

Quarter 2.5 Newsletter

Richmond Middle and High School

February 2021



RHS Winter Carnival

Thanks to the hard work of the RHS Student council, we were able to continue the tradition of Winter Carnival here at Richmond. After a long year, it was great for students to be able to enjoy some time bonding with their classmates (in a safe, socially-distanced way). Each grade level competed in various games to earn points and declare an ultimate winner. Games included some virtual events (so that students at home could participate), as well as socially-distanced events in person (such as snow sculpting, mini golf, egg toss, and Mario Kart). Points were earned for placing in each event, and points were deducted if any teams failed to follow protocols. The final standings were:

First Place: Seniors

Second Place: Sophomores

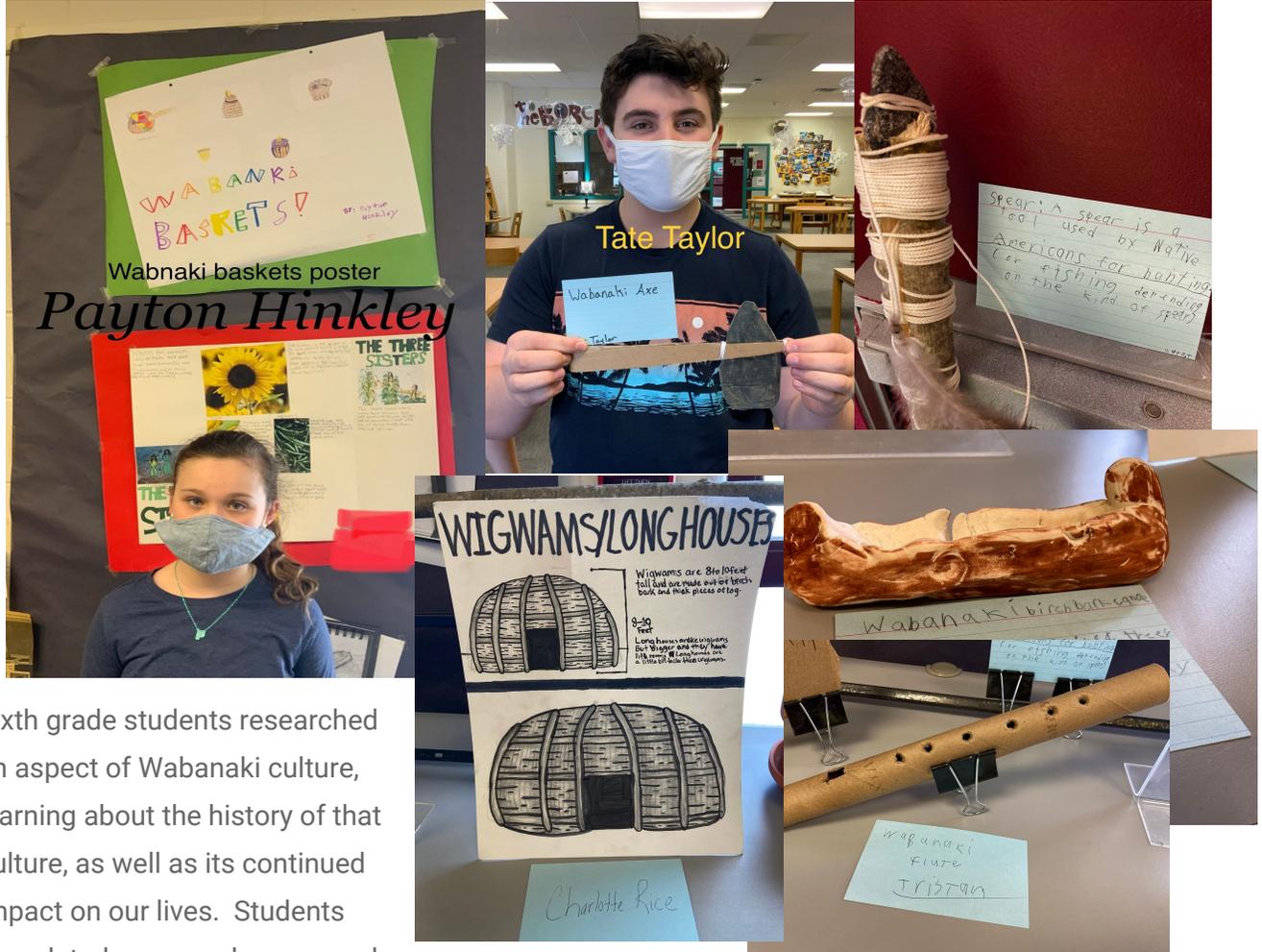
Third Place: Freshman

Fourth Place: Juniors

Congratulations to the Senior Class for their 2021 Winter Carnival Victory! And thank you to all the students and staff who made this a safe and fun activity.



