



Royal Report

HIGHLIGHTING EXCELLENCE

A Message from Mr. Magnafici....

RMS Students and Families—

As the first semester comes to a close, I would like to invite parents and guests to come celebrate the accomplishments of your students at our First Semester Awards Assemblies held on January 6th, 2025. All assemblies will be held in the Reagan Gym and all guests should enter through the main office at Door 1. There will be guest parking in front of the flagpole at Door 1 as well as diagonal parking past Door 21 on the Madison wing. Guests must have their driver's license scanned to receive a visitor pass for that morning. If you would like to get your badge ahead of time to skip the lines that morning, please stop in the office anytime during school hours to get your pre-certified pass in advance. All

assemblies will be 30 minutes in length, with 6th grade starting at 8:00am, 7th grade at 9:00am and 8th grade at 10:00am.

Awards handed out include all Core and PE/ Specials classes, Perfect Attendance presented by KSB Hospital, and Honor Roll. Please join us this morning if you are able and I wish everyone a wonderful holiday break!

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THE 2025 YEARBOOK**

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Builders Club

Advisor – Ms. Brigitte Becker

President—Lillian Haws

Vice President—Emily Wendt

Secretary—Lauren Wagner

Builders Club raised over \$800 by selling ghost pops and duct taping Mr. Magnafici. Members presented a check to The United Way director at their last meeting. During December, the club is currently collecting donations for the Granny Rose Animal Shelter for the Season of Giving. The homeroom class that brings in the most items will earn treats! All donations are due by December 17th.



Student Council

Advisor - Ms. Brigitte Becker

President—Irelyn Shaw

Vice President—Margaret Atkinson

Secretary—Lauren Wagner

Student Council (and Builders Club) collected donations to put together 2 Thanksgiving meals for local needy families. 7th & 8th grade Student Council members also helped out with the 6th grade Grandparents Day on November 13th guiding visitors through the building.

DPS Highlight

Congratulations to our Drone Soccer crew for winning the Vision Award for bringing this cutting edge activity to our schools!



REAGAN MIDDLE SCHOOL DECEMBER 2024

Students of the Month

Kinley Rogers

Xavion Iverson



RMS Choir

The RMS 8th Grade Choir performs at the Dixon Christmas Walk Tree Lighting Ceremony!



Grade Level Report

6th Grade

In 6th grade, Social Studies students are discussing the differences of world economies and governing styles of countries from the past and present. 6th grade ELA students are wrapping up the Yellow Fever Unit: kids read about 5 doctors who were challenged to solve how yellow fever was spread. They read about the experiments, the volunteers, and debated whether the doctors followed the Hippocratic Oath. 6th ELA will finish the semester reading a Sherlock Holmes story called "The Speckled Band." In 6th grade science, students are eagerly exploring the Earth's inner workings! They're learning about the fascinating layers that make up our planet – the thin, rocky crust where we live, the thick, hot mantle that flows like lava, and the super-hot core made of iron and nickel. They're also discovering the amazing world of minerals, the building blocks of rocks. Students are learning about their unique properties and how they form deep within the Earth. It's a captivating journey into the heart of our planet! 6th grade Math students are learning about negative numbers. They have discussed football, banking, shopping, elevation, and many contexts where opposite numbers are used. Students are using these numbers with coordinate graphing and while discussing magnitude.



7th Grade

In Science, 7th grade students are finishing up their unit on cells and will begin to explore how plants create their own food through photosynthesis using a variety of exploratory activities. In 7th grade Social Studies, students are discovering the age of the Renaissance, the Reformation, and world exploration and the impact it has on history in not only Europe but the Americas. They will end the unit with a couple in-class activities dealing with Renaissance Art and some of the inventors and artists during this time period. In ELA, 7th grade students have been following the adventures of the Weird Watsons as they travel to the South in the novel *The Watsons Go to Birmingham — 1963*. Although there are many humorous attributes to this story, we also see a dark time in our nation's history when racism was looked at in the face during the Civil Rights Movement. Students are gaining an understanding of Mahatma Gandhi's quote "be the change you wish to see in the world" as activists step up and demand change. 7th grade math students are continuing to work with Number Systems. This month they reviewed adding and subtracting integers and rational numbers and are moving on to multiplying and dividing integers and rational numbers. Students have been working to incorporate new strategies and protocols into our curriculum.

8th Grade

8th grade ELA students are currently engaging in an independent reading project where they explore books of their choice to foster a love of reading and build critical thinking skills. At the same time, they are analyzing Romeo and Juliet and writing essays to determine whether Shakespeare portrays love or hate as the more powerful emotion in the play. In 8th grade Social Studies, students have been exploring the amendments and their connections to everyday life. We extend our gratitude to the following city council leaders for engaging with our 8th-grade students on Government Day: Chris Bishop, Mike Venier, Mary Oros, Danny Langloss, Glenn Hughes, and Matt Heckman. Your time and insights made a significant impact! 8th grade science students are wrapping up their exploration of Thermal Energy. They'll soon put their knowledge to the test by designing and building structures to keep ice cubes cool. After the winter break, we'll shift our focus to the exciting world of Force and Motion, investigating the physics behind movement. 8th grade math students are wrapping up their Expressions and Equations unit and will be starting our Function unit when we return from winter break. Accelerated math students are finishing their unit on Solving Systems of Linear equations and taking their 1st semester Final, which is a project this year.

RMS Artists - Here is a broad sampling of the impressive work from some of the talented students here at Reagan. These projects are from various units and grade levels.

