

Rock River Review

Reigning Rock Star

Courtney Bunderson was recognized by Kim Helgestad for her recent one on one academic support of several E-Learning students. The students have gone from making minimal progress to being very focussed and making solid progress with the coaching from Courtney.



Capturing Kids Hearts

Nancy Mignon shared how **Aron Johnson** improved his MAP scores and has a great attitude.

Mike Tess recognized **Alt. Ed./SAPAR students** for requesting to go to Riverfront.

Angie Burdette acknowledged **Lauren Brown** for offering a sincere apology.

Lisa Peterson celebrated **Austin Anderson's** completion of all graduation requirements.

Deb Straw valued **Marcedes Thompson** for her hard work and for volunteering to present to the Board in May.

Deb Straw celebrated that **Lindsey Lang** will be the first spring graduate.

Deb Straw shared that **Lynsey Dawson** sent an invitation for her Ripon College graduation.

Mary Hathaway thanked **Sam Zanzinger** and **Kiersten Nelson** for working the entire Scoopie Night when other students did not report.

Kim Helgestad recognized **Bree Walker** for recent work completion in E-Learning.

Lexi Monroe shared how much she appreciates **Alaina Hanson's** assistance with her bulletin boards.

John Mock indicated that **Antwonsha Roby** did an excellent job face painting for the 16:49 Fundraiser.

Tracy Frame recognized **Bert Webb** for outstanding grades and attitude this semester.

Maggie O'Brien-Kern thanked **Alex Zwijacz** for her dedication and focus.

Lisa Peterson celebrated that **Terry Mason** completed graduation requirements.

Lisa Peterson shared that **Becca Harried** had reversed all areas of concern prior to her Board Appeal.

Lori Huntoon recognized **D'Brin Waters** for increasing his MAP score by 3 points.

Maggie O'Brien-Kern thanked **Tim Yerke** for his upbeat greetings.

Maggie O'Brien-Kern indicated that **Tessa Marchner** and **Jill Warren** did a great job of greeting people at Culver's Night.

Staff Appreciations

Mary Hathaway commended **Heather Bilke** for serving as the SAPAR fairy godmother finding gently used baby items.

Nancy Mignon thanked **Lori Huntoon** for accepting the Night School position.

Nancy Mignon appreciated **John Mock** for not minding the frequent interruptions in their work space.

Deb Straw recongized **Steve Stathopolous** for the increasing students requesting his assistance.

Deb Straw thanked **Lynn Godding** for her willingness to help with whatever tasks need completing.

Lexi Monroe appreciated **Mary Hathaway** for assistance with organizing SAPAR field trips.

Lexi Monroe valued the assistance **Steve Stathopolous** has been giving Alex Zwijacz.

Lynn Godding recognized **Angie Burdette** for responding well to a late afternoon student concern.

Lexi Monroe appreciated **Kim Helgestad** for the socio-emotional support she provides students.

Lisa Peterson thanked the entire **RRCS Team** for covering things so well when she has been absent.

Angie Burdette shared how mush she appreciates **Angie Olin** and **Mary Hathaway** for their support.

Lori Huntoon expressed gratitude to **Nancy Mignon** for helping with MAP testing and covering her classes.

Lisa Peterson recognized **Mary Hathaway** for helping supervise the Senior Scoopie Night.

Lisa Peterson appreciated **Ann Forbeck** for accepting the RRCS Noon Rotary gift of \$500 for the closets.

Graduation Celebration

September 2013	6 students
October 2013	4 students
November 2013	6 students
December 2013	3 students
January 2014	9 students
February 2014	14 students
March 2014	11 students
April 2014	10 students
May 2014	0 students
June 2014	0 students

GRADUATES TO DATE 64

4/25/14 Community Service

Location	Students	Hours
United Way pamphlets	20	40
KANDU	8	16
Riverfront	10	20

884.5 hours this year!!

GED Test Pass
Rate
49 / 62 tests passed
79%

E-Learning Course
Completion
662 courses

DIVERSITY MESSAGE

Staff discussed a slide from Humans for New York focused on cultural birthing differences.

**2013 – 2014
Funds Generated**
TOTAL ~ \$205,492.09

FAFSA Completions
24 Forms

Rock River Charter School Program Snapshots

Alt Ed

All but two of the 55 Alt Ed/Sapar students taking the MAP Reading and Math increased one or both scores.

SAPAR

Students walked to the Hedberg Public Library to learn about programming for children.

E-Learning

The Smartboard is paritally installed. We are very busy trying to get students to graduation. We are also planning schedules for next year.

GED Opt 2

Second semester students have been testing a lot. First semester students are getting ready to test.

