



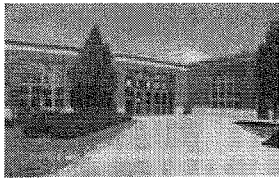
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S.O.S. Dog Treats a Success! By Emily Lane

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- * The SECOND issue of the Buzz!
- * Mohican Coming soon
- * North Royalton's leadership Conference
- * Spelling bee winner: R.J. Franic
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You all may know of "Chain Links", one of our schools many clubs. They have done a new fundraiser, S.O.S. Save Ohio Strays is a nonprofit organization that has a mission to provide all animals with a safe loving home, where in a shelter they would be put down.

January 16th, 2012 S.O.S. turned 7 years old, with those seven years they managed to save 2,067 lives! Chain Links Decided to help. They made, wrapped, and sold dog biscuits. All of the money was donated to Save Ohio Strays. This is Chain Links biggest project so

far. The fundraiser was very successful! Some of the lunch periods sold out! Thank you to all who helped out. Also, If you are looking to adopt that furry pet to brighten your home's mood, as the S.O.S. website says, opt to adopt, you could be saving an animal from be-

Mrs. Scalia's Impact Math Students Play the Market By Mrs. Scalia

Students in Mrs. Scalia's Impact math class became investors this fall by participating in the Stock Market Challenge. Working with a cash amount of \$100,000, students worked in teams to purchase stocks, bonds, and mutual funds in real time. Students bought and sold investments over a 12-week period and learned a lot about investment strategies. Cameron Olin, a member of the Moneymakers team said,

"The Stock Market Challenge was fun and I enjoyed the freedom it gave us to purchase whichever stocks we wanted for our group."

Emma Grothaus also enjoyed the Stock Market Challenge. She said,

"I had never experienced anything

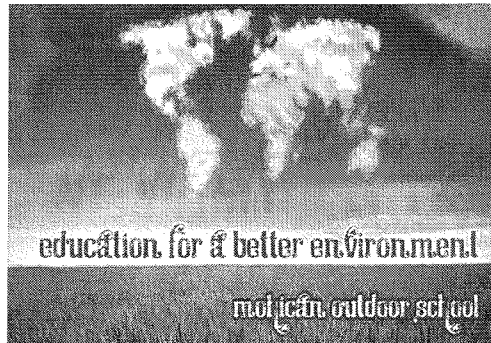
like it before and it was a fun new thing to try."

At the end of the trading session, Seth Ballard and Adam Smith, members of the Silver Ash team, came out on top with a portfolio value of over \$103,000. For their accomplishment, the boys were treated to a McDonald's lunch. Following the simulation, students were asked to do a stock analysis and recommend one stock to Mrs. Scalia to purchase. The best recommendations were rewarded with gift certificates, homework passes, and candy. The winners of the stock recommendation essay were Madelyn Zaleski, Emma Grothaus, Luke Chenevey, and Meghan Hummel. Congratulations to these students for excelling in the Stock Market Challenge.

Mohican Is coming in March!!

By Michael DeSantis

Have you ever wished you could go to school outside for a change? Well, here is your chance! The 6th graders are going to Mohican in March. Half of the 6th graders are going from the 12th to the 14th, the other half are going from the 14th



to the 16th. I'm sure it is going to be a fun and exiting adventure!! Their days will be filled with outside activities. They will be sleeping in cabins which are supposedly very nice. I hope the 6th graders that are going have fun!

Rachael Scott: A Legacy

By Allora Tatem

Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Her acts of kindness and compassion coupled with the contents of her six diaries have become the foundation for one of the most life-changing school programs in America. One of her most famous quotes was: "I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion then it will start a chain reaction of the same." Rachel Scott had a loving caring older sister that was devoted to protecting her. Rachel was one of the friendliest people that a lot of people have seen. Rachel's father, Darrell Scott; is now spreading Rachel's Challenge. Many people this year have asked me "What is Rachel's Challenge?" I told

these people that I would write a column in the newspaper about it. So, here I am writing about it: Rachel's challenge is a group for schools that has been traveling through the US. When you say you accept Rachel's Challenge it means you are accepting the responsibility to be caring and nice to others. You are accepting the responsibility to be kind and help bullies out of their depressed state and you are accepting to help those that have been bullied. This is a big thing to accept but, I know that everyone can do this and accept it. I know that A.I Root is strong and so are its students! Join chain links Rachel's Challenge **THE MORE THE BETTER!**

The Principal's Perspective

We've got the answers to all your biggest questions!

By our very own principal, Mr. Wise!!

Q-Why do we have split lunches?

