



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tonight!

May 14th—18th
Teacher Appreciation Week

May 14th
2-4 Choir 2:45—3:30 p.m.

May 15th
PSO Meeting
6:30 p.m. Room 151

May 19th
Great Strides Walk for Cystic
Fibrosis at Ritter Park
Noon registration—I p.m. walk

Reminder Photos Needed!

The PSO yearbook coordinator, Lea Webb, is looking for any class activity or event pictures you are willing to share for 2011-2012 yearbook. Please email them to her at freddy@nc.rr.com or send disc or flashdrive to the office addressed to Lea Webb
Thank you!

Leading with Faith
Learning with Joy
Living with Purpose

Lions' Pride Weekly

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Testing Data

Spring is traditionally when many schools perform their standardized testing or do end-of-grade/course tests. Here at RLS we utilize the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) for our 2nd through 8th graders. For the school as a whole, these tests help us evaluate the effectiveness of our academic programs, measure progress of those programs, and look for areas for continued growth. For the individual student, the family can chart the student's progress and compare where that student fits in with a national group.

Our school has done very well overall on these tests throughout our history. This year is no exception. Our "Core Total" scores (combination of our Reading, Language, and Math totals) place us in the 88th to 89th National Percentile Rank. This basically means that our *average* score places higher than approximately 88% statistically of students who take these national tests. Of special note is our Math total scores that rose between 3.8 and 6 percent on average to our highest Math score averages to date. A combination of superb staff, committed parents, and just smart kids, with God's blessings, continues to lead us in academic excellence as shown in these scores.

I thank God for this rich academic environment where all our students are challenged to do their best and use the gifts which God has blessed them with. More information will come home next week with the individual student's scoring if your child is between 2nd and 8th grade. If you would like more information about the testing and scoring, we will again sponsor our next "Coffee with the Principal" on May 31. We will have our usual morning refreshments and I will give a brief presentation on the ITBS. Feel free to come even if you do not have a child who has taken the tests as of yet. We normally start right after carpool in room 151.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Tom Kolb, Principal

Romans 12: 1-2



This year's **Cary walk for Cystic Fibrosis** will be held at Ritter Park on Saturday, May 19th!

Come and support RLS 6th grader, Spencer Edeal! Registration is at noon and the walk starts at 1:00 p.m. Come take a short stroll, eat food and play games. Read more about Spencer, join the Spencer's Spirit team, or make a donation at:

http://www.cff.org/Great_Strides/SharonEdeal Thank you!

Many times the most important lessons are taught outside of the traditional classroom. Lessons about life, history and self discovery all add to the richness of who God made us to be.

Earthshine Mountain Lodge challenged sixth and seventh grade students and leaders alike to push themselves one step further than where they thought they could go through outdoor activities designed to get the adrenaline flowing! Whether we were climbing up a rock wall, zip lining through the treetops, or sitting by the campfire, you could not deny the power of community, teamwork, encouragement, and trust! Next year, we are planing to take our sixth graders in October as they begin their middle school career.

RLS eighth graders spent three days exploring our nations history in **Washington DC** along with their families. The Holocaust Museum, the Newseum, The American History Museum, the National Archives Building, the National Air and Space Museum, a tour of the Capitol Building and a 2 ½ hour guided walking tour of D.C., were all highlights of this culminating experience. A special thanks to John Wood for planning this wonderful experience for the Class of 2012!

Take a look at page two for pictures of these events!

