



# Reading Schools

## Blue Devil eNews

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### Auditor of State Award



Reading School District's Treasurer's Department received the Auditor of State award for a clean audit. A "clean"

audit report means that the financial audit did not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, single audit findings or questioned costs.

"This award exemplifies our commitment to ongoing transparency and being strong stewards of our community's resources," said district treasurer Colette Lewis.

### Mr. Griffen – 2019 Teacher of the Year!

Reading School District Teacher of the Year is **Mr. Mark Griffen**, a Science teacher at Reading Middle



School. Mr. Griffen will be honored with other Hamilton County Educators of the Year at the annual Celebrate Excellence Recognition Breakfast to be held on May 3 at Sharonville Convention Center.

### Coach Shinkle Celebrates 100 Wins!



Reading High School softball coach **Mandy Shinkle** collected her 100th career victory on Monday, April 1, 2019 defeating Wyoming 17-4 at Koenig Park.

### Two RHS Finance Teams Advance to State Finals

Twenty-two teams and 900 students competed in the Ohio Personal Finance Challenge. Both of our Reading Blue Devils teams advanced to the state championships.



The challenge is an opportunity for high school students to demonstrate their knowledge of Personal Finance by competing with other students across the state in an online competition. The top ten teams with the highest scores then compete for the state title in a fast-paced multi-round Quiz Bowl.

"I am very proud of members of both teams. Our Reading kids proved once again that they can compete academically with the very best." Brian Page, Personal Finance teacher.

This is the third time Reading High School has entered the competition, and all three times Reading has had at least one team in the final 10 to advance to the state championships.

Junior Team: **Emily Brandt, Kristen Cain, Kylie Schmidt, Nathan Grant.** Senior Team: **Anna Sofio, Katelyn Mrusek, Bo Powers, Nathan Proffitt.**

### Mulch Madness for Reading Football!

Reading Football's annual mulch sale ends April 14 with delivery is set for May 4. This is a huge part of our program and is not only a way for our athletes to benefit, but it allows us to get out into our community and meet our fans. [Order form link.](#)

## Blue Devils Perform in Opening Day Parade



It was awesome to watch the Reading Marching Band march in the Reds Opening Day Parade! Great job, Blue Devils!

## Juniors Compete in Math Challenge

On March 2, four Reading juniors participated in the Mathworks Math Modeling Challenge requiring students to



work for a maximum of 14 consecutive hours on a single math problem and to type up a response no longer than 20 pages in length. Students are required to do independent research and build mathematical models weighing the pros and cons of the models used.

Juniors **Kristen Cain, Kylie Schmidt, Kalyn Reichling, and Meadow Kerlin** gave up their entire Saturday in order to work on the problem presented by the M3 Challenge. They displayed their dedication and interest in the problem by working right up until the time limit and will learn the results of the challenge in April.

## RMS Open House on May 6

Fifth grade parents and students are welcome to attend a meet and greet with the Middle School Principal, Mr. Damon Davis on Monday, May 6, at 6 p.m. in the RMS cafeteria. Join Mr. Davis for an introduction to our 6th Grade teachers and information about sixth grade, homework, and general guidelines. We will finish the night with Popsicles for the students! Contact the Middle School with any questions at (513) 842-5151.

## Around the District...



Hilltop student **Jaxson Easton** won "Ride to School on a Fire Truck" brought to you by our Reading Band Boosters!

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**Laura Freese's** Reading High School students in Sculpture and Art B made felt monsters 3rd quarter to give to a class of kindergarteners at Central. Students learned about pattern making and basic sewing skills. **Mrs. Goldner's class** received them last week and they were a hit!



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Seventh graders **Chris Powers, Jordan Chandler, and eighth grader Lillian Turner** all scored a Superior at the OMEA Solo Competition held on April 6.

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Our Reading Middle School student writers are excelling at the state level! **Katie Altman, Bella Castellucci, and Cailey Ridner** qualified for PenOhio's State Tournament. **Grace Longworth** qualified for the Power of the Pen State Tournament.

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**Central Showcase** was held on March 21 after school. All students were able to invite an adult to



show off their work and go home with interactive activities they can do at home as well.



## Open Enrollment Ends May 14, 2019

The Reading Board of Education will be accepting applications for new open enrolled students, ***in person only***, until Tuesday, **May 14, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.** at 1301 Bonnell Avenue, Office of the Superintendent.

Click the link below to view the application.  
[2019-2020 Open Enrollment Application](#)

## April RHS Guidance Corner

- Students taking AP tests, the balance of your test fee is due by Thursday, April 18. Checks are made payable to Reading High School.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll breakfast is Monday, April 8. 11 & 12 grade are at 8:15 AM and 9 & 10 grade at 9:05 AM in the RHS Cafeteria. Invitations were sent out via Final Forms.
- Prom is Saturday, April 13 at the American Sign Museum. Tickets are on sale now and are \$35 each.
- Top 10 Senior signing is Monday, April 15. The Top Ten Teacher and Parent recognition ceremony is Tuesday, April 16 at 7 PM in the Commons.
- End of Course exams will be from April 17 - May 3. Students are encouraged to attend school for testing with their ChromeBook charged and ready to go.
- Wednesday, May 1 is the Honors Convocation at 7:00 PM in the RHS Gym. Invitations will be sent out via Final Forms.
- SENIORS - make sure fees are paid in full by Graduation on 5/23! No checks are accepted after Wednesday, May 1. If you are unsure about fees that you owe, come to Guidance or the front office or check your EZ Pay account.
- Thursday, May 2 is a **MANDATORY** Senior Meeting at 8:15 AM in the RHS Cafeteria. All Seniors including students that attend the Great Oaks schools. Students will receive their cap and gown and Graduation instructions.
- Friday, May 3 is Senior Presentation day and the Senior Picnic at Winton Woods.
- 9 - 11 grade awards will be on Thursday, May 9 at 8:15 AM. Invitations will be sent via Final Forms.
- Any 8 - 11 grade student interested in Summer Gym at the high school needs to meet with Mr. Nagelhout next Wed, April 10 before school in the Cafeteria at 7:45 AM for paperwork. The fee is \$75.

## AP Computer Science Principles

Reading High School was approached by Amazon in February to implement a new class -- A.P. Computer Science Principles. After an interview and application process, Amazon selected RHS to use its "Edhesive" Curriculum free of charge. AP Computer Science Principles offers a multidisciplinary approach to teaching the underlying principles of computation. It is a great opportunity for students to be exposed to aspects of computer science while also providing another opportunity for Reading High School students who have completed Algebra II to get college credit.

## Flying Pig--Here Come the Blue Devils

Check out all the students who are involved in both Central and Hilltop's Running Clubs. Students in grades 2-5 have been training to run the children's race at the Flying Pig called the 26th mile. The race will be downtown during the flying pig race weekend. We are all looking forward to cheering them on! Go Blue Devils!



## Skype with a Scientist

Central Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> graders had the opportunity to see into the life of real-world scientists on. Through a "Skype a Scientist" program, Miss Brown's class was matched with two scientists: Bronson Messer, an astrophysicist at



Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and Tiegan Hobbs, a geophysicist who recently earned her Ph.D. from Georgia Institute of Technology. On March 13, each class was able to spend an hour on Skype asking questions about supernovae, black holes, volcanoes, and earthquakes, as well as what being a scientist looks like on a day-to-day basis.

This opportunity opened up their eyes to the possibilities of future careers in science. One student said "I want to be JUST like him (Dr. Messer)!"

## Calendar Check

April 12	Interims Sent Home
April 19	No School