



DECEMBER 2021

# RICHMOND MIDDLE BLUE DEVILS

From the Principal...

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! Winter has come earlier this year. With this in mind, I would like to remind parents that we do send our students outside for 10-15 minutes during their lunch time. Please make sure that students are coming to school with appropriate clothing to be outside for the 10-15 minute time period. Our last day of school before the holiday break is a  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Lastly, thank you Veteran's for your service and we hope to see you next year at our 14th Annual Ceremony in-person.

Mr. Keith Bartels

From the Dean of Students...

It is hard to believe it is December. The end of 2021 is drawing near already. With the end of the year approaching, we also look forward to the exciting beginning of a new year. At Richmond Middle School, we work to have new beginnings all the time, something to spark new learning, a connection with previous background knowledge, and the start of new thoughts and information.

With the change in seasons, we also have a change weather. We certainly have had some interesting weather lately. Please remember we try to get all students outside for recess whenever weather permits. Make sure your students come to school dressed warm enough to go outside.

Mr. Anthony Birkmeier



# Counseling Corner

I have seen our society changing over the years, and one of the unintended consequences of trying to shelter our youth from all things uncomfortable is the decrease in coping skills that our youth have and use. As a result, students have an extra hard time dealing with friend drama, not making a sports team, or pushing through to learn a difficult concept in class. With the Holidays coming, some families feel more stress. Below is a short list of some coping strategies that all of us, young and old, can use to help us through the tough times.

## Coping Strategies:

1. Take slow, deep breaths (focus on the breathing)
2. Take a walk
3. Listen to music
4. Use positive self-talk
5. Read a book
6. Write in a journal
7. Do something active (like play a sport, dance or stretch)
8. Rip paper into small pieces
9. Draw/Color
10. Make a list of things you're thankful for
11. Smile at someone (it really does help!)
12. Take a few minutes and just focus on the moment – what do you hear, smell, feel (touch), taste, see?
13. Talk to a trusted friend
14. Make a list of things to do
15. Play with a pet

Mrs. Miriam May



# Club News

## **Yearbook:**

Yearbook members are continuously working hard taking pictures.

## **Web:**

WEB leaders attended lunch and recess with the fourth graders. At our monthly meeting we made Holiday ornaments.

## **Green Team:**

Green Team continues to collect recycling in all classrooms, and all around the building.

## **NJHS:**

National Junior Honor Society: This month students were invited to assist in the Santa Shop at the elementary school. Members helped the younger students budget their money and check off people on their Christmas lists. Members also had a fulfilled Christmas party this month. Members played games, discussed future events, and ate some delicious food. Our annual photo scavenger hunt was a success with the winning team finishing on time with 41/45 items on the list.

## **Spanish Club:**

At our meeting this month, the Spanish Club enjoyed learning about La Navidad. They learned about different foods, celebrations, and music. We also made "unas tarjetas." While they were making their paper cards, the club members kept up the tradition of sending virtual cards and well wishes to the children and families spending the holidays at St Jude's Hospital this year. The cards can be sent in English and Español. Our next meeting is January 10th. We will be learning about El Año Nuevo.

<https://www.stjude.org/get-involved/other-ways/holiday-cheer-online-card.html>



# Club News

## **Builders Club:**

Builders Club delivered wreaths from the wreath sale and also had a very successful candy cane gram sale. All money earned will go towards serving our community and beyond. Builders Club also made and delivered presents for the residents of Leisure Manor.

## **Student Council:**

December was a busy month with the canned food drive and the Stuff A Bus event. At the building we collected 1,496 cans alone. With our Stuff A Bus event we were able to collect even more non perishables. Thank you to everyone that participated.



## **Spelling Bee:**

Language Arts teachers have been hard at work conducting the classroom spelling bee. Each class has a room winner that will be invited to compete in the school wide spelling bee. This years spelling bee will be after school on January 26th at 11:30. Good luck to all our winners.

