



HOOFBEATS

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Saturday, May 12	Science Fair/Wax Museum 1:00pm-2:30pm Junior Mustangs Expressions Art Show opening 1-4 pm Community Safety Day 1-4 at T.O. Fire Station Three Oaks Baseball League Hog Roast 5-8:00 at Featherbone Restaurant
Monday, May 14	School Board Work Session Mtg 7:00 pm Muffins with Mom (Three Oaks campus) 7:45 - 8:45
Tuesday, May 15	Mobile Food Pantry at RVHS 3-5:00 pm
Friday, May 18	Market Day pick up at Chikaming 4:30 - 5:30
Saturday, May 19	Little League Opening Day Friends of Chikaming plant sale 9 am - noon at Chikaming campus
Monday, May 21	School Board Mtg. 7:00 pm
Thursday, May 24	Last Day of preschool!
Friday, May 25	Popcorn Day
Monday, May 28	NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday, May 29	Final AR Store at Three Oaks
Wednesday, May 30	E-CLUB Final Two Mile Run 4:00 pm
Friday, June 1	Fifth grade Fun Day (at Mrs. Clark's)
Monday, June 4	RV Challenge
Tuesday, June 5	½ Day of School - Dismissal at 11:35 Volunteer Luncheon
Wednesday, June 6	Last day of school ½ day - Dismissal at 11:35 Upper Elementary Awards assembly (both campuses)

Our students are learning... Explore!

Remember!!! Come see the Pride of our Kids..... Art Show displays the fine works our students create in our art studios, Wax Museum brings famous Americans to life for us all and the Science Fair shows us all many faces of investigations and exploration.

Join us **this Saturday** to celebrate the great things taking place with our kids! Start at the Three Oaks Township Library at 1:00pm and discover lots of new things as you experience some super science experiments. Then, grab a map and travel throughout Three Oaks and Sawyer to meet many Famous American Heroes (our 5th graders) and let them tell you about themselves. While you're out, stop by the opening day of Jr. Mustang Expressions at the Scarlett Macaw (1-4pm) in Sawyer and admire the amazing art work of our elementary students! We have a lot to celebrate!!! Join the fun!

Our students are writing... Enjoy!

I Love You Like... (for Mother's Day)

By: Rylee - First Grade

I love you like I love ice cream.

I love you like I love cinnamon rolls.

I love you like my brothers and other children love to be taken care of.

I love you like you love to take a nap.

Note -- Perennial & Vegetable Flat Sale—Date Change: The Friends of Chikaming will be holding a plant sale on Saturday, May 19th in the parking lot of our Chikaming campus. Stop in between 9:00 am and noon to pick up a flat (or less) of your favorite perennial or vegetable. \$11.00 for a flat and \$3.00 for a pack of six. You can mix and match vegetable plants (tomatoes and peppers) or flowers.

Notice of a Public hearing on proposed Anti-Bullying Policy

Please take notice that on May 21, 2012 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., in the River Valley Middle/High School Library at 15480 Three Oaks Road, Three Oaks, Michigan, the River Valley Board of Education will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed Anti-Bullying policy. The Board may not adopt the proposed policy until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed policy is available for public inspection during normal business hours in the Office of the Superintendent, 15480 Three Oaks Road, Three Oaks, Michigan. This notice is given by order of the Board of Education, Victoria Pfauth, Secretary.

Community Connection

Three Oaks Little League: A Hog Roast Dinner and Silent Auction to benefit Three Oaks Baseball Association will be held from 5-8pm on Saturday, May 12th at The Featherbone Restaurant. The cost of a full dinner is \$10 and includes potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, and beverage. A kid's meal will be available for \$5 that includes a hot dog, bag of chips, cookie, and beverage. Carry out is available. The funds generated by this fun, family event will be used for general league expenses such as field/facility maintenance, umpire wages, etc. Please contact Jen Strefling at 269-262-2955 or Brandi Glick at 248-434-8924 for more information.