A-We started split lunches about 5 years ago when we became too crowded to all fit into the cafeteria at once. We collected data regarding the length of time middle school students normally took to eat, and our information indicated between 8-12 minutes to eat an entire lunch. Based on this information, and our space issues, we decided to split the lunches into two, 22 minute lunches per grade level. As a result, our discipline referrals have been reduced dramatically, students still have plenty of time to eat lunch, and we have appropriate coverage for recess monitoring.

Q-Why do some students share lockers while others don't share them?

A-We have 811 available lockers and about 850 students. Therefore, we need some students to share lockers. We assign locker partners to get the school year started, but we then ask for volunteers to share.

Q-What if students are not comfortable coming to the office to report a problem?

A-If students want to report an issue without coming to the office, we have several ways they can communicate with us. First, they can let one of their teachers know of the issue, then have them report it to the office. Students may also utilize several technology avenues available to them. Our Root webpage includes the "Speak Up" link, where students may report issues by name or anonymously. Students can also send us an email, as our emails are listed on the Root homepage as well. Finally, students can even text me (Mr. Wise) at Mr.Wise@vtext.com with any issues or questions.

Please send ideas or questions you might have for the "Principal's Perspective" to wisec@mcsoh.org or post them on the Buzz Newspaper's Blog at www.the-buzz-newspaper.blogspot.com

Root Students Attend North Royalton's Leadership Conference

By Katie Shires

A.I. Root attended North Royalton Middle School's 5th annual Leadership Conference on Friday, January 27th.

Ten of our school's students were sent as representatives to the event. A.I. Root's Associate Principal, Mrs. Lavdis, also attended. A.I. Root was not the only school attending. Dozens of local area schools each sent 10 students to the conference.

A.I. Root students boarded the bus at 7:40 sharp for the trip to North Royalton. They arrived just after 9:00. Many of the students were surprised at how large the middle school was. "I've never seen anything like it. It was much bigger than our *high* school, and a stu-

dent told me that their high school is *even bigger!* It made Root look like a dollhouse." one eyewitness told the Buzz. "It was nicer than the Taj Mahal!" said another. Based on these accounts, we can guess that North Royalton Middle School was *very* nice.

The students were seated in the gymnasium, which was decorated nicely with a theme of "Reach for the Stars," which was created and accomplished by North Royalton's 8th Grade Student Council.

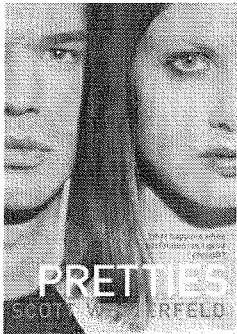
The students had breakfast, and their attention then turned to the stage as a young motivational speaker, Scott Backovich, took the stage. Backovich has inspired hundreds of thousands of teens throughout North Amer-

ica. "Look, there's a lot of lame things about your school," he told the students. "It's not enough to have good ideas. You have to do something about it."

Backovich led the students through a series of activities that involved trusting others and meeting new people. Students then had lunch, while various prizes were given away in drawings and games. Backovich then spoke again, motivating students further.

The students got back to Root just in time to go home after a long day of fun and inspiration.

"It was so fun and inspiring," said one student. "It made me realize how just a few people being kind, creative, and caring can change an entire



Book Review: Pretties

By Katie Shires

*** SPOILER ALERT!!! ***

If you are currently reading the first book in the Uglies series, DO NOT CONTINUE READING!!

Pretties by Scott Westerfeld is an incredible book! It is the second book in the Uglies series, and I dare say it's better than the first book. (If you are currently reading the 1st book, do not continue!! The following summary has spoilers that you may not have read yet.)

Tally has finally become pretty. Her looks are absolutely perfect, she goes to parties and gets drunk every day, and she has a clique of awesome friends. Not to mention her guy pal, Zane. Her life is perfect... until problems emerge from her ugly past.

When an Ugly party crasher carries an important message from her past, Tally's pretty world stops cold. She can hardly remember her ugly past that is beginning to prove important. When the Specials step in, she finds herself on the run again... Just like when she was ugly.

She then has to make another decision: Fighting for what she knows, or for her life, because the Specials don't intend to let anyone with this information survive.

This was an outstanding book with more twists and turns than ever before!! I highly recommend this book and series to all readers.

Advice Column

By Katie Salai

Dear Katie,
My problem is with one of my friends. She acts rich but uses all my supplies. She shows off and we're growing apart!

Signed,
Working

Dear Working,
I want to remind you that just because someone acts rich, doesn't mean they *are* rich (although they want to come across as rich). Also, because she relies on you for all of your supplies must mean she only thinks of you as a friend. On the other hand, she might not have been your friend in the first place if she only uses your stuff and tries to act rich. I suggest you talk to her about why she takes your supplies and hopefully you will figure out why your friendship could be failing.