Sixth Grade Wabanaki Projects

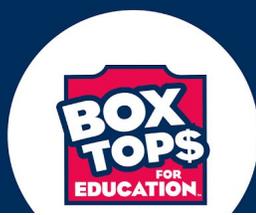


Sixth grade students researched an aspect of Wabanaki culture, learning about the history of that culture, as well as its continued impact on our lives. Students completed a research paper and created a visual to go with it.

Box Tops for Education

The Box Top Program has gone digital! You can still earn money for our school through the Box Tops for Education App. This app can be found in the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once the app is downloaded add Richmond Middle and High School as your school of choice. You can also search by our school ID: 9679899. Through the app you can scan your receipt and it will instantly add any Box Top earnings to our account! If you have any of the older pink Box Top clips they can still be turned in to Mrs. Goupil.

SCAN YOUR RECEIPT.



EARN FOR A SCHOOL.

Guidance Update

SOME GUIDANCE UPDATES:

- *High School:*
 - I sent out a survey to students regarding the SATs. The state is NOT requiring students to take them anymore and most colleges are not using SAT scores as an acceptance/placement guideline anymore. If you/your student would like to still take the SAT please let me know no later than Friday the 11th.
 - We have many students making their decisions on which college they will be attending in the fall! Don't forget to fill out my College Bound Google Form and let me know where you have decided and I will put it up on our bulletin board!
 - This is just a reminder that the FAFSA needs to be completed by March 1st!
 - We have now begun 2nd semester classes. If your student did not complete a 1st semester class then an incomplete form will be sent home either with a plan to complete the course or a recommendation to re-enroll in the course. If you have any questions regarding these please feel free to contact me.
 - Our first Dual Enrollment classes went well, 10 students earned 6 college credits!! We are excited for more Dual Enrollment students and successes in our future.
- *Middle School:*
 - Recently, I have been visiting the 6th grade classrooms during advisory to do mini lessons. So far we have been doing stress identification and management and a bullying escape room! Next we will be doing Resilience and Self Esteem . In March, I will begin 7th graders and then in May I will meet with 8th graders.

And, as promised last time, my new website has been published. It has a virtual calming room in it!!

Check it out at this link: <https://sites.google.com/kidsrsu.org/richmondschoolcounseling/home>



1. Smile
2. Use all of your senses, and notice while you are doing so. It will help us slow down and enjoy moments that we may not otherwise.
3. Spark Joy (listen to music, help others, do things that bring you joy) Find what makes you the most happy and find ways to do so.

- Heidi Lachance
RMSHS Guidance Counselor

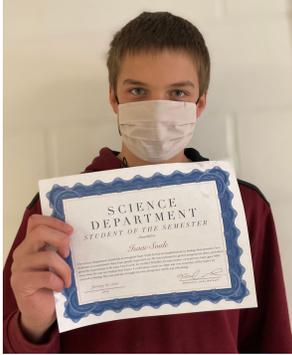
Co-Curricular Update

Winter Activities are in full swing here at Richmond Middle/High School. Both Middle School and High School Basketball teams have started their seasons which will take them through the first few weeks of March. It is great to see our student athletes back on the court, working together, and having fun in a safe way. Our Key Club is currently active, and has run a fundraiser that is to benefit the Sansa Ho Project. Our Drama Club is currently exploring a way to do a digital performance in the spring, and we are looking forward to them getting started up soon. The High School Student Council just organized and successfully ran a Winter Carnival, and the Middle School Student Council is in the process of planning one for sometime in March. Amidst all of the craziness that this year has brought, our students and coaches/advisors have found a way to carry on the groups that they are passionate about, and it has been great to see!

Link to RSU2 YouTube for
Live-streamed Events:
<http://bit.ly/3qTuc0W>



Student Recognition



Student of the Semester:
Isaac Soule



Student of the Semester:
Marybeth Sloat



JMG Student of the Semester: Breanna Vintinner



P.E. Student of the Semester:
Alexa Kelsey



English Department Student of the Semester:
Julie Johannsen



Social Studies Department Student of the Semester:
Max Gould

Math Student of the Semester: --->
Jon Barto

Not Pictured: Alana Hixon as Art Student of the Semester and Brandon Goodall as Most Improved.