Mobile Food Pantries Roll In To Harbor Country: A Mobile Food Pantry will be coming to a site near you! Anyone who needs food can stop by and pick up fresh baked goods, fruit and vegetables. Recipients must live in The Pokagon Fund service area. (zip codes: 49115, 49116, 49117, 49125, 49128, 49129)

Next Mobile Food Pantry: Tues., May 15, 3-5:00 PM — RV Middle High School, (Hosted by RVHS Student Congress)

Help For Southwest Michigan is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping community residents utilize resources and agencies to gain self-sufficiency. Their service area includes Chikaming Township, the City of New Buffalo, New Buffalo Township, Three Oaks Township and the Village of Three Oaks. All events held at the Southwest Michigan Advocacy Center - 16170 Red Arrow Hwy in Union Pier.

Upcoming events:

Tuesday, May 15 - 9 a.m. - 12 noon **The Connection** Access to resources and referrals for local residents who are in need of rental assistance.

Thursday, May 17 - 10 a.m. - 12 noon & 6 - 8 p.m. **Assistance with emergency electric (AEP)** disconnects and deliverable fuels. Call 1-800-334-7670, ext. 13 for appointment.

Thursday, May 17 - 1 - 3:30 p.m. **Powerful Tools for Caregivers** - Week #2 of 6 week training program

Spirit Days!

Remember every Friday is a spirit day. Wear school logo shirts or navy & white and show your school spirit!

RV Pride

Do Your Best

Care for Others

Love Your School

We celebrate our students!

Mrs. Gedert - preschool: This week's RV pride goes to **Max** in our AM class and **Kaden** in our PM class. In the beginning of the year, both of these boys were a little on the shy side. They were always very friendly but more reserved. I am so proud at how they have both grown so much throughout the year. They have gradually come out their shells as the school year went on. They are much more outspoken and now love to come up in front of the class for show-and-tell day! They have a blast dancing and singing with their friends and I never get tired of seeing their hands up during circle time as they wait to share their thoughts with everyone! Way to go boys! Look how much you've grown! Kindergarten is waiting for you! :)

Mrs. Ackerman - kindergarten: **Matthew** is a super reader and has earned this week's RV Pride! Matthew is always ready to give an answer during whole group or small group lessons. He is working hard on improving his stamina during read to self. Each time he comes to read with me, he is well prepared and gets a sticker for his reading chart each time! Matthew often talks about his big sister and always has a great story to share! During free time Matthew never has a problem sharing and really enjoys playing with the marble track. Thank you for doing your best, caring for others and loving our school Matthew! We are proud of you!

Mrs. Korbel - kindergarten: RV Pride for Mrs. Korbel's class goes to an always smiling, happy, and wonderful student - **Azadria!** Azadria just makes me so proud when I read her journal or when I work with her on skill testing. Not only has Azadria worked hard all year, but she has done so with a smile on her face and many giggles. She and her friends enjoy cutting and creating (often finding treasures in the recycling bin), she also enjoys dancing and pretend play. Great job Zadie!!

Miss Lynch - kindergarten: This week, Miss Lynch would like to congratulate this week's RV Pride winner and "The King of Daily 5", **Zen!** Zen earned his title as "The King" because of ongoing hard work and focus during Daily 5 reading time. Students must work independently during this time, and Zen has proved to be so self-motivated as he focuses on his own learning and exercising his own brain. Zen, "The King," is also a kind-hearted, well-rounded and smart kindergartner. We are so proud of you Zen! Keep it up!

Mrs. Haughey - first grade: The RV Pride in Mrs. Haughey's 1st Grade class goes out to two students this week, **Hunter** and **Izzy**. I would just like to take this opportunity to say Thank You for all the effort these two students have put into improving their academic skills. They both have really improved their reading fluency and this is all due to the hard work they have put into it. I see them enjoying reading and treasuring books. They are both eager and happy to read. They are both understanding concepts in math and feeling more comfortable with new operations that we are working on. I also appreciate how they are eager to participate wholeheartedly in our classroom discussions. Keep up the great work and know that it is paying off.

Mrs. McDonough - first grade: This week I would like to recognize some of my students that do their PERSONAL BEST most of the time. **Colin, Austin, Abby, Aleina, Emma, Tyler** and **Marcus** are students I rarely have to ask to do the right thing. They each work their hardest each and every day! Thanks for all you do!

Mrs. Martin - first grade: It was awesome getting to know **Logan** this week!! Logan is seven years old. He lives in Three Oaks, Michigan. His sister's name is Aleina and his brother's name is Caleb Edward. Kiwi, cheese, and green eggs and ham are his favorite foods. In his free time he likes to play with his DS. The most important thing about Logan is he is good at X-BOX 360.

