



Reading Schools Blue Devil eNews

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New Safety Measures in Reading Schools

On February 26, an 18 year old who is not a Reading student posted a social media threat that resulting in the closing of school February 27. Thanks to the cooperation of Reading students, a parent, and teacher, the threat was reported and the young man was arrested and now faces criminal charges.



In response, Reading Superintendent, Chuck LaFata, and all building principals held a district safety meeting with School Resource Officer, Allen Magly. As a result of this meeting, there are some immediate changes that are going to occur in order to improve the safety of our students and staff members.

In an effort to be proactive and continue to improve our communication, the district will be putting together a Student Safety Committee that will be led by Officer Magly. The purpose of this committee is to allow students more efficient reporting procedures that can go directly to Officer Magly and for students to provide suggestions on improving our school safety.

A detailed look at these enhanced safety measures have been posted on our website at www.readingschools.org.

Open Enrollment Begins in April

The Reading Board of Education will be accepting applications, **in person only**, beginning April 2, 2018 at 8 a.m. at 1301 Bonnell Avenue, Office of the Superintendent. The deadline for application will be Friday, May 11, 2018 at 3 p.m. Applications will be processed in the order in which they are received. All individual applications will be date/time stamped when presented at the Board of Education Office. **Applications received by mail will not be accepted.**

Application forms will be available upon request at the Board of Education, 1301 Bonnell Ave, Reading, Ohio 45215 and on our website at www.readingschools.org.

Nominate Educator of the Year

Each year, Reading School District participates in the Celebrate Excellence Program honoring educators of the year throughout Hamilton County. Please consider



nominating a Reading educator for this honor. The nomination deadline is Friday, March 9, 2018.

Characteristics of an excellent educator might include, but are not limited to the following:

- Demonstrates a high commitment toward student achievement
- Has the ability to challenge students to the next level
- Is seen by others as genuine and sincere
- Makes a positive difference in the classroom, school, and community
- Demonstrates empathy for everyone
- Strives to improve personally and professionally, and encourages students to do as well

You can submit a form online by filling out a Google Form [HERE](#) or go to www.readingschools.org.

Water Damage Update

Reading High School and Middle School received water damage from the flooding February 23-25, resulting in school being closed on February 26, for cleanup. The water damage impacted eight classrooms in the basement of the high school. The section of the building impacted by the water damage was closed off during the week and sanitized and restored over this past weekend. We appreciate the cooperation of our staff and students in adjusting their schedules and classrooms during the cleaning process.

Reading Artists Head to State Competition

Reading High School submitted ten pieces of artwork to the Governors Youth Art Exhibit competition



held on Saturday, March 3. The artwork ranged from photography to drawing/painting. Reading had three student winners and five pieces earn a Regional Art Award! Emily Maneval had three pieces selected, while both Grant Shaw and Madi Doan had their photographs honored. The artwork is moving on to the State competition with judging held on March 10.

Pictured: Beach photo by Grant Shaw. Sun/moon by Emily Maneva. Self-portrait by Madi Doan.

Sixth Grade Field Trip to GE Huge Success



Thank you to our Reading Middle School teachers for planning and implementing a wonderful educational field trip for our 6th grade students at General Electric. This visit has been a tradition and one that enhances an appreciation of other cultures for our students.

“Our students were able to learn from aerospace engineers and interact with students from China and India. The students did an outstanding job and walked away with the realization that they will be the future scientists, engineers, and business leaders,” said RMS Principal, Damon Davis.

Central Student Showcase

Central staff and students had the opportunity to show off their work. On February 1, Central hosted its second annual Student



Showcase. Students invited their families into Central to showcase all of the progress and learning so far this school year. Teachers shared with parents the ways they can help support their student's growth in all content areas, but especially in math and literacy. Parents were able to leave with resources to engage and work with their students at home. Student art work, musical, technology, and physical education programming were also showcased.

“We continue to appreciate the support of all of our families as we work together to grow our students,” shared Central Principal, Susan Fraley.

March High School Guidance Corner

- RHS Guidance office is in the middle of scheduling students for next year. If you have not met one on one with your counselor, you will need to make sure to bring in your signed schedule and go over it with your counselor.
- Local Scholarship applications will be available on Wednesday, March 7 in the Guidance Office. Counselors will meet with Seniors in their English classes with more information. Scholarship applications will be due to Guidance before 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21.
- A \$15 deposit for each AP test is due by March 15.
- A Mandatory ACT test for all Juniors is March 20.
- NHS Induction is Thursday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m.
- Have a safe and fun Spring Break-March 26-30!

Look at New School

Watch the drone footage of Reading's new PK-12 school opening in August 2019. Look for regular updates with photos and video to show the exciting progress. [Click here to watch.](#)



Central students are PUBLISHED authors!



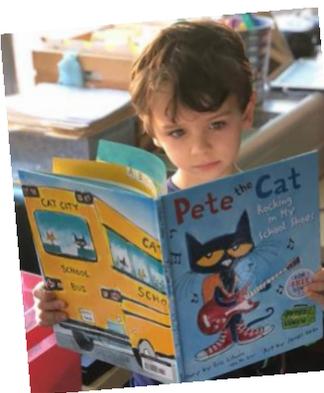
All three 2nd grade classes at Central wrote class books composed of each student's autobiography. Each student had his or her own page in the class book. Students organized, planned, drafted, edited, and revised their own writing. Each 2nd grader also created an illustration to go with his or her autobiography.

When the writing and illustrating process was over, Central teachers sent the class books out to be published. Families even had an opportunity to purchase a copy of the book. The published books arrived on February 28.

"The students were BEYOND EXCITED, as were the teachers!" said Central teacher, Julie Rumpke. "Our students had a great sense of accomplishment to see their writing and illustrations in a published hardback book. We are all so proud!"

Hilltop Celebrates Reading

Hilltop Elementary Celebrated Read Across America Week from February 26-March 2. The week included dress up days, daily read ins, prize drawings, and a presentation from Mr. Geoff Schmidt, teacher and author of two children's books.



College Signings for Blue Devils

Congratulations to the following Reading High School student athletes who will be continuing with their academic and athletic careers in college!



Haylee Wuebkenberg-Soccer at Mount St Joseph College.



Abbey Woodcock-Soccer at Anderson University.



Mancini Jackson-Football at University of Findlay.



Maggie Rolhfs-Bowling at Thomas More College.



Hannah Sands-Soccer at UC Clermont.

Blue Devil Heading to State

Congratulations to Wilber Compress of Reading who finished 3rd overall in the 106 weight class at the district championships to earn a spot in the state meet. Reading teammate Colton Robins placed 5th in 138 at districts and will be an alternate for state.



The state championships will take place at the Schottenstein Center on Ohio State campus. Opening rounds will be on Thursday, March 8. Good luck, Wilber!

CALENDAR CHECK!

March

16	End of 3 rd Quarter
26-30	Spring Break