CLC GED Opt 2

Students are working hard.

CLC Night School

We bid farewell to Mr. Brikowski and welcomed Ms. Huntoon. Students are very focused on improving their MAP test scores.

Title One

Students enjoyed the end of Divergent.

Front Desk / Clerical Team

We are using a new lunch menu procedure. Graduation plans are in progress.

Graduation Coach / Student Services

11 homeless students will graduate.

InSPIRE Grant

Intake folder creation has been completed. The Parenting Closet and Breastfeeding room are awaiting the arrival of supplies.

Rock River Higher Ed Acceptances

Kassy Arnold ~ UW-Rock County

Carolynn Squires ~ Blackhawk Tech

Ryan Lamey ~ Blackhawk Tech

Hope Castillo-Jacobson ~ UW-Rock County

Brandon Kinnamon – Blackhawk Tech

Laura Brown – Blackhawk Tech

Ariel Stefanczyk – UW-Rock County

Kayla Heumiller -- Blackhawk Tech



**Enjoy a short stack
for a tall cause.**

May 17, RRCS will hold an Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser. Tickets are on sale for \$5 each. People wishing to support RRCS who are unable to attend can donate items for the Silent Action or purchase tickets to donate to the school for students to win/earn. All proceeds from the event will provide funding for the closets, PBIS incentives, and transportation.

Students of the Month

March 2014

Alaina Hanson (GED)

Alaina has really turned herself around in the GED Options 2 Program. When she rarely misses a day. She has passed three GED tests and only has one more to go. She continues to strive for excellence in all she does.

~Deb Straw

Anna Parker (CLC GED)

Anna has much improved attendance and academics. She is an awesome, positive influence in the class. She is always patient and poised.

~Maggie O'Brien-Kern

Preston Marchan (CLC GED)

Preston has had a major turnaround with behavior and academics. He is always friendly and makes other students feel welcome in class. He seeks assistance and attention appropriately. He is always giving students rides to school who need a ride.

~Maggie O'Brien-Kern

Hailee Schiedegger (CLC Night)

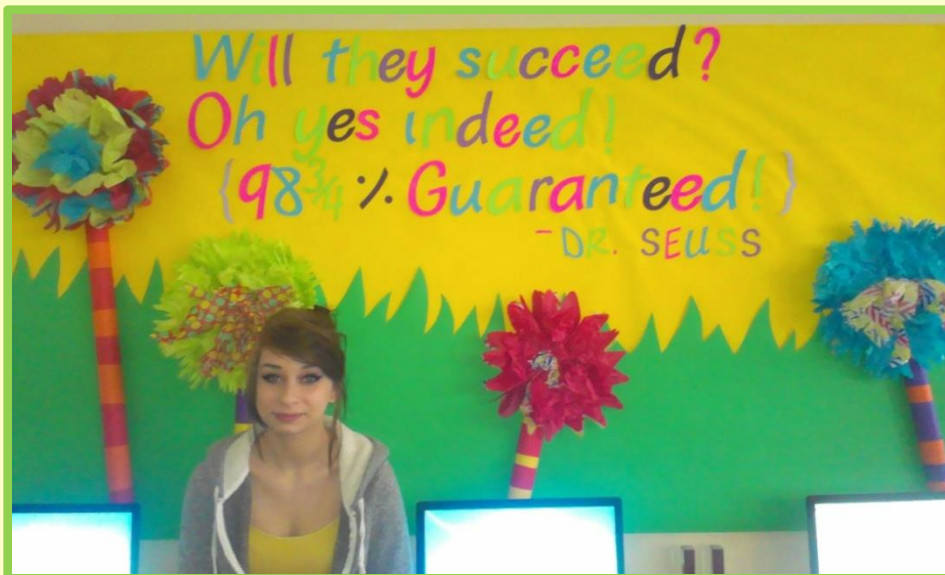
Hailee attends each day on time, ready to learn. She has a young son at home who is the love of her life. Hailee will go to the GED Program in the fall. Mr. Brikowski, who taught her in sixth grade says, "Hailee has grown into a confident, bright young woman."

~Nancy Mignon

Deanna Tate (Alt Ed)

Deanna has made a wonderful transition to RRCS. Each day, she comes to class prepared and ready to learn with a smile on her face. She is always willing to help out and go that extra mile. She is patient. She has perfect attendance. Her grades are all A's and B's. She is making a conscious effort to make sure she has everything completed and even does extra credit.

~Angie Burdette & Tracy Frame



A second semester GED Option 2 student, Alaina Hanson created a three-dimensional bulletin board inspired by Dr. Seuss. Currently, Alaina is working on a bulletin board for Lexi Monroe. Second semester, Alaina spent time volunteering at Adams Elementary School. Alaina is interested in Early Childhood Education.

