



Formica Honored for Partnership with Central

Formica Corporation received a Pillar Award for Community Service. They were honored on January 16 at Duke Convention Center. The 2019 Medical Mutual Pillar Awards for Community Service, presented by *Smart*



Business, honored businesses of all types and sizes that make outstanding contributions to their community.

Formica was nominated by Susan Fraley, Principal of Central Elementary. Every summer, Formica holds a supply and donation drive for Central Elementary. The company donates a large amount of supplies, backpacks, and money to cover students' needs. Formica communicates with Central to learn about its greatest needs then provide supplies that directly benefit Central's classrooms, students, and teachers.

Formica's support does not end there. The company continues to support teachers and students throughout the school year. They offer students the opportunity to experience college campuses by donating tickets to the University of Cincinnati events, creating great memories for our students and their families. Formica also directly volunteers at Central. The Young Professionals group has partnered with Central for an after-school STEM group to engage third, fourth, and fifth grade students in science, engineering and math activities.

"Formica continues to reach out to find what ways they can help support our school. We are thankful for Formica's continued support and willingness to help the school community in so many ways," said Central Principal Susan Fraley.

Mock Trial Team Advances to Regionals

The Reading Mock Trial team had another red-letter day at the 2019 District Championships. At the Butler County Common Pleas Court in Hamilton, they won both of their trials, one against Princeton, the other against Ross. All six judges scored both trials as wins, giving the Blue Devils a clean sweep. The team also completed a sweep of awards.



Junior Erin Vaughn earned two double attorney awards. Freshman Jakob Allen and Sophomore Haileigh Ballinger got their first-ever best witness awards.

"Each of the students did an outstanding job. It was truly a team effort with every single member of Mock Trial contributing," said team advisor Andy Janig.

This year's team includes: Senior Captain Anna Sofio, Junior Eric Tuttle, Sophomore Emily Turner and Freshmen Kyle Tuttle, Julie Thomas, and Narain Whitaker. Reading High School teacher John McClellan is the Assistant Coach.

Reading will compete at their 9th Regional Championship February 15 and looking towards advancing to Columbus for a 9th run at a state title.

Free and Reduced Meals

We recognize some of our families may have been impacted by the government shutdown. Families with students in this circumstance may now qualify for free or reduced priced meals. If you are in need of assistance, please contact our Food Service Director, Mary Lynne Bierman at 513-936-7816 or the school secretary for more information on how to apply.

New! Reading Alumni and Friends Association

We are excited to announce that a new Reading Alumni and Friends Association is being formed. The RAFA will be for the entire RCS family (alumni, staff, and friends) to come together.

The first organizational meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Reading High School media center (the old middle school library). Park in the lot of the former playground and enter the building through the doors under the Blue Devil awning.

The goal of this SHORT gathering is to discuss what we want this association to be and do. We are inviting all alumni past and present, staff, and friends of RCS to come with your thoughts and ideas. Please share this information with other alumni and friends. We promise to keep it short.

Reading Middle School Science Expo

The RMS Science Club has been working on projects for the local Science Expo to be held on February 19 in the Media Center at 6:30 p.m. Please join them for refreshments, a Project Gallery Walk, and Awards. Students who receive a superior rating at this local fair will be eligible to compete at the district Science Day held at the University of Cincinnati on March 16. Parents are invited to take part in the PTO Meeting while the judging occurs on February 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Dates

February

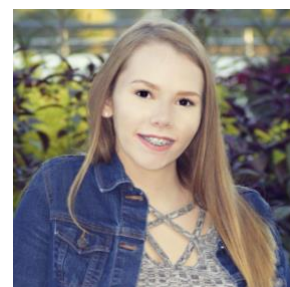
- 2/18 President's Day, No School
- 2/23 Reading Band Booster's Trivia Night
- 2/20 Board of Education Meeting
5:30 p.m. RMS
- 2/24 HS Soccer Informational Meetings for 8th Grade
Boys and Girls
- 2/28 Conferences/Early Release

RHS Guidance Corner

- Interims will be sent home Friday, February 15
- The Mandatory ACT will be administered to all RHS Juniors (including Great Oaks students) on Wed, February 20 at RHS.
- Current 8th grade students will be scheduling Thurs, Feb 21 - Fri, Feb 22.
- Current 11th grade students will be scheduling Mon, Feb 25 - Tues, Feb 26.
- Current 10th grade students will be scheduling Wed, Feb 27 - Thurs, Feb 28.
- Parent Teacher Conference nights are Thurs, Feb 28 and Thurs, March 7 from 2:30 - 7 PM. Please call Mrs. Bell in Guidance to schedule a conference. Her number is 513-842-5206.
- AP test signups will be March 1 - March 14. The fee to sign up is \$15 and the balance will be due April 18.
- Current 9th grade students will be scheduling Mon, March 4 - Tues, March 5.
- Local scholarships will be available to Seniors on March 6 and they are due back by March 20.

Senior Earns Full Nursing Scholarship

Congratulations to Reading High School senior Skylar Harris who earned a full scholarship to The Christ College of Nursing, a four-year college located on the Christ Hospital campus! The school is ranked among the top nursing programs and top for the highest paid graduates locally.



Around 900 people applied to the nursing program, but only 150 were accepted.

Come Out and Support Band Boosters

The Reading Band Boosters are holding a Trivia Night on Saturday, February 23, at the Halker-Flege American Legion. Doors open at 6 p.m. and trivia runs from 7-9 p.m. \$20 entry fee. Gather your team of 6-8 players and register for a night of fun, trivia, raffles, and more than \$500 in door prizes!

Register online at the Reading Band Boosters' Facebook event page or through Sign-Up Genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080848a9ad22a3fd0-2019>