5th Grade : Alexis Stathpoulos, Jason Jagoda, Raina Guzdial, Deacon Bauman

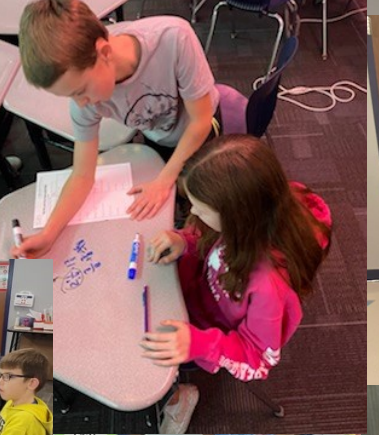
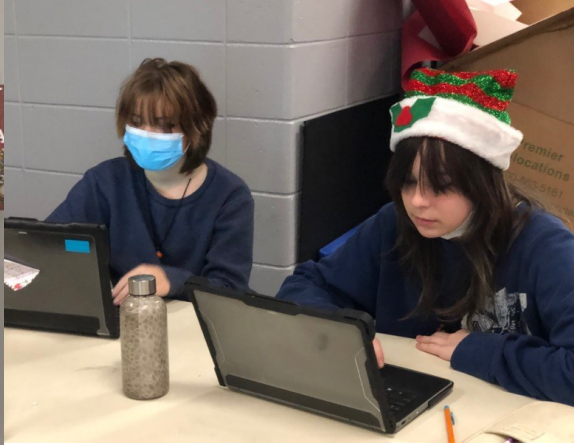
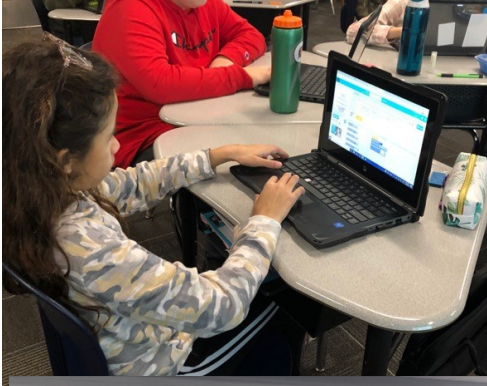
6th Grade: Avery Gross , Owen Rinehart, Natalie Halaas, Narah May , Chloe Lotterman

7th grade : Evelyn Barrand, Skylar Boutilier, Claire Millbrand, Keegan Ruiz

8th Grade: Grace Monkowski, Isabella Hebel, Charles Allen, Jackson Pierce, Lucie Hitzelberger

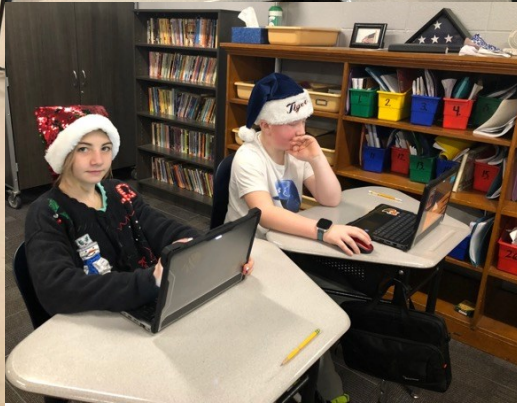
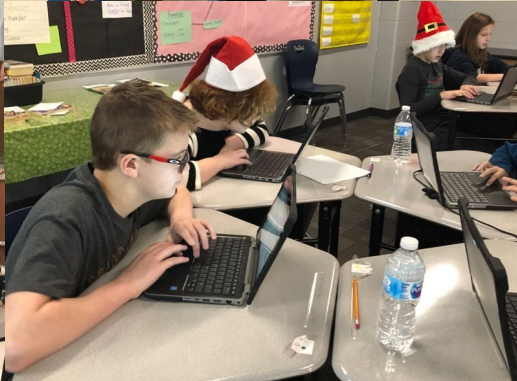


# Classroom Activities





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# SHINE Winners





# Student of the Month



## 4th Grade:

Kinsley Bartels  
Madelyn Birkmeier  
Emma Gibson  
Olivia Hill  
Alex MacMartin

## 5th Grade:

Layne Muller  
Chase Rauch  
Piper Schafer  
Brady Scott

## 6th Grade:

Cruz Battani  
Narah May

## 7th Grade:

Savannah Denryter  
Caleb Ryan

## 8th Grade:

Nathan Bohm  
Faith Fletcher





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