Military Acceptances

Stephine Jacobson ~ Marines, ship date Oct. 2014

RRCS Board Meeting

May 20, 2014

InSPIRE Grant Coordinator & St. Services Specialist

Lexi Monroe

May 27, 2014, Janesville School Board Student Rep.

Mercedes Thompson

April 25 Brain-based Professional Dev. Strategies

Positive Environment	High expectations	High challenge / low stress
Visuals / visualization	Talking about content	Content in chunks & activity
Relevant content	Graphic organizers	Technology
Writing	Humor	Games
Movement	Discussion	Project
Rituals taught / present	Relevant Story Telling	
Music	Drawing	

RRCS Staff Development Rating April 25, 2014

4.9 ↑

16 respondents

April 25 -- Staff PD Exit Reflections

- The FAFSA numbers are awesome!
- I need to make more parent contacts.
- We need to remain positive.
- As a staff, we have so many cool ideas that we need to tap.
- I need to revise how I give out tickets, so they are more of a surprise and I give out tickets, so they are more of a surprise and why I give them out.
- I want to provide opportunities for my students to experience life in more positive ways.
- The people at RRCS care about each other.
- Wow! 61 students homeless. That is unbelievable. Where would they be without us? The work we all do is so amazing.
- I would like to make a goal of 1 positive parent phone call a day.
- Great brainstorming on how to tap into our students' strengths and help them be successful.
- I loved the poster activity with rules!
- there are so many resources that RRCS offers other than "just" an education!
- The data are proof of number of students who really just needed a different environment to succeed!
- Great to hear about a student who struggled last year and is succeeding this year! I am looking forward to having him next year.
- I am glad that our behavioral referrals and docs are decreasing.
- I believe 85.9% success is great!
- The end of the year seems to be coming fast. I'm blessed to work with great people who care about kids!
- The clip about thinking Positive was really great.
- I liked Lisa's explanation of disciplinary referrals--nice positive spin on it.
- Three positives to every negative.
- I am wondering about ways to building community in our school for next year: Student Engagement; Enrichment opportunities; Advisory; Staff Outings.
- I need to be more consistent in terms of handing out PBIS tickets and documenting student behaviors.
- We have to be happy to be successful--not the other way around.
- I would like to market our Parenting Closet more.
- I could not agree more about "Capturing Kid's Hearts." I think it's the best part of our meetings.
- I would like to follow through on Deb's schedule idea.

2013-14 Staff Committees

Family Engagement

~ A raffle drawing will be offered to parents attending Conferences who complete a Customer Satisfaction Card.

~Changes to the Graduation Celebration are underway to help things flow more smoothly. Staff not speaking at the ceremony will be seated on the floor. Students will be lined up by program.

Heather Bilke, Lynn Godding, Shelly Homan, Nancy Mignon, John Mock, Therese Wilder

Student Engagement

~ The committee is planning Diversity Week May 12 – 16. Students in all programs will partake in diversity activities. The committee will provide a range of options to staff. Posters will be made for the event.

~ Next year, the committee recommends smaller activities held more often.

Courtney Bunderson, John Brikowski, Tracy Frame, Maggie O'Brien-Kern, Deb Straw

Fundraising / Public Relations

~ A Silent Auction will be held with the May 17 Applebee's Pancake Day.

~ Quaker Steak and Lube will be contacted to schedule a September Marvelous Monday event.

~ The developing web site was reviewed.

Mary Hathaway, Lexi Monroe, Lisa Peterson, Jessica Rinehardt, Micheal Tess

Solid as a Rock (PBIS)

~ The committee is working on gathering donations for prizes.

Angie Burdette, Kathleen Kleisner, Angie Olin, Steve Stathopolous

For 2014-2015, two committees will be added: Diversity Committee and Staff Engagement Committee.



E-Learning teacher Kathleen Kleisner draws the PBIS weekly winners for the class.

SAFETY MESSAGE

Be wary of fad
medical treatments
and diets.

	# Enrolled	# On Contract	# Meeting or Progressing	# Not Progressing	% Successful
Burdette	12	3	2	1	92%
Frame	12	6	4	2	83%
Hathaway	12	3	2	1	92%
Olin	7	6	3	3	57%
Tess	11	7	3	4	64%
Helgestad	24	6	2	4	83%
Kleisner	49	9	1	8	84%
O'Brien-Kern	7	3	3	0	100%
Shaw	20	5	1	4	80%
Straw	6	3	1	2	67%
Brikowski&Mignon	18	3	1	2	89%

	Since 3/14	2013-14 TOTAL
Behavior Documentations	10	122
Disciplinary Referrals	9	153

Graduation Coach Luke McCalmount works with Cory Higgenbothum on PLATO classes. Although working primarily out of Parker and Craig, he assists with students who transition to RRCS.



