

The Royal Knight Messenger

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Important Dates:

- Sept. 18: Q1 Progress Reports Come Home
- Sept. 19-20: Catfish Festival
- Sept. 22: Beta Club Applications Due
- Sept. 23: Student 1/2 Day
- Sept. 25: School Improvement Meeting
- Sept. 25: Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting

A Message from the Principal:



It hardly seems possible that September is already here and we are in the 4th week of school at RLOA. We await the final inspections the week of September 8th on the renovated cafeteria and music room, and the final work on the two new learning cottages should be completed this week, ready for inspection the week of September 15th.

We have been working on key academic words so far this school year. Analyze

and Articulate are the first two. When we analyze, we break it down, down down. Then we explain what we found, found, found. As students learn to articulate, they speak clearly and are easy to understand. As we add words each week, you can help your child by using these words at home in normal conversation. This week we add Cite—pointing things out, quoting, and noting information.

The character trait this month is BE HONEST. Obviously, when we are honest we show value to and respect for others and are trustworthy. Take time to teach your children the value of being honest and the importance of respecting others in all circumstanc-

es. Let's be an example in our daily lives of the many aspects of honesty. The more we can intentionally cultivate honesty in our children, the more emotionally mature and successful they will be throughout their lives.

If I have one message this month it is: Be the change you want to see. Be honest. You will be positively transformed and impact others in ways you cannot imagine.

The Academic Vocabulary Minute

ARTICULATE:

"When I articulate,
I use a good, strong voice
and GREAT WORD
CHOICE!

ARTICULATE, say it

well-well-well.
Be as clear as a
bell-bell-bell.

When I **CITE** I use text after I've read it and I give the author credit!

CITING THINGS is about pointing important things ou-ou-out!

4th Grader Improves Morning Procedures

We expected the RLOACS cafeteria to be open at the start of the 2014 school year, but our best laid plans were not yet completed when elementary children started school in August. Every morning, students in kindergarten through fourth grade found themselves clustered together, waiting for the right time to go into classes.

On one particular morning, a little boy decided to take matters into his own hands. "I need to speak to someone about something serious," he said. That's when Asiel Noregas, the student pictured right, explained

that he couldn't find his sister in the crowd.

"It's her first day," he said, "and I've already lost her!"

Then, he said, "What we have to do is separate the little ones so they don't get hurt by the bigger ones or lost every day." And quite frankly, that's what we did.



Asiel Noregas gives a "thumbs up" to the new morning policy.

The "how" of the process was worked out in administrative talks with parent input, but the end result was a safe, orderly system for dismissal from drop-off to classes each day.

What can we learn from this? It is so important that we listen to our children and their concerns. Often times, we'll find that we have concerns in common.

Students Vie to Be Gopher Hill Marshall

FOR THE FIRST EVER THE GOPHER HILL GRAND MARSHALL WILL BE A CHILD, AGED 8-12.

That's the announcement we received the week of August 25, and a number of RLOACS teachers accepted the challenge of encouraging students to compete.

In Ms. Rigdon and Ms. McGill's classes in particular, students were talking about their essays in the mornings while waiting for class to begin.

One student explained, "This is my second draft. I've been working on it since yesterday. I'm gonna look at it again today."

Ms. McGill submitted a number of student essays to the Jasper Chamber of Commerce on the due date. I wonder, might a KNIGHT be the Grand Marshall?

"A number of RLOACS teachers accepted the challenge of encouraging students to compete for the Grand Marshall title."



RLOACS Songbird Receives Award

Royal Live Oaks Academy 10th grade student Yasmine Bolden, also known as Yasmine Ariana, has won "Youth On The Rise" category on Prayze Factor Awards Season 5. Yasmine will have the opportunity to receive her award in Atlanta, GA, during Prayze Factor Weekend (September 19-21,

2014) where she will perform on the main stage at the Globe.

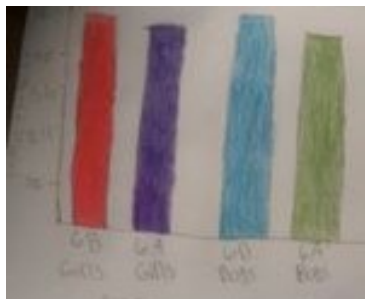


RLOACS student Yasmine Bolden prepares to grace the Prayze Factor stage this month.