Mrs. Donner - second grade: **Brennen** is an all-around super kid! He is a good academic student and a good athlete. He is always trying to do his best work in school or on the playing field. He is helpful to classmates and adults. Brennen is a true River Valley Mustang!

Mrs. Gill - second grade: **Seth** is mature in many ways. He has a wonderful attitude about school and learning. Seth always patiently waits his turn and asks politely if he needs something. I can count on Seth to know the correct answer. He doesn't shout out his answers but waits until called on. What a great role model Seth has been for his peers this year. This young man will make a wonderful third grader. Thank you Seth for being the best you can be.

Miss Goodenough - third grade: This week's RV pride goes to two students who I can always count on to be a big part of the group discussion. **Lexie** and **Ryan** both pay attention during discussions and frequently are raising their hand to either add to the discussion, answer a question, or to even ask questions on things they are not sure about. These two students are showing their inquisitiveness and their hunger for learning. Lexie and Ryan have shown much growth in the types of answers and questions that they give. Great job!

Miss Reese - third grade: This week's RV pride goes to **Scott**. Scott's smile just lights up our room. He has such a fun, energetic personality that makes him a favorite among his friends. Scott always has caring words to give when they are needed, and he loves his school by keeping his work area neat and clean throughout the day. Scott always does his best on his work and gets excited to start new projects,

and he has a lot of interests so he can often add information to something we are learning about. Scott is a delight to have in our class room and we can always count on him for a smile!

Mrs. Weber - third grade: Rosa is our River Valley Pride student this week. I can always count on Rosa. She is a good listener, works hard, completes her homework on time, and answers questions appropriately. Rosa is kind to everyone around her. She is a wonderful third grader, and we are very lucky to have her in our class!

Mr. Hoekstra - fourth grade: Congratulations to Lilly our RV Pride student of the week! Lilly has worked very hard in the classroom and is a student that always puts forth her personal best in her everyday activities. Lilly also shows her Mustang Pride by being a great friend to others as well. Lilly is a very motivated, dependable, hardworking student that always is kind to others. Congratulations Lilly on being chosen as this week's RV Pride student of the week!

Mrs. Schmaltz - fourth grade: One student who has worked exceptionally hard this past marking period is CJ, and for that I am very proud of him. He has put his mind to doing his very best. It shows in EVERYTHING he does now. He understands that progress comes with work, and he puts effort into everything he does. It is such a joy to see him prosper and show his creative side in writing. He never fails to amuse us with his stories. WAY TO GO CJ!

Mrs. Ringler - fourth/fifth grade: Ben is a FANTASTIC FOURTH GRADER! Every week you read Ben's name on the WALL OF FAME for many things. Because Ben loves his school and cares for others he is Mrs. Ringler's RV Pride Student this week. Here are some things Ben would like you to know about himself. "My all-time favorite thing to do is to play baseball. I am on the Scrappers. My coach is Ron Oatsville. I play second base. I've played baseball for six years. My favorite professional team is the Chicago Cubs. I also like to ride my bike. I like to ride up and down the road around my house. Big Time Rush is my favorite TV show. It is about a boy band that travels around the country playing pop music. My favorite thing to eat is my mom's homemade pepperoni pizza. My favorite drink is chocolate milk. My role model is my cousin Ethan because he protects me from my neighbors." Throughout life we all look forward to what we want to be when we grow up. Ben wants to be a professional baseball player when he grows up. Everybody always has something nice to say about Ben. "I've known Ben since preschool. He is a nice kid and always cares about others," says Ty. "I've only met Ben this year but he is a great friend because he has a good sense of humor and he is very cool," adds Felix. Keep up the good work, Ben! We are very Proud of YOU!

Mrs. Bender - fifth grade: J is for joyful. That's the feeling you get when reading something Lucy has written. K is for keeping a positive attitude like Tommy and Paul. L is for learning like the progress that Jacob L. has shown this year.

Mr. Zuccala - fifth grade: My RV Pride student of the week is Justin. Justin has been putting some very hard work into his Wax Museum project and has been setting a good work ethic example for his group and class overall. This is a fun project that Justin has taken to heart and I expect he and everyone else will do a fantastic job on it.

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