Weekly PBIS Ticket Winners

April , 2014

Curtis Curry ticket given by Shelly Homan.

April 25 2014

Spencer Pettit ticket given by Mary Hathaway

85.9% Student Success Rate

2013-14 Enrollment	Unsuccessful Withdrawl	Successful, Moved	Graduates
285	40	6	64

201314 Customer Service Cards

108 cards

"This is the best thing that has happened to my daughter. The staff are more than wiling to help out with everything."

~Jennifer Muthi

Positive Parent Contacts

15 New Contacts

TOTAL ~ 386

2013-14 "Be a ROCK" Tickets

8,443 Total

512 since last meeting



May 2 from 2:30 - 7:30 pm

May 3 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

At the first anniversary celebration of the Janesville Innovation Center, a baked potato fundraiser and raffle will be held to benefit the Rock River Charter School Closet and Parenting Closet. Prime Quarter donated 250 baked potatoes for the event. All other ingredients will be donated, too. Home Depot donated a backyard grill for the raffle. Rock River staff and students will volunteer to run the potato booth and the raffle. Lori Huntoon and Irais Valenzuela, members of the Innovation Center, organized the entire event. Lori served as a mid-winter long term sub at RRCS and has recently accepted the CLC Night teacher position.

RRCS Homelessness
 61 Students
 21.40%
 April 25 , 2014

Parenting Teens
 RRCS
 39 Students
 13.68%
 Other High Schools
 8 Students
 47 Total receiving InSPIRE grant services
 April 25 , 2014

Current Program Enrollment	
Alt Ed / SAPAR	55
E-Learning	68
GED Option 2	32
Night School	20
<p>SEPT. THIRD FRIDAY COUNT 46 new revenue students 8 Open Enrollment students</p> <p>JAN. SECOND FRIDAY COUNT 10 new revenue students 10 Open Enrollment student</p> <p>AFTER JAN. SECOND FRIDAY COUNT 1 additional Open Enrolled student</p>	

Fall Program Waiting Lists	
Alt Ed / SAPAR	12
E-Learning	6
GED Option 2	14
Night School	2
Night School or GED	1
GED or E-Learning	11
Summer School Success	2
Pending	18

Stoplight Report

GREEN (accomplished)

- Divergent Field Trip (March 26 / Lit Strats & Night School).
- Third floor vending machine arrived. (April 2014, Mike Tess)
- Elevator Buttons work. (Kimball Properties, April 2014).
- Parenting Closet wires. (Dave Leeder).
- 20 Inspire Grant Chromebooks have arrived! (InSPIRE Grant)
- Tornado drills all complete! (April 24, 2014).
- InSPIRE Grant intake packets completed. (April 2014).

YELLOW (in progress)

- Special education teacher hiring (Interviews May 5).
- RRCS website is under development. Jessica Rinehart will coordinate.
- Elevator Basement Lock. (Lisa called Kimball Properties again on 4/25).
- Third Floor Sound barriers (Dave Leeder exploring options, 1/17).
- E-Learning SmartBoard (Partial instruction complete, April 2014).
- Reducing copies. (Everyone)
- CLC Grant - will we receive 2014-2015 funding? (Grant submitted January 2014).
- Special Ed teacher case management decision rules. (May 2014 meeting scheduled).
- Air Con on third floor not working. (Kimball properties, April 22, 2014).
- Third floor vending machine new outlet. (April 25, 2014, Lisa Peterson emailed Dave Leeder)
- InSPIRE Grant Parenting Closet / Breastfeeding Room (April 2014)

RED (unable to complete at this time)

- Third floor paging not available.
- Plan for CLC Program for 2014-2015 (need to know grant status, first).



Humans of New York Reflections

- ~This sounds like something I could never do. She is a strong woman.
- ~I don't think that's something I would like to take on myself.
- ~I bet the refugees would be in a hospital if they could.
- ~She has seen things we could never understand to be normal.
- ~Americans are spoiled!
- ~Made me think about how different everyone's birth experiences are.
- ~Inspiration can come from anywhere.
- ~This made me think about medical care in less fortunate countries.
- ~Sometimes people find inspiration from others.
- ~Noble thought.
- ~How seeing something in person can influence us to do something.
- ~Makes you realize sometimes your own personal problems/issues really aren't that bad.
- ~Having a choice/option is so great.
- ~I am very happy this woman had the coice to have her child at home.