

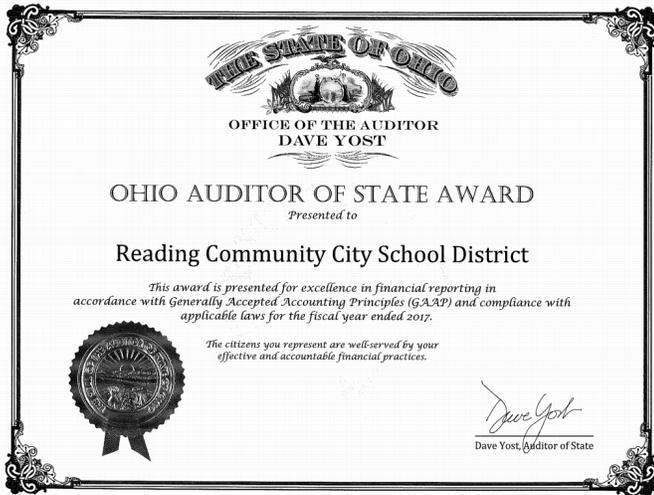


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District Wins Auditor of State Award



A recent financial audit of the Reading Community City School District has returned a clean audit report and earned the Auditor of State Award. Dave Yost, Auditor, presents the Auditor of State Award to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a successful financial audit.

“Clean and accurate record-keeping are the foundation for good government, and the taxpayers can take pride in your commitment to accountability,” Yost said in his commendation letter.

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.

February Work Session Cancelled

The Reading Board of Education Work Session originally scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2018 has been **CANCELLED**. The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library at Reading Hilltop Elementary.

Blue Devils Named Fall All Stars

In January, The Cincinnati Enquirer announced its 2017 All-Stars for Ohio. Congratulations to the following Blue Devil athletes who were honored. In addition, Mr. Rob Page was named Division V Football Coach of the Year.

Boys Soccer-Division III

First team-T.J. Manning Jr.
Honorable mention-Brandon Bates

Girls Soccer-Division II

Second team-Hannah Nelson
Honorable mention-Hannah Sands and Abby Woodcock

Football-Division V

Player of the Year Mancini Jackson

Jackson was one of five members of the Blue Devils defense to record 100-plus tackles last season, finishing with 107. Over Reading's final seven games, Jackson had 10 or more tackles six times and had a 31-yard pick-six in a playoff loss to West Jefferson.



Coach of the Year, Rob Page



Page guided the Blue Devils back to the postseason for just the second time since 2006 with a 7-3 regular-season record. As the no. 8 seed, Reading won its first playoff game since 2004 with an upset over top-seeded Miami East.

First team-Mancini Jackson and Andy Combs
Second team-Aydrian Simmons, Tanner Cromer, Aiden Asbrock, and Justin Dreyling
Honorable mention-Gabe Van Skaik

Girls Volleyball Division III-IV

First team-Erin Androne
Honorable mention-Kassidy Piron

Business Students Excel at Regional Competition



Congratulations to the following Reading High School students for their outstanding performances at the Business Professionals Regional Regional Competition:

Jacob Dick - Jacob placed first in Computer Network Technology, and he is qualified to compete at the State competition in Columbus.

Kenny Biser - Kenny placed second in Computer Network Technology, and he is qualified to compete at the State competition in Columbus.

Lee Kermos and Jacob Dick - Lee and Jacob placed second in the Broadcast News Production Team event. They are state runners-up.

Sam Sofio - Sam placed third in Business Law and Ethics and is a state runner-up.

Andrew Thompson - Andrew placed fifth in Prepared Speech earning an honorable mention. He is also a state runner-up.

Important Dates:

2/7	RMS Honor Roll/Awards
2/16	NO SCHOOL for Students/Teacher In-Service
2/19	NO SCHOOL-President's Day
2/21	Board of Education Regular Session, 5:30 p.m.* Hilltop Elementary Library

*Students will be recognized at this meeting



Safety Drill at Reading High School

Reading High School held a safety and lockdown drill on January 24 conducted in conjunction with the Reading Police Department. The K-9 unit was also a part of the drill and searched the building for drugs and controlled substances. We are happy to report that the K-9 unit did not find any drugs or controlled substances.

Students and staff did a great job during this unannounced drill. The students were in their classrooms during the drill and did not move into the hallway until all the dogs were out of the building.

