



The mission of Nippersink District 2 is to foster academic growth, instill integrity, confidence, and civic responsibility while preparing all students for an ever-changing global society.



Earth Day 2026: Beekeeper, educator, and entrepreneur Shaun Keating shared with our students how vital bees are to our ecosystem, what happens inside a beehive, and donated two bee shelters for our native flower garden in honor of Earth Day.



Petting Zoo Visit: RGS welcomed Zoo to You on April 23rd ahead of the RGS Fine Arts Night. The zoo included a llama, a donkey, a cow, goats (baby goats too!), chickens, sheep, and a rabbit. Students pet and fed the animals, and the staff from Zoo to You complimented our students on their behavior and listening skills for the animals' safety.

Band Concert: On May 19th, we celebrated our 5th graders' musical growth at our end-of-year concert. They wowed the audience with music from: Congratulations to Mr. Pryor and his talented musicians for a wonderful performance!



Fine Arts Night: Congratulations to Mr. Ratts and all our students whose work was displayed during our annual art show. This year's theme was the zoo, and to tie it all together, a petting zoo was at school earlier in the day. Families viewed the wild work and had a chance to shop at the book fair. Mr. Ratts outdid himself again with the displays, show mascot, and photo opportunities for families.

Young Authors & Local Author Visit: RGS celebrated this year's Young Authors winners from each grade level with a special lunch alongside visiting local author and illustrator, Laura Smetana. Throughout the day, she shared her writing and illustrating process, along with stories and experiences, with students across the building. Her visit helped inspire creativity and encouraged students to recognize the author and illustrator within themselves. Congratulations

to Leila Bringer for being our overall winner for Young Authors with her book, *The Championship*.



Illinois Principal Association Leadership Breakfast: Congratulations to Johanna Fuiava and Aiden Romani for being nominated to the IPA Leadership Breakfast in April. Their leadership as part of the Library Helpers and day-to-day leadership at RGS did not go unnoticed. Students and their families joined other young leaders from across the county at a breakfast and received a book on growing leadership in our communities.

Staff Appreciation Week: RGS celebrated all the amazing professionals who make RGS a safe place to learn for all our students. We celebrated their dedication to education with food and gifts from the district office, main office, PTO, and Student Council. Thank you to our paraprofessionals, teaching staff, support team, custodial maintenance team, and front office staff for all your hard work every day.



Congratulations Mrs. Brucker! Today, we celebrate the retirement of Mrs. Julie Brucker and thank her for the 12 years of dedication, compassion, and commitment she has given to our school community. Julie has made a lasting impact on the lives of students, staff, and families through her hard work and caring heart. We wish Julie all the best in this exciting new chapter filled with happiness, relaxation, and many new adventures with her family and grandchildren. Congratulations on your retirement, Mrs. Brucker!



Bon Voyage, Mrs. Brown! On behalf of Richmond Grade School, we are proud to recognize and celebrate Mrs. Colleen Brown for her incredible 35 years of service. Throughout her career, Mrs. Brown has demonstrated a true love for learning, endless patience, and strong leadership that have positively impacted generations of students and colleagues. Her dedication to education and commitment to our school community have made a lasting difference, and her influence will continue to be felt for years to come.

Upcoming Dates

- May 25 - Memorial Day
- May 28 - Field Day
- May 29 - Rain Date for Field Day

- June 1 - Last Day of School (Half Day)
- June 5 - Kindy Kick Off at RGS