



Randolph Public Schools

January 2018 Newsletter

Beginning of the New Year

January marks the beginning of the New Year and the new semester. January also marks one of the busiest times of the school year at the high school with the activities calendar at the peak of the winter activity season. We have started out our winter activities with a high amount of energy and enthusiasm. Let us make the New Year and the new semester one to remember in a positive way.

Read the calendar carefully to insure starting times of events. As needed, the school will make every attempt to communicate with our patrons any changes of times or dates of our activities. Our Holiday Basketball Tournament is scheduled for December 29th and 30th. Both days begin with games at 2:00 pm. On the first day, the Randolph girls are scheduled to play at approximately 5:00 pm and the Randolph boys at approximately 6:30 pm.

During the month of January, many Lewis and Clark Conference activities are scheduled. The conference wrestling tournament is scheduled for January 18th, at LCC, starting at 1:00 pm. The conference instrumental music clinic is scheduled for January 20th, at WSC, with the concert starting at 4:30 pm. The conference basketball tournament will begin January 26th with the girls and boys play-in round and will continue January 27th with the first round of the girls tournament. The first round of the boys tournament will be January 29th. School sites for the start of the basketball tournament will be determined later according to team seating prior to the tournament. The finals for both girls and boys are scheduled for February 5th at LCC, starting at 6:00 pm. The conference tournament bracket for both girls and boys will be posted on the school website front page when it becomes available and is official.

Another topic to discuss is when students are absent from school due to a medical/dental appointment, please be sure to bring to the school office the doctor note that describes when the student was seen by the medical/dental staff.

Dennis Bazata
7-12 Principal/Activities Director



ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY NEWS:

***PARENTS THAT ARE BRINGING ITEMS TO THEIR CHILDREN WILL NEED TO LEAVE THOSE ITEMS AT THE OFFICE. WE ARE TRYING TO CREATE A SAFER ENVIRONMENT IN OUR BUILDING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CORPORATION.**

***ONE BOOK, ONE SCHOOL WILL BE STARTING SOON. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW WITH YOUR STUDENTS.**

Tailgate for Elementary Hoops:

Randolph Elementary is raising funds to purchase and install a new adjustable basketball hoop (and hopefully 2 hoops) for the playground. We will be serving a tailgate on January 19th during the high school basketball games vs Neligh. We are asking for donations toward this tailgate to help offset costs. The menu will include walking tacos and some sort of desert. We are looking for donations of ground beef and money to help purchase supplies. We are also in need of the workers and volunteers to bring wrapped desserts. Basic monetary donations are also very helpful. We feel there is a need to purchase another piece of playground equipment that is age appropriate and allows students to have success and hopefully spark interest in more physical activities. Approximate cost for the 2 hoops is \$4000. Please contact Theresa Schnoor or Pam Thies for further questions concerning this project. Thanks

Happy New Year from 3rd Grade

It's hard to believe, but the school year is half over. It always fills me with a sense of urgency as I look forward to all that learning that must be accomplished by the end of the year.

Third grade is a pivotal year for students at Randolph. Learning to read with fluency and confidence will serve as a foundation for the reading demands in later grades. Lesson Maps are incorporated into our reading curriculum. This researched based activity gives students daily practice at decoding. By practicing with learning-to-read strategies, your child will reliably be able to make sense of multisyllable words in books. Recognizing and understanding words will help your child read increasingly challenging stories and books and build knowledge about the world around him or her. Read aloud time is one part of the day the class always looks forward to. We have read picture books, chapter books, poetry, and nonfiction literature. Read aloud time exposes the students to sophisticated vocabulary and helps to increase attention span. I would like to encourage all parents to read aloud to their children. Research shows that your child's reading level will not catch up to his or her listening level until eighth grade. In daily conversation we often use verbal shorthand, so reading aloud exposes children to complete sentences that are sophisticated and complicated. This year third graders also will be writing clear sentences and paragraphs on a range of topics. To teach writing skills we use the Step Up to Writing Model and the RACE strategy for answering text dependant questions. Our goal is to develop fluent writers who are able to express themselves smoothly using grade appropriate vocabulary and content.

