. We'll be bringing them to you soon!

## Girl Scouts

By Ellie Weber

Girls Doing It Their Way You've probably heard about The Boy Scouts, but have you ever heard about The Girl Scouts? Robert Graves has its own Girl Scout troop - Troop 60216. Girls Scouts begin young. Kindergarten through first graders are called Daisies, named after the founder of Girl Scouts. Juliette Gordon Low was the founder of Girl Scouts and her nickname was Daisy. The next level is called Brownies and is for second and third grade girls. Fourth and fifth graders advance to be Juniors. Sixth through eighth graders are Cadets. Ninth through tenth graders are Seniors. The final advancement for Girl Scouts is Ambassadors and is for girls in grades eleventh and twelfth. We earn many badges and awards for different activities that we perform in our community. We also sell Girl Scout cookies. Look for your local Girl Scout selling in an area near you! We have three troop leaders, Ms. Tracey, Mrs. Brown (not the teacher), and Ms. Erin. We meet two times a month on Thursdays right after school in the cafeteria. Come join our troop and make the World a better place! Ellie Weber

## The School Newspaper

By Kate Brown

The RGS Reviewer is a fun 4th grade after school activity. During the event kids get to write a newspaper article, and if they want to, become a Junior Editor and edit the newspaper. The students meet in Mrs. Beesmer's room about 3 or 4 times per year. Mrs. Beesmer has been doing the RGS Reviewer every year since 2007, 12 years total. The RGS Reviewer was started by Mary Aurringer a former student in Mrs. Beesmer's class, who loved to write. To conclude, the RGS Reviewer is the perfect after school activity, for every 4th grader who likes to write.

## KALP: Sign Language

By Keegan Sickler

Today I'm going to tell you about KALP sign language. Sign Language isn't just about the hands. Its about the face too. Sign language is for deaf people and that's why I am learning about it. Mrs. Halwick teaches us during KALP. We gather in Mrs. Jacobs room. I hope all the third graders do it next year.

## Antarctica

By Tyler O Sullivan

In January the second and the fourth grades and an assembly with Megan Spoth about Antarctica. Megan is studying two glaciers. She will use mud to help her investigate the age of Antarctica.

She will come from the Albany airport to the tip of Chile. Then she will take a boat to the opt of Antarctica to start her work. Net se will take a police to the Falkland Islands where there are penguins and sheep. She will see how the two glaciers melt getting smaller and smaller.

We will be in touch wither her to ask questions. If you want to know more about this topic, ask Mrs. Spoth, the librarian, the net time you have library. Good luck to Megan and her adventure in Antactrica!

## Countries on Your Door

By Sara Lakin

Today we will take about "Countries on your Door". The staff members who came up with the idea are Mrs. Barros and Ms. Jacobi. They came up with the idea last year but started it this year. They wanted students to learn about the culture from that classroom's country. Most teachers started decorating their doors in the beginning of January. I asked Mrs. Barros what she thought of the project and she said "I loved the idea." We hope you were able to visit the countries on the doors at RGS!

## *Attention*

***RGS Reviewer members:  
The next meeting of the RGS  
Reviewer will be held on  
Thursday March 7, 2019  
from 3:15-4pm in  
Mrs. Beesmer's classroom!***



## NFL: Superbowl 53

By Jackson Beesmer

Have you ever hear of the Superbowl? The Superbowl is when the two best teams from the AFC and the NFC face off to with the championship. The teams that were in Superbowl 53 were the New England Patriots and the Los Angeles Rams. The New England Patriots won 13 to 3 in Atlanta Georgia. The fun fact about the Patriots is that the teams that they lost to did not make the playoffs. A fun fact about the LA Rams is the Jared Goo the quarterback and the running back Todd Gurley are the same age of 24. The Patriots have six Superbowl titles now, which is the same as my favorite team, the Pittsburgh Steelers.



## March Madness

By Cruz Guess

March Madness is a NCAA basketball tournament that started in 1939. The idea was from Ohio State Coach Harold Oleson. It as been on television since 1969. In 1939, the tournament had 8 teams and has now grown to 68 teams.

March Madness is a single elimination tournament. There are 32 games in the whole tournament. UCLA has 11 championships titles. They have the most,. Kentucky as 8 championship titles,. They have the second most.

68 tens will enter March Madness in 2019. The date that starts the tournament is Tuesday March 19 and ends Monday April 2019. The champions of the 2018 tournament was Villanova. Second place was the University of Michigan. 68 teams will enter the March Madness and only one will survive!



## Meet Colin Ford

By Mason Cafaldo

Colin Ford is an alumni of RGS. His favorite subject is math. His favorite grade is twelfth grade (his grade now). He graduated from RGS during the 2011-2012 school year. The college that he wants to go to is the University of Rhode Island. He wants to study business.

His favorite sport is football. He even played on the KHS Tigers Varsity football team. His favorite part of RGS was the last day of school softball game. Collin has definitely left his mark on RGS!

## Girls Basketball Intramurals

By Giana Lindhorst

On January 12, there was a Sports Saturday for the boys and girls basketball intramurals. Sports Saturday is when all of the elementary schools play a sport against each other. We practice one time a week to be prepared for the games. Out Coach was Mr. Morris. Sports Saturday took place at Miller School. The other schools we played against were JFK, Chambers and Edson., We played 6 games in total and we did not keep score. Our team made lots of shots and we were aggressive and tough. I'm sure all of use made a few shots and the other teams did really well too,.

The other schools did not have enough players and some of the player from GRS had to go on different teams. At the end of the games, the players were tired but you could tell , everybody was doing their best. I think Sports Saturday went great! RGS made lots of points and we had good sportsmanship. We were good sports, respected the calls and had fun!



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# Would you like to know?

## Martin Lither King Jr

By Rody Rakchev

Would you like to know about Martin Luther King, Jr.? He was a brave young man. He stood for peaceful protest. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave speeches so the black people could do the same things as the white people. Martin gave his most famous speech at the March on Washington on August 28, 1963.

Martin gave his "I have a dream speech" because he admired Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhi taught his people that they did not have to fight to demand changes.

To conclude, Martin Luther King, Jr. showed the power of one person to make a difference for many people.

## President Lincoln By Charlotte McFarland

Born on February 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln was a lawyer and as you may know the sixteenth president of the United States. He was born in Kentucky and was self educated. His third wife was Mary Todd and together they had four children, Robert, Edward, Willie and Tad Lincoln. Being the president in 1831 to 1865, her served as president during the bloody and terrible Civil War. He was against slavery and helped stop it. Unfortunately he was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth at age 56. Because of what he's done, we honor Abe every year on Presidents Day.

## Husky Paws

Elias Celuch

Husky paws is a reward system for students that show good behavior. The adults at Robert graves school hand out the husky paws to the students. A husky paw is a little piece of paper that has a husky paw on it and they are pretty hard to get unless you show exceptional behavior. Husky paws are earned when a student is being good. When students get one they turn it into the office and that husky paw goes to your class chart also when you fill up Your class chart you have a party. Now you know what a husky paw.

## The 100th Day of School By Hannah Rider

Do you need more information on the 100th day of school? Do you know what day the 100th day of school is? It was originally scheduled for February 13th. Now that we have had 3 snow days it is rescheduled for February 19th, 2019. I spoke with Mrs. Provenzano, my sister Norah's teacher. Her class will be making 100 gumballs, bringing 100 small objects for math, and fun centers based on the 100th day of school. Mrs. Provenzano said they celebrate 100th day because they must count to 100 by the end of the year in kindergarten. I hope you enjoy the 100th day of school.