



# Reading Schools Blue Devil eNews

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[www.readingschools.org](http://www.readingschools.org)

## Board President and VP Named for 2012

At the budget and organizational meeting January 4, Vicki Solomon was elected President and Lisa Bemmes was elected Vice President. Also at this meeting the newly re-elected board members, Tamara Nordin and Lesa Meyer took the oath of office.

## Second Quarter Ends January 13th

The end of the second quarter is Friday, January 13. There will be no school in session on Monday, January 16, in honor of Martin Luther King Day. Report cards will be sent home on January 20.

## Support our Winter Athletes

*Come out and support our Reading athletes at home...*

- 1/13 Charlie Moore Wrestling Invitational 5:00
- 1/14 Charlie Moore Wrestling Invitational 10:00
- 1/20 SWOWCA Jr. High Wrestling Classic 5:00
- 1/21 SWOWCA Jr. High Wrestling Classic 10:00
- 2/10 Homecoming Game v. Indian Hill 7:30
- 2/11 Homecoming Dance at High School  
(Time to be announced)

Go to [twitter.com](http://twitter.com) and follow "ReadingAthletics" to get the latest information on varsity scores, game cancellations, and upcoming athletic events.

## Afterprom Fundraiser Starts Feb. 1

The Afterprom Committee is doing a Split the Pot Fundraiser starting February 1st and ending on March 1st. Tickets will be available in the High School Office. Afterprom is being held at Dave & Buster's this year.

## Sign Up for Emails on School Closings

If it becomes necessary to delay or cancel school we use our parent notification phone system as well as e-mails and our district website to communicate. You can sign up for email notifications in cases of closings, delays, or other emergencies via the district website at [www.readingschools.org](http://www.readingschools.org).

## Board of Education Recognition Month

January has been designated as a time to recognize Board of Education members and their contributions to school districts throughout the state. We appreciate the dedication and service of Reading Community City School District's Board of Education members:



Mrs. Lisa Bemmes  
member since 2002



Mrs. Lesa Meyer  
member since 2005



Ms. Tamara Nordin  
member since 2007



Mr. Jim Perdue  
member since 1990



Mrs. Vicki Solomon  
member since 2000

Being an effective school board member is no easy task, particularly in today's climate of change and challenge. School board members need to be knowledgeable about many complex educational and social issues, and carry out initiatives and directives from both federal and state governments. To face these demands of governing our public schools, they give countless hours of personal time.

School board members serve the public interest in public education — and serve the needs of our kids. They ensure that decisions about public schools are made as close to the needs of our community as possible.

This January, we want to sincerely thank the Reading Board of Education for their dedication— our locally elected citizens who make decisions that affect, influence and direct the education of our youth.

## Dance Team Hosts Clinic on 1/28



The Reading High School Dance Team will be hosting a clinic for students in grades 1-8 on Saturday, January 28th from 9:30 - 2:00. All participants will learn basic dance technique, and a short routine which will be performed for parents at the February 3rd Varsity Boys Basketball Game. Please see building secretaries for registration information, or contact Amy Goddard ([agoddard@readingschools.org](mailto:agoddard@readingschools.org)) with questions. Hope to see you there

## Reading Students Collecting Pop Tabs



Reading Central and Middle School students are collecting aluminum pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Drop off your pop tabs at Central. Also, Local Girl Scouts Troop 48725 is collecting pull tabs as part of their community service project to enable them to earn a Scouting Award as well as benefit the residents of the Ronald McDonald House. Please spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors. Once the pull tabs are collected they can be deposited into any one of the labeled collection containers located throughout the Middle School.

Ronald McDonald Houses collect pop tabs instead of entire aluminum cans because it's more hygienic to store tabs than cans, and collection and storage is easier. The program is an easy way for people of all ages to support RMHC and know they are making a difference for families and children. While it does vary by Chapter, RMHC Upper Midwest raises approximately \$30,000 a year through their pop tab program.

## College Search Resources

If you and your child are in the process of looking at colleges, here are some great resources from Reading High School's Guidance Department.

### College Search Websites

<http://weeklyschorshipalert.com/weeklylist.html>

[www.schoolsoup.com](http://www.schoolsoup.com)

[www.discovercolleges.com](http://www.discovercolleges.com)

Private colleges in Ohio: [www.ohiopriatecolleges.com](http://www.ohiopriatecolleges.com)

Public colleges in Ohio: [www.opuac.org](http://www.opuac.org)

### JUST A GREAT SITE FOR ALL ABOUT COLLEGE

[www.collegegrazing.com](http://www.collegegrazing.com)

### GREAT WEBSITE FOR COLLEGES, MAJORS, ETC.

[www.ocis.org](http://www.ocis.org)

Username: Reading

Password: ohiocis03

Check the Counselors' page on the Reading Schools website ([www.readingschools.org](http://www.readingschools.org)) for more information and links to important websites and a calendar of events.

## Teacher-Led Blended Learning, Students Win

by Brian Page

There are three moments that addict me to teaching. When students have "light up," "light bulb," and "lead" moments. Creating an environment that fosters the space for these is becoming easier as the tools at our fingertips continue to improve. I see technology as a cornerstone of education that can help bring to life content for students. For the purpose of this article, I am defining blended learning as the combination of multiple approaches to learning, although as you can read in this article, it can be defined in many ways. Blended learning can be accomplished through the use of "blended" virtual and physical, with technology being used as another tool for educators to provide student centered instruction and interaction. Most teachers are embracing these tools when they are being introduced as a student-centered approach to education.

To read Mr. Page's full article on blending learning go to <http://gettingsmart.com/edreformer/teacher-led-blended-learning-students-win/>

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**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR**

### January 2012

1/12	Teacher Inservice Day Central, Hilltop, RMS EARLY DISMISSAL @1:45 p.m.	1/20	Report Cards Sent Home
1/13	End of Second Quarter	1/25	Board of Education Meeting-5:30 p.m. -RMS
1/16	Martin Luther King Day-NO SCHOOL	1/26	RHS Only EARLY RELEASE