



# The Marauder

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## From Mr. Kissinger.....

Dear Parents,

March promises to be a busy month. Our eighth graders are taking the English Language Arts (ELA) assessment on the sixth and seventh of this month and have been working hard in Ms. Ludwig's class in preparation. Medieval day, the talent show and music in our schools are just a few of the many activities taking place during the month. Time for a little housecleaning. While it is enjoyable to see the students here early for school, I need to remind parents that this is unsupervised time. It would be safest for your child to time his or her walk so that they arrive to the school grounds at 7:30 A.M.

With the pleasant surprise of warm weather recently came inevitable skateboarders. While this can be a fun and healthy physical activity please remind your child to always wear a helmet and protective gear at all times. In order to use the school property for this activity your child must wait until after 3:00 P.M. and must be wearing the appropriate gear. While on the subject of physical activities please take some time to look over the exciting opportunities being offered by the Williamson Recreational Committee. Not only are these great programs for the children of the community but a perfect way for you as an adult to make a difference in their lives. Volunteer to coach, assist or to simply bring fruit to the games for the participants.

Sincerely yours,

Russell Kissinger  
Middle School Principal



## Miss Brownell's Classroom

Many of the world's interesting facts are found in math. Numbers and statistics fascinate many. In our Chapter titled "Whole numbers and Decimals," students will round, compare, order, estimate, add, and subtract numbers and decimals from .001 to 999 billion. Students will analyze problems and strategies, draw pictures and choose an operation to solve problems.



Our science focus is the human body. In this unit information and activities will be presented on the eight systems of the body: nervous system, circulatory system, respiratory system, digestive system, muscular system, skeletal system, excretory system, and reproductive system.

I would like to recognize classroom stars:

April Bowman—Behavior  
Caleb Burlee—Cooperation  
Michelle Cahill—Homework Completion  
Luke DeFisher—Behavior  
Ann Ficarra—Behavior  
Jack Inman—Listening  
Kelly Jones—Helpful, Homework  
Dan Rehor—Behavior  
Ryan Siragusa—Classroom Behavior  
Jeremiah Wackerman—Cooperation  
Noelle White—Listening  
Chelsea Young—Listening  
Darely Trejo—Enthusiasm

of January. Two months to go with this particular reading challenge.

We've exercised the body, too, as we learn to touch a scapula with a phalange! Time for that human body systems study in Science, and two girls, Katie Johnson and Roxanne Bowman drew very detailed sketches of the skeletal system to win prizes for their effort. Muscles are next, and this is quite a popular study as those cow muscles make pretty tempting treats in the form of hamburgers.

Nina Calabresi led a celebration of the 100th day of school. That snow day changed the plans a mite, but we dealt with it in grand style. Less than half of the school year remains!

Colonial days were times of fun, as well as work, so we polished off that area with that time period's habit of using the stems of day lilies as bubble pipes. Now we have crossed the continent on the Oregon Trail and visited the Whitman's Mission—old neighbor's from Rushville, you know. Our nation is dividing economically, politically, and socially. All of those Yankee factories, southern plantations, money, and slavery issues will soon bring us to the brink of war within our new nation.

In our Reading, A Family Apart (from the Orphan Train Series), initiated observations of free and slave state divisions. Freedom Crossing by Margaret Goff Clark (from Lewiston, NY) developed the feelings of northern desires to free the slaves in spite of the Fugitive Slave Act.

## Mrs. Bierer's Classroom



Exercising their minds were 9 students in this class who read for Book-It! minutes. In top fitness for reading were Tommy Godsey reading 1,205 minutes, Alex Cappon with 1,863 minutes, Nina Calabresi with a hefty 3,500 minutes for the month

## Reading Counts! Rules

**It's Never to Late to Join!**

**See Ms. Prill for Details**

## Used Clothing Drive

Sponsored by  
The Williamson Track Team 2002

Have you cleaned your closet or those dressers lately? We need your unwanted clothes, shoes, belts, sneakers, purses, linens, blankets, and drapes.

(Please, no rags or fabric scraps. Your donation is not cut up or shredded.)

**The St. Pauly Mission is to get wearable clothing to people who can use it, here in the U.S. and 3rd World Countries.**

**Bring items to:**

**Breen's IGA**  
**Wednesday, March 20, 2002**  
**4:00-7:00 pm**

**Be there RAIN OR  
SHINE.**



Spelling Bee cont...



**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kelly Kolyer Grade 7**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Melissa DeVille Grade 8**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Claire Herbert Grade 6**

**Alternate: Ashley McCaslin Grade 7**

Ashley and Vanessa Haskins, Nina Calabresi, Michael Gallagher, Carrie Lergner, Anthony Miralles and Hayley Hannan were all winners for trying.

