

# A Message from Mr. Magnafici....

RMS Students and Families—

As we wrap up the 2024-2025 school year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our students, staff, and families for making it another memorable and successful year at RMS. Your support, hard work, and partnership have truly made a difference. As we head into our final days, we want to share a few important end-of-year events. Our 8th Grade Awards Assembly will be held on Friday, May 23rd at 8:00 a.m. in the RMS Gym, and we look forward to celebrating the Class of 2025 during 8th Grade Promotion that evening at 6:30 p.m. at Dixon High School. The last day of student attendance is Tuesday, May 27th, with an 11:30 a.m. dismissal. That morning, the 6th Grade Awards Assembly will take place at 8:30 a.m., followed by the 7th Grade Awards Assembly at 10:30 a.m., both in the RMS Gym. Looking ahead to next year, please note that the new school hours for the 2025-2026 school year will be 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Additionally, all School Improvement half days will now dismiss at 11:15 a.m. instead of 11:00 a.m. Thank you again for a wonderful year, and we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer break!

# Student Council



Advisor—
Ms. Brigitte Becker
President—
Irelyn Shaw
Vice President—
Margaret Atkinson
Secretary—
Lauren Wagner

During May, the RMS Student Council hosted a volleyball tournament to raise money for the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign and the RMS PE Department. The club was able to donate \$320 from the proceeds to both the YMCA and the PE Department.

#### **RMS Student Artwork**



# **REAGAN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

MAY 2025

<u>Students of the Month</u> Rylee VanOosten Jacob Wendt





**Builders Club** 

Advisor – Ms. Brigitte Becker

President—Lillian Haws

Vice President—Emily Wendt

Secretary—Lauren Wagner





To finish up the year, the Builders Club helped decorate lunch boxes for the United Way Celebration Luncheon. Members also volunteered to pack Buddy Bags for all Dixon schools on May 7th.



**RMS Volleyball Tournament** 





# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

# **Grade Level Report**

6<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies students are ending the school year by exploring the geography, culture, and political landscape of Central and South American countries. 6th Language Arts is wrapping up our Titanic Unit. Students have been reading articles that help them address the question: Who or what is responsible for the loss of life on the Titanic? They've narrowed it down to three categories: classism, overconfidence, and lack of safety protocols. Students will finish this unit with an argumentative essay based on the evidence they find. As 6th grade science students embark on their new unit focusing on human impact, they will explore the significant ways our actions affect the Earth's systems. This journey will involve investigating topics such as pollution, resource consumption, habitat destruction, and encouraging them to think critically about both the problems and potential solutions. Through engaging activities and discussions, these young scientists will begin to understand their role as stewards of the planet and consider how individual and collective choices can foster a more sustainable future.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

In 7<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts, students are wrapping up the year with Edgar Allen Poe. Through his stories and poems, students look through texts with a director's eye, finding details that are important to include. Students realize that all narrators are not reliable and are able to make judgements of character based on thoughts and actions. They will end the year with a murder mystery game using characters and contemporaries in Poe's life and clues to figure out "Who Killed Poe?" Social Studies students are ending the school year on the continent of Australia. Students just finished up learning about the history and people of the vast continent of Asia and now the final project of the year will look into famous and significant people in history from the country of Australia while also continuing our look on the history of British colonization throughout the world. 7th grade Science students are exploring ecology this final month. Their final project is to build a closed ecosystem inside a 2- liter bottle. They are excited to see how these turn out. The ecosystems will contain flowering plants, grass seed, a water source, soil, and a decomposer. The students will make a hypothesis on how each organism will get their needs met. They will also draw the ecological cycles and share the results of their investigations. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade Math, students are ending the year with Geometry. Students are putting their Geometry understandings to use by creating murals using the geometric shapes they have seen in this book and then finding area of those shapes. They are also using scale factors to create new, larger pictures, to scale.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

As we wrap up the year, 8th-grade Language Arts students will have the opportunity to reflect on their growth and achievements by writing a letter to their future selves, to be returned to them during their senior year of high school. Additionally, they will compile an autobiography showcasing their writing from this year. 8<sup>th</sup> grade Accelerated Math is finishing out the year with Statistics and will take an end of the year final exam. Math is finishing out the year with Volume of Spheres, Cones and Cylinders. Social Studies students are finishing a project on a local civil war soldier and starting a unit on the reconstruction of the nation after the civil war to finish up the school year. As the school year comes to a close, 8th grade science is wrapping up with an exciting introduction to chemistry! Students are exploring the elements and learning how to navigate the Periodic Table. This short unit gives students a glimpse into the building blocks of matter and sets the stage for future science courses in high school.

## **RMS Band & Choir**



The music department has been busy this spring! On April 26 band and choir traveled to Six Flags Great America. They played music and then got to spend the afternoon riding rollercoasters! Band received 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Choir received 3rd place! The RMS Bands played their final notes of the year at their spring concert on May 9 and recognized the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class as well! The RMS Choirs sang their final notes of the year at their spring concert on May 13 and recognized the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class and ended with a combined choir piece, "You Are Light" that lit up the stage! Mr. Hansen & Miss Almquist are so proud of all the musicians and how much they have accomplished this year and cannot wait until next year!