Grade 6 Soars to New Heights

Parents, you are witnesses to this truth: Math gets harder as kids get older. RLOACS grade 6 students are learning BASIC STATISTICS (Measures of Center like mean, median and mode), and sometimes remembering what each measurement is and how to find it can be tough.

Dr. Adesso and Ms. Floyd are tackling measures of center differently this year in a Statistics/English/ Science partnership.



Students graphed the heights of grade 6 boys and girls for MOC project.

After measuring every grade six girl and boy, students must: find the average height, find the mode height, find the median height, graph those findings and write research reports on the experience.

students guessed how tall they thought sixth graders might be. After, they were expected to go back and compare their guesses to their data.

Later, they will compare their results with recorded research about sixth graders' heights (heights of students in their age group) from online sources.

If you're a sixth grade parent, ask your child about mean, mode and median. Let us know how your sixth grader responded. :)

Before the experiment/research activity,

RLOACS Knights & Pennies for Patients

Since 1994, millions of dollars have been raised in pennies and other spare change by more than 10 million elementary, middle and high school students throughout the country. Royal Live Oaks Academy is in their 2nd year of supported this initiative, The funds, collected during the month of September, will benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Students across the country are collecting pennies, nickels, dimes and

quarters during the Pennies for Patients campaigns benefiting the Society.

In the Pennies for Patients campaign, the class collecting the most change in each school receives a pizza party. Prizes such as computers, electronics and sports equipment are presented to the top schools in

each area. The Pennies for Patients campaign began in the Society's North Carolina Chapter in 1995.

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"Book It!" Program Rewards Reading

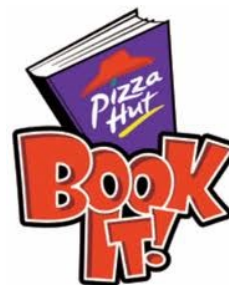
Reading is the ultimate super power! And with the help of the BOOK IT! ® Program, our class will be growing our reading skills over the next six months.

The mission of the BOOK IT! Program is to encourage more reading inside and outside of the classroom. The pro-

gram is easy and fun! Your child has the opportunity to earn Reading Award Certificates by meeting our monthly reading goal of 20 minutes per day. The Reading Award Certificates can be redeemed at Pizza Hut® where your child will receive a

BOOK IT! award and a free, one-topping Personal Pan Pizza®.

I hope you will encourage your child to read every day.



Career Corner: Aerospace Engineers

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Career Growth: Overall job opportunities in engineering are expected to be good, but will vary by specialty.

Minimum Requirement: A bachelor's degree in engineering is required for most entry-level jobs.

Positions: Market Specialist, Sales Engineer, Flight Management Specialist, Production and Manufacturing Expeditor

Estimated Income: \$58,000-125,000/year

Knowledge/Abilities: Engineering Science, Design Techniques, Physics

For more information, see <http://www.careers.org>.

Ponder (Think Deeply) About This...

Last month, 1,000 West Africans died of Ebola. Though Ebola is not new, the latest epidemic of the illness is ripping through West Africa and the current death toll is 1,850. People who appear to have Ebola symptoms are not allowed to fly out of the country, and any one who suspects he may have it is asked to immediately isolate himself and report to a hospital for medical treatment.

Though scientists are not entirely sure how Ebola originated in humans, we do know that tainted meat, fruit bats and bodily fluids transmit the illness.

If you were helping doctors in Ebola stop the spread of this disease, what would you do? How would you educate people about the risks? Submit your ideas to Ms. Moss, your PBL Coach, and your answer might be featured in the next newsletter!

Character Word of the Month: Be Honest

Synonyms for **Honest**: Truthful, Trustworthy, Sincere

When a person is **honest**, he or she:

- Tells the truth when asked for details about sticky situations
- Tells the cashier when too much change has been given
- Can be trusted in a room alone with other people's things
- Would never start or continue a rumor about a friend or stranger
- Takes time to clear up any misunderstandings to avoid conflict
- Returns lost items instead of keeping them
- Understands that honesty leads to trust and good reputation