R.J. Franic WINS Root's spelling bee! By Michael Fox

C-O-N-G-R-A-T-U-L-A-T-I-O-N-S. After 2 days, A.I. Root has crowned a new champion in the 2012 Spelling Bee. With words ranging from "Trachea" to "Epithet" to "Manifestation", the Bee was no laughing matter, but 8th grader R. J. Franic persevered and went through all 8 rounds to go on and win. He gets to go on to the round: The County Bee, but he doesn't have to fight alone. Going with him are the other people who placed with him in the final four. They are 6th grader Veronica Takacs, 7th grader Jacob Semus, and 8th grader Emily Costello. Congratulations to all four of you. Congratulations are also in order for the rest of the students who participated in the Bee. The people who qualified are Laura Krupp, Jacob Smith, Kyle Gottschalk, Dominic Hominsky, Casey Myers, Sophia Thiemke, Sophie Weidner, Taylor Lentz, Megan Towne, Sydney Forbes, Logan Yates, Tommy Mahnen, Jake Taylor, Tara Turscak, Ben Winpisinger, Brenda Lebada, Taylor DeAgazio, Jacob Terwilliger, Salone Hopkins, Michael Hutchinson, Brandon Combs, Margaret Swiecicki, Evalyn Schmitz, Natalie Hart, Morgan Mansier, Elizabeth Salai, Anna Summerville, Liddy Thies, Trevor Thompson, Rosie McMillan, Fiona Boden, Kyle Alexander, Hannah Mackey, Shane Cullen, Andrew Frederick, Ryan Bowers, Jason Ruff, James Summerville, Keith Stamper, Brooke Noel, Nelson Custer, Zach Eckstein, Abby Fox, Julia Knox, Holly Kurkul, Sydney Lambert, Jenna McCollum, Patrick Skelton, Sabrina Sowa, Jacob Toth, Holland Walker, Crosbee Lisser, Tyler Glasenapp, Savannah Sowa, Veronica Takacs, Valerie Marcu, Bailey McRitchie, Alex Memberg, Riley Furrey, Taylor Fee, Holli Zane, Olivia Broslow, and Anthony Kovalik.

Please congratulate R.J. and all of the other contestants of the Bee, and to those going to the County Bee, good luck!



Our winner, R.J. Franick



Jacob Semus



Emily Costello



Veronica Takacs

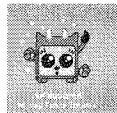
Our Runner-ups

Horoscopes By Emily Lane



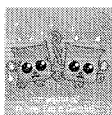
Aries 3/21-4/19 Sign- Ram
Lucky Number- 519

In the season, snow comes,
but also mind blocks too.



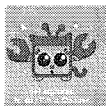
Taurus 4/20-5/20 Sign- Bull
Lucky Number- 278

You will be the cherry on
top of a sundae and be the
top of your friends.



Gemini 5/21-6/20 Sign- Twins
Lucky Number- 362

A loved one will seek you out just
for your wonderful advice.



Cancer 6/22-7/22 Sign- Crab
Lucky Number- 839

Like a basketball you will be bounc-
ing off the walls with energy.



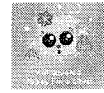
Leo 7/23-8/22 Sign- Lion
Lucky Number- 58

You will see a problem in a different
way, then approach it differently.



Virgo 8/23-9/22 Sign- Pure Women
Lucky Number- 70

Rest up because a long journey comes, emo-
tional or physical.



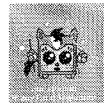
Libra 9/23-10/22 Sign- Balanced Scale
Lucky Number- 12

You worked hard but it was worth it to feel your
achievement.



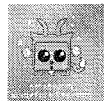
Scorpio 10/23-11/21 Sign- Scorpion
Lucky Number- 27

Life will seem a maze and you will take a
couple wrong turns, though you will eventu-
ally you will take that one turn and figure it
out.



Sagittarius 11/22-12/21 Sign- Cen-
taur (man/horse)
Lucky Number- 492

Haze will fog you up and you will
need to focus even more than usual.



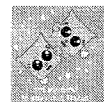
Capricorn 12/22-1/19 Sign- Goat
Lucky Number- 91

Your personality will bloom, you will
find people drawn to you.



Aquarius 1/20-2/18 Sign- Water Jug
Lucky Number- 36

You will be finding a new talent that
will help you stay on track.



Pisces 2/19-3/20 Sign- Fish
Lucky Number- 763

Pursuing what makes you happy is a big
deal, you will realize that, no matter
what your happiness is.

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A note from the Editor...

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to read our second edition of The Buzz. All of us hope you enjoy it! This month's edition was right on target, and we can expect our future editions to just get better from here!! :) Be sure to find us next month for more exiting news of your school! If you have comments, questions, or have ideas please be sure to check out the Buzz Blog (above). Thank you!
