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# The Riley Times

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## April Calendar

### Events

- 3 H&S meeting 6 pm Library
- 5 “Annie” 7 pm in All purpose room
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- 7 Half day of school for students—dismissal at 11:55.
- 11 Parent/teacher conferences—dismissal at 11:55 for students.
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- 14 No school for students or staff
- 17-21 Spring break—school closed

## From the Principals

### Desk

Dr. Doty

As the weather warms up students will be outdoors for recess, to have fun playing, socializing, and being physically active. Please continue to watch the weather forecast and help your child/children dress accordingly. With the warmer weather I am certain students will be bringing out their summer attire. Please remember our district dress code which is located in the CER parent/student handbook.

I ask that you have a conversation with your child/children about Bullying- All students are held accountable for their behavior, they have been provided teaching opportunities regarding how to be respectful, responsible, being a problem solver, to be safe, and to be a leader (PBIS and Leader in Me). At the beginning of this year students were given the Student Handbook which includes the Code of Conduct -please review this with your child and talk to them about the importance of not

engaging in this type of behavior.

Most our New York State assessments are being administered in the spring (Math will be May 2-4) and we thank you for your support during the testing window. We are confident that our students will do their very best!

## Band Notes

**Mrs. Jorgensen**

### Upcoming Events

#### *Spring Concert*

**Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 in the OHS Theater**

Concert and Beginning Bands, Choruses  
After-School Practices April 26, May 3, and  
May 10

#### *NYSSMA Solofest*

**Friday, May 12 at Mexico Middle School**

For Selected Students  
Performance times will be sent home in letters  
mid-April

## H&S News

**Mrs. Bruns**

Happy Spring! After storm “Stella” dumped 27 inches of snow late last month, winter’s grip seemed stronger than ever. Now that it is April, spring is in the air! You can begin to smell it; the grass, flowers, and plants are ready to come alive again.

Home and School had another successful Book Fair. For this particular one, we exceeded our sales! Thank you to all those who worked the Fair. Book Fair truly cannot be held if it weren’t for parent volunteers. And thank you to all those parents and students who bought books and other items. We hope your children were excited to read their

new books. Our Buy One/Get One (BOGO) will be held in May.

Home and School hosted Movie night on March 31st. We hope you enjoyed it. We will have another movie night in late April. A flyer will be coming out.

We are coming in to fourth quarter! Can you believe it? Every year I wonder where the time goes. Because of the end of the 3rd marking period, the musical Annie, Parent Teacher Conferences, and Spring Break, Home and School does not have extra activities planned.

Home and School continues in the search for two officer positions: President and Secretary. If you are considering any of these positions, please contact Jill Bruns at 315-806-4206

Our next Home and School meeting is April 3rd at 6:00 pm in the Library. We will be talking about activities in May and upcoming Fun Fest. We hope to see you there!

Enjoy the warmer weather. :)

## Nurse's Notes

**Mrs. Pensero**

On Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> Charles E. Riley Elementary was visited by the Oswego WalMart Ophthalmologist team. Student glasses were cleansed, adjusted and/or repaired. We are hoping to include this twice a year at Riley School



## Annie Comes to Riley School

**Ms. Windhausen**

Charles E. Riley Elementary School, highly regarded for providing a well-rounded education and calm, caring culture, is offering something new to its students. In just two weeks, Riley will be raising the curtain for their very first musical production, *Annie Jr.* Dr. Linda Doty, principal at Riley and firm advocate of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math), is “pleased and proud to be able to offer our school and students the opportunity of being part of the musical, both as a participant or a member of the audience. Students learn from all of their experiences. This is a wonderful opportunity that we hope to provide every year!”

Riley Elementary has always enjoyed a rich music program, complete with band, orchestra, and chorus; the latter was expanded to include an honor choir and musical production this year by Ceara Windhausen. An experienced actress (most recently in Oswego High School’s *Anything Goes*) and director (preparing to direct Baldwinsville Theatre Guild’s summer youth musical *The Wiz*), Ms. Windhausen decided to introduce her 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade chorus students to *Annie Jr.*, Riley’s musical theater debut. “It’s a great show and the kids are absolutely loving it. They come to school every day with smiles on their faces and leave rehearsals excited to sing more,” said Windhausen. “My view on this is that every kid can be involved in theater, and it can influence them for the rest of their lives.”

Ms. Windhausen’s passion for this production has been met with overwhelming community support, from both within and outside Oswego County. “We are graciously operating on the donation of costumes, props, light equipment, and sound equipment from community members, people from Syracuse, and even scenery from a school in Liverpool,” says Windhausen. These contributions, coupled with the encouragement from administrators, have helped Windhausen actualize her vision of a musical on CER’s stage. “*Annie Jr.* is a great message about a child that overcomes a huge obstacle, and I think that is a great message to give to our kids and our community.”

The time, energy, and passion devoted by all support-

ers of this show are not lost on the children participating. Cheyenna Gordon, playing Annie in the production, is “so thankful for my parents, who helped me prepare for my audition, and Ms. W for making the musical happen.” The character of Miss Hannigan, played by Grace Tolley, echoed Cheyenna’s sentiment, saying, “I would like to thank Ms. W and everyone for helping put this together.” Liam Hinman, playing Oliver Warbucks, credits his own participation to his grandmother, director of the children’s Harborfest musicals in recent years. “I would like to thank my Nana, who helped me audition for this part.”

The *Annie Jr* cast, ready to sing and dance your cares away, will be performing at Charles E Riley Elementary School on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Tickets for this family-friendly musical are only \$2 per ticket, and all tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information, you may email the director at [cwindhau@oswego.org](mailto:cwindhau@oswego.org). To see the character spotlights, please visit the *CER Annie Jr* event page on Facebook.

## Buccaneer Challenge

*Attention Buccaneer Challenge participants!* We hope you are well on your way to meeting your goal in this year’s Riley School Buccaneer Challenge! Whether you are working on the 10K, the Half-Marathon, or the Marathon, there is still enough time to meet your goal. If you have already met your goal, there is still time left to try meeting the next goal. We are all so proud of your efforts! Some really great awards will be presented to all students who reach their goals of reading, fitness, and good deeds through the Buccaneer Challenge!

## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration was held the week of February 21. This year registration was held in the Superintendents Office at the Education Center, 120 E First St. In order to enter kindergarten, your child must be at least five years old on or before December 1, 2017. If you have not received information on registration, please call the school at 341-2800.

If you know of any children in our district who are eligible to attend school in September and who did not receive registration material, please advise the parents to contact the school.

If your child attends UPK, you don’t need to register him/her. If you have any updated information since September you may bring that information to the Education Center during the week of registration. If you need any additional information, please call us at 341-2800.

**Remember to keep us current on  
any new phone numbers or change  
of addresses.**