In third grade math, we learn new ideas and gain important new skills. One of the most important topics this year is multiplication and division. Another is fractions. Multiplication, division, and fractions are the building blocks for many life skills that students will learn in later grades, such as percentages. Students also need to master these topics to be ready for algebra and advanced math, so it is essential to get a good start with these topics in third grade. Consequently, I recommend practicing math facts with flashcards. Flashcards can't be beat for learning factual knowledge. They are inexpensive, portable, and efficient. Flashcards engage active recall, and because they lend themselves so easily to repetition they are the best way to create multiple-memory recall events.

As you can see third grade is a crucial year in a child's education. By working together we can insure that all children have a successful experience.

Latricia Olson

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Computer Class with Mr. Lech

We are half-way through another school year and the computer classes were busy the first semester and eager to work on some of their more challenging assignments as we start 2018.

We are offering two different classes this year that are both a semester long. Personal Finance is the class being taught in the first semester. The students are working on creating personal budgets, understanding personal banking and different ways to purchase or finance items. The second semester will be a class on Management and Leadership. The students will work on how to apply for a job, go through the interview process, and how to be successful in the workplace. The class centers on communication skills and planning and organizing your time to maximize your time at work. We will also discuss working with others and how to be a strong leader in a workplace environment. Both classes will complete projects that simulate real life and will present those projects to the class.

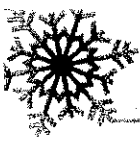
Computer Applications is currently working with advanced spreadsheets. We have already covered word processors, paint, and simple spreadsheets. We will also be working with the 10-key pad, data bases and power point presentations later in the year. The students will learn how to create and format all four types of documents. The class will also work with Publisher and different Office wizards and templates. The class also has done a lot of work with the Internet including two research projects.

The keyboarding classes are learning to use all of the keys on the keyboard correctly, including letters, numbers, and symbols. The students also learn how to construct and format business letters and memos, proofread documents and learn all proofreading symbols, 10-key, and using different tab settings. The class works on improving their speed and accuracy through copying from a book, using keyboarding software, and creative typing. The 7th grade class takes these same tasks beginning next semester. Both classes do a lot of research on the Internet and combine information into practical applications.

The Digital Design class is working with web pages. They create web pages on their own and present them to class. They also learn HTML language and how to correctly format the information on the Internet. They are currently working on creating, directing and editing a video. They needed to create a two minute commercial and a 30 second Public Service Announcement that had to be filmed, edited, and rendered into a movie. They will insert the video into a web page. The class created their own animated pictures earlier in the year. The class will be creating short stories that are pieced together using three different kinds of software that includes illustrations and their voice over the words.

Business Law class is currently learning about contracts. The class learned what a business must do legally, what rights a consumer has, and what government agencies are regulating businesses. The class has already covered many topics including the constitution, basic law, minor law, and family law.

The classes get exposure to a lot of different software to allow students to do projects such as video and voice editing. We also use many online programs and sites that keep students current on today's technology.



January 2018

What's Happening

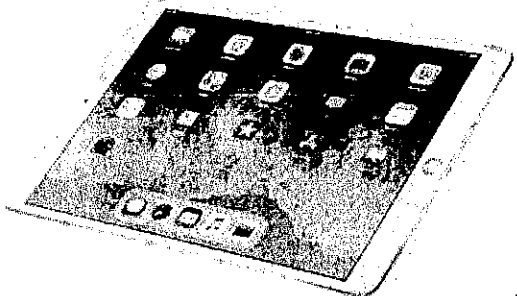
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Ipad/Iphone

Informational Night

Did you get a new device for the Holidays, or just have questions to ask?

Join us on Wednesday, January 10th at 6:30 pm for an Informational Night on Ipads/Iphones! Becky Miller will be conducting this gathering to help provide assistance that you may need with operating your device. Pre-registration is not required, however there is a fee of \$15 to attend.



