



Nippersink District 2
Board of Education



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.



Curriculum

Pillowcase Project: 3rd grade students took part in the Pillowcase Project, which provides them an opportunity to learn about how to prepare for emergency situations at home. Each student received a pillowcase to share with their families that holds the plan for where to meet in case of an emergency and emergency supplies.



Book Madness: We started with our 'Sweet 16' and students are voting to narrow down their favorite book. Our current books in the running are: [After the Fall \(How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again\)](#) by Dan Santat, [The Epic Adventures of Huggie & Stick](#) by Drew Daywalt, [Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team](#) by Audrey Vernick, [Mega-Predators of the Past](#) by Melissa Stewart, [There Was a Party for Langston](#) by Jason Reynolds, [Rescue & Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship](#) by Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes, [Except Antarctica!](#) By Todd Sturgell, [Gaston](#) by Kelly DiPucchio, [Thank You, Omu!](#) By Oge Mora, [Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear](#) by Lindsay

Mattick, [Frederick](#) by Leo Lionni, [Pinkerton, Behave!](#) By Steven Kellogg, [The Book That Almost Rhymed](#) by Omar Abed, [Invisible Boy](#) by Trudy Ludwig, [Jumanji](#) by Chris Van Allsburg and [Because](#) by Mo Willems

Chicago Wolves Mascot - Skates Visits RGS! Skates came to visit January 28th, and read to our kindergarten and first grade students. Student listened to *The Magic Hockey Stick*, by Peter Maloney.



IAR Readiness: Students grades 3-5 are currently in the midst of the Spring Boot Camp. They are preparing for the IAR by going through test taking strategies, reviewing key skills and concepts. Staff and students are gearing up and ready to go for testing next week!

Ned's Assembly: Ned's is a school-wide character education program. NED is a loveable cartoon character whose name is an acronym for Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best. NED is a relatable and kid-focused presentation and a great connection to Social Emotional Learning and our upcoming IAR spring training.



Script's Spelling Bee: Congratulations to 5th grader, Hattie Hurckes on placing 1st during the RGS Spelling Bee. She will go on to the McHenry County bee next, good luck Hattie! Our

runners up (it was a tie!) were Augustyn Bednarek and Victoria Salas, who will complete a tie breaker, in case Hattie is unable to compete.



Kindergarten and First Grade Concert

The Richmond Grade School Kindergarten and First Grade music classes performed an amazing concert on Thursday, February 13th. This concert was extra special, as it was the second annual benefit concert hosted by RGS! This year, the chosen beneficiaries were the Richmond Grade School Library and The Nippersink Public Library District. Our RGS musicians performed songs all about learning, books, and libraries in honor of our beneficiaries. Those attending were asked, if able, to provide donations for our beneficiaries. The night of the concert we collected a number of book donations for the Nippersink Public Library District and around \$600 dollars that will be divided between the Richmond Grade School Library and the Nippersink Public Library District. It was a great night of music making and community support!

School Celebrations

PBIS Update: Student Earned Board Games in Class Reward. In the fall students and staff shared ideas for rewards if they met their whole reward. Our next reward is Dress the Teacher (staff). Students will vote and choose what we wear to school!

Upcoming Dates

- March 3rd: IAR Window Opens grade 3-5, Testing March 4,6 (ELA)
- March 10-12 IAR Grades 3-5 (Math)
- March 13-14: 5th Grade Field Trip to Challenger
- March 18: End Quarter 3
- March 20: 2nd and 4th Grade Concert
- March 21: Kid's Heart Challenge Celebration
- March 24-28: Spring Break