The Bee is able to be offered because of the work, time and flexibility put forth by teachers: Mrs. Yackel, Ms. Luke, Ms. Ludwig, Mrs. Bierer, Mrs. McMahon, Ms. Prill, and Mrs. Hussion.

**The PTA:** Mrs. Hurlimann – refreshments coordinator

**Set-Up:** Mr. Brunswick

All relatives and friends who came to cheer the contestants. Students: Who try out for, study, and take a chance on stage.

Students: Who support their classmates.

Thank You!

## Spelling Bee-Round 2 Results

*By Ms. Prill*

Eleven Williamson Middle School students competed orally in the second round of the Spelling Bee on February 14, 2002 in the Middle School Auditorium in front of well wishers.

The top three Williamson scorers, who will compete in Round 3 at Hobart College in Geneva, are:

## Great Fifth Graders Meet the January Book - It Challenge!

**Congratulations!** from Mrs. Bierer, Ms. Brownell, Mr. Holowka, Ms. Luke, Mr. Marshall, and Ms. Prill

**The following students are responsible for reading a minimum of 360 minutes for the month of January:**

## Book-It! Cont...

<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MINUTES</u>
Allen	Lukas	555
Alquist	Pierce	1,800
Anselmo	Kayla	425
Bigelow	Bob	1037
Bowman	Autumn	797
Bowman	Roxanne	360
Buckler	Jason	1710
Calabresi	Nina	3500
Cappon	Alex	863
Collins	Michael	516
Darling	Stephanie	360
Denner	Damiene	403
Eaton	Tyler	390
Gobeyn	Jonathan	360
Godsey	Tommy	1205
Hollebrandt	William	360
Istik	Erika	935
Johnson	Katie	3,162
Jones	Kelly	17hrs.20min.
Kingsbury	Stephanie	373
Knataitis	Josh	360
La Comba	Michael	1519
Lergner	Carrie	450
Maroselli	Shelby	2340
Siragusa	Ryan	775
Steurys	Christie	1080
Storrs	Chelsey	360+

## Book-It! Cont...

Thompson	Brittany	1080
Trejo	Darely	1391
Turner	Melissa	410
Wackerman	Jeremiah	930
White	Noelle	448
Wood	Jessica	1025



## District Vocal Concert-in-the-Round

### & Art Show



All the chorus groups in the Elementary, Middle and High School will perform to celebrate Music in Our Schools Month. There will also be an Art Show with art work from all grade levels (K-12) to celebrate student Art Month.

## Student of the Month for March

Student	Grade	Teacher	Reason
James Bailey	5	E. Prill	Improved Effort and Peer Relationships Improving
Nicholas Bianchi	5	J. Luke	Improved Homework and Class Effort
April Bowman	5	H. Brownell	Exceptional Effort
Jason Buckler	5	G. Holowka	Increased Effort
Travis Burdick	5	D. Greco	Positive Role Model, Constructive Attitude
Ryan Buskey	5	I. Bierer	Special Effort to Improve Attitude
Michele Cahill	5	H. Brownell	Class Participation
Damiene Denner	5	I. Bierer	High Standards and Helpfulness
Eli Eckert	5	G. Marshall	Exceptional Effort
Colby Foreman	5	G. Marshall	Exceptional Effort
Jacob Garlow	5	J. Luke	Improved Effort
William Hollebrandt	5	J. Luke	Cooperative--Helpful to Classmates
Chris Kimber	5	G. Marshall	Constructive Attitude
Ryan Siragusa	5	H. Brownell	Exceptional Effort
Krista Valletta	5	G. Holowka	Constructive Attitude

**Student of the Month Cont...**

Jack Ankrom	6	D. Greco	Exceptional Effort
Brian Fitzgerald	6	S. Nellany	Teacher Assistant during Craft Club
Jared Gentile	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Bob Hebing	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Claire Herbert	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Sergio Trejo	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Courtney Wachter	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Erin Akins	7	7th Grade Team	Attitude
Emily Bixby	7	S. Nellany	Great Responsibility & Maturity in Class
Morgan Gardinier	7	P. Perez	Constructive Attitude
Casey Marino	7	7th Grade Team	Improvement
Lizzy Schuhart	7	7th Grade Team	Effort
Brian Shadduck	7	7th Grade Team	Behavioral
Andrew Cantwell	8	D. Brown	Constructive Attitude
Emily Gentile	8	M. Wilkinson	Dedication to Art
Emily Gimbel	8	8th Grade Team	Attitude
Michelle Ginett	8	8th Grade Team	Effort
Anthony Hollebrandt	8	8th Grade Team	Effort
Roberta Pellett	8	P. Perez	Exceptional Effort, Class Participation
Cory Provoost	8	P. Wackenhut	Exceptional Effort in Science
Nicole Raymond	8	D. Brown	Constructive Attitude
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Brian Sarver	8	8th Grade Team	Behavioral