These drills help us keep Reading High School a safe place for our students. Thank you to the Reading Police Department for all their efforts today and always to keep our schools safe!

Reading High School Guidance Corner

- **Teacher Talk Day** is Friday, February 9 for current 9th – 11th graders. Teachers will make recommendations for students on these dates. You should talk to your student about their scheduling choices for next school year. Teachers talked to current 8th graders or January 31.
- **Interims** will go home with students on Friday, February 9.
- **Current 8th grade scheduling** -students will meet with high school guidance counselors Thursday, February 22 and Friday, February 23 to make schedule decisions. They should have their scheduling sheet signed by their parent/guardian and bring it to this meeting.
- **Current 11th grade scheduling**- Monday, February 26 and Tuesday, February 27. Getting our juniors ready for senior year. Bring your signed scheduling sheet with you.
- **Current 10th grade scheduling**- Thursday, March 1 and Friday, March 2. Bring your signed scheduling sheets to English class.
- **Current 9th grade scheduling**- Tuesday, March 6 and Wednesday, March 7. Bring your signed scheduling sheet to English class.
- **AP Sign Ups**- Students who plan to sign up for AP tests in the spring must sign up in Guidance. \$15 deposits are due Thursday, March 15.
- **Local scholarship applications will be available** Wednesday, March 7 in Guidance. Applications are due back to us by 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 21!

Update from Mr. Day...



This is Mr. Day and I am updating you on my progress regarding the disease I had called MDS. I entered Jewish Hospital on November 7, and immediately they gave me chemo to knock out my bad bone marrow. On November 15, I was given new stem cells from a donor

who was from the Netherlands. That was kind of cool to think that I would now have some Dutch DNA running through me. This was considered day 0 because it is when my new life started. I went home on day 23. I spent 31 days in the hospital. I did get to have Christmas at my own house and it was great.

It is now day 75 and many things have happened. Almost all fit is good, but we have had a few bumps in the road. The good news is that his stem cells have taken over my immune system 100%. This means when they grow to become bone marrow there will be no more of my bad cells to interfere. This is a long process, but the doctors are extremely happy with my progress. It should take a few more months before they are fully functional.

I am allowed to drive, but really have nowhere to go because I am not allowed out in public. You can come and visit me, but you have to have had a flu shot and feel really good.

I am teaching some classes from my basement. We have set up a white board and with the help of the internet I can teach students at Reading. It is much more exhausting than I remember. I have to get in shape for the start of next year!

Thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers. They do help and I feel them surround me when I am feeling a little down. I am trying to stay as positive as I can throughout this adventure and I have to realize that this is a marathon and not a sprint.

Mike Day

Winning with Water: Rethink Your Drink

By District Nurse, Heidi Sandlin



If I told you that there is a miracle drink that would improve your health, give you more energy, relieve fatigue, improve your complexion, aid in digestion, boost your immune system, and so much more, would you believe me? No, I am not trying to sell you anything - I am talking about **WATER!** We are seeing more and more students complain of headaches, stomach aches, dizziness, and generally not feeling well. These can all be symptoms of dehydration. When we look at why so many of our young people are feeling poorly every day, it hit us - we need to stress the importance of drinking water and do something to help our kids drink more water.

According to a study from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, more than half of all children and adolescents in the U.S. are not getting enough hydration. Dehydration can have serious effects on physical health, as well as cognitive and emotional functioning. We are seeing this in our students every day.

- Kids 1 to 3 years old need about 4 drinking cups of water a day.
- For kids age 4-8 years old, 5 cups a day is recommended.
- Boys age 9-13 need 8 cups a day, while girls 9-13 need about 7 cups.
- 13+, simply divide their weight by 2 to find the number of ounces needed per day.

So often we see kids at the high school and middle school who drink coffee, Mt. Dew, or an energy drink in the morning. They do not drink water. The caffeine in these drinks is actually a diuretic, which means it causes the body to make more urine and can actually make dehydration worse. Many students in all grade levels report to drinking sugary beverages as well, which do not necessarily provide any nutritional benefit. Nearly one fourth of the children and adolescents in the study mentioned above reported drinking no plain water at all.

Effective immediately, we want to encourage kids to drink water in school by bringing refillable water bottles. Students will have access to water and be encouraged to drink water throughout the day.