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The Escape Room

On Monday, January 15th from 9am-3pm, students in GRADES 6-12 may sign up at the Library to try their best at whole new escape room. Group of 3-5 players are allowed. Form your own group, or sign up to be included in a group. Sign up is required before January 10th.



A Special Evening Story Hour

will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 17th.

Families are encouraged to bring their preschoolers and enjoy stories, songs, games, crafts and snacks.

WE WILL BE CLOSED JANUARY 1

Afterschool Program

We will resume Afterschool Programming on Tuesday, January 9th. See you in 2018.

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www.rlibrary.org

Hours Mon./Tues. 10-6
Wed. 10-12 & 1-7, Thurs. 10-12 & 1-6
Sat 10-12 & 1-4



Thank you all for attending the recent Randolph Elementary Christmas Concert. The students had so much fun and sounded fantastic. I am so proud of all of them.



Technology in grades kindergarten through third grade has learned so much this past semester.

Kindergarteners are becoming specialists in using the mouse to click and drag an item and dropping it into place. December we worked in on using the Paint program and created holiday scenes.

First graders are becoming very fast at logging into the computer and locating programs. They have been working in the Microsoft Word program and inserting clip art and writing some descriptive sentences. We keep working on keyboarding skills along the way.

Second grade students are working on keyboarding skills. This month they have also been working on creating a scene, using the Paint program that would accompany the story SNOWMEN AT NIGHT. We learned how to create snow and use shapes to make trees and snowmen.

Third graders have been working on keyboarding skills, and are becoming very knowledgeable about key placement. December, we have been working in Microsoft Office Word to create a Christmas card.



Library reminders--If your student checked out books between December 8 and the 22, those books will be due on Friday, January 5th, 2018.

MEET OUR SENIORS



Maesik Ryan Denn

Parents: Steven and Dawn Denn

Other Family Members: Jaron, Tanner, Chase, Merrix

Part time Employment: Pizza Ranch in Norfolk and Laurel Hillcrest Care Center

Plans after graduation: Plan to attend either Northeast Community College or University of NE - Kearney for Elementary Education

IMPORTANT DATES

ASVAB TEST

All juniors and interested sophomores or seniors – for military entrance or career profile information)
Friday, January 19 @ 8:00 a.m. at Randolph High School

Sophomore Pre-ACT
Thursday, February 8
Randolph High School

National ACT Date
Saturday, February 10

8th GRADE CAREER EXPLORATION DAY
Tuesday, February 13
Northeast Community College

9th GRADE CAREER DAY
Monday, March 5 @
Northeast Community College

STATE REQUIRED RHS ACT FOR JUNIORS
Tuesday, April 3 @ 8:00am
Randolph High School

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships found in the Google Senior Classroom

FFA Scholarships.....	February 1
(you do not have to be a member of FFA to apply)	
Citizens State Bank.....	March 1
CVA Scholarship	March 1
Melanie Strathman Memorial.....	March 1
Vayle (Gerkins) Kuhl Memorial	March 1
Darlene E. Rossbach.....	March 15
PEO Sisterhood of Randolph	March 15
Emily M. Bloomquist Memorial.....	March 28
Fine Arts	March 28
Osmond General Hospital	April 1
RHS Alumni	April 6
David Allen Stevens	April 13
Gerald Stevens.....	April 13
R.O.A.R.....	April 13
Randolph Education Association	April 13
Manzer Equipment, Inc	April 15
Deb Schnell Memorial	April 17
First State Bank.....	April 30

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PROUD

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Amy Hammond

Parents: Hoss Sr. and Jennifer Hammond

Other Family Members: Hoss Jr., Heather, Houston, Becky, Walt

Part time Employment: Jerry's Hilltop (waitress) and Colonial manor (CNA)

Plans after graduation: Plan to attend Northeast Community College for Nursing