Congratulations to all award winners for their hard work this semester!

Richmond High School Honor Roll

Cum Laude:

| <i>9th graders</i> | <i>10th graders</i> | <i>11th graders</i> | <i>12 graders</i> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Cousens, Autum | Beckim, Alivia | Alexander, Cole | Benavente, Lucia |
| Cray, Payton | Caraway, Bailey | Brown, Laura | Crowe, Wyatt |
| Gilpatrick, Teeghan | Clark, Beau | Clifford, Braedan | Sposato, Gen |
| Mackie, Brianna | Diakite, Badji | Johansen, Julie | |
| McKenzie, Skyler | Goodall, James | Leonard, Ryann | |
| Roinstead, Lauren | Gould, Maxwell | Letendre, Alyssa | |
| Sun, Abigail | Miller, Shyann | Mann, Ricky | |
| Wagurak, Natalie | Roberts, Evelyn | Molnar, Andrew | |
| Onnen, Maciala | Trask, Max | Taylor, Chance | |
| | Vashon, Connor | | |
| | Zoulamis, Lorelei | | |

Magna Cum Laude:

| <i>9th graders</i> | <i>10th graders</i> | <i>11th graders</i> | <i>12 graders</i> |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Cassidy, Carson | Balduf, Stephanie | Molnar, Jacob | Bergeron, Makayla |
| Chapman, katelyn | Foster, Lily | Riddle, Lilliana | Roinstead, Lindsey |
| Crowe, Avery | Chappelow, Ash | Swan, Gracia | |
| Hixon, Alana | Wells, Sophia | Tribbett, Nicole | |
| Kroesser, Koleman | | | |
| Mason, Hunter | | | |
| Millett, Damian | | | |
| Stewart, Isabelle | | | |
| Viselli, Lila | | | |

Summa Cum Laude:

9th graders

Kelsey, Alexa

Soule, Issac

Wescott, Tyler

10th graders

Briand, Kara

Brillant, Jayden

Viselli, Max

11th graders

Edwards, Will

12 graders

Barrett, Derek

Blicharz, Justyna

Carver, Macy

Dickey, Erica

Pearson, Abigail

Scott, Meg

Shea, Bryannah

Sloat, Marybeth

Vachon, Andrew

Vintinner, Breanna

Vototeck, Adam

Wallace, Averil

Wescott, Leah



Principal's Page

Since our last newsletter, both the middle school and high school have had to go to remote learning for multiple days. After a long stretch of keeping the virus out of our community, it is clearly here now. This makes it all the more important that we remain vigilant in our efforts both in and out of school.

The decision to go remote is never an easy one. In each of the cases of closure, it came down to staffing concerns. Just like students, staff who have been identified as close contacts must quarantine at home for 10 days. We can (generally) safely cover for 3 teachers being out (by having other teachers cover during their prep periods and using administration to cover classrooms) but any more than that and we do not have the resources necessary to safely supervise all classrooms. Since most of our teachers teach multiple grade levels, we do not have the option (like some larger schools) of just sending one grade to remote. On the other hand, the middle and high school largely operate independently from each other, so thus far we have been able to avoid shutting both down at the same time.

Our goal is always to have students in school whenever it is safely possible to do so. Before declaring the need to go to remote learning, we always try to exhaust every other option. If you or your student feel like you are struggling, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or Ms. Lachance.

Thank you for your continued support of our students!

Sincerely,

Karl Matulis

Principal RMSHS



Meet Mrs. Lisa Wells

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HERE TO HELP WITH:



FAMILY SUPPORT

Families are experiencing unprecedented amounts of stress this school year and RSU2 wants to help! We are here to listen, encourage, and share tools that can help families be successful in COVID-19 learning environments. We are only a text, email, or phone call away!



IDENTIFYING BARRIERS

We all want students to thrive, but sometimes there are challenges keeping that from occurring, especially in the pandemic learning landscape. Working closely with school teams and families, we identify problem areas and work together to find and implement solutions.



SHARING RESOURCES

RSU2 has a number of FREE resources available to students and families. From private tutoring to school lunches to technology assistance to personalized learning plans and support, we are here to empower your educational journey and make this school year awesome!

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FIND US ON FACEBOOK @ "RSU2FamilyEducationSupportNetwork"