

# The Marauder

December 2000

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

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- Classroom News
- Club Information
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- Science Fair Registration Form
- Lasagna Dinner Flyer
- Letter from Mr. Spink, School Superintendent

## Message from Mr. Skeet

Dear Parents and Students:

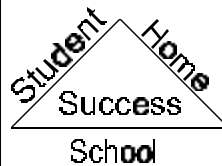
It is almost parent conference time. Please make sure you are scheduled for November 30<sup>th</sup> or December 6<sup>th</sup>. This is an important time to discuss your child's progress for the first 10 weeks of this school year. If these dates are not convenient we can usually arrange another time for you to meet your child's teacher. Scheduling arrangements can be made through our counseling office at 589-9665.

It is important for the home, child, and school to be working together and understanding each other so we can have great success with the student. I like to use the analogy of the triangle as depicted below. When each side of the triangle grows we have more success in the middle. If one side is not doing their share we do not have as much success. Let's all work together for the good of your child.

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## Message from Mr. Skeet (continued from Page 1)

Bookbags or no bookbags? That is the question! It is so nice to be in a school that has the carrying of bookbags as the “big” decision. If that decision is our biggest problem we really don’t have any problems. The final decision and end of discussion is that each grade level team of teachers will make the decision for their own grade level based on the particular conditions for their students. For example the seventh grade classes are on one side of the building, but some of their lockers are on the other side. Another example is that some classrooms are smaller than others, bookbags in these rooms on the floor is more of a problem. In addition, we have specials rooms such as the computer labs and art rooms where bookbags are not appropriate. In summary, each team will decide the bookbag issue.

Please take a minute and read through this issue of the Marauder. There are so many nice activities happening at our Middle School.

Happy Holiday Season to all. We have so much to be thankful for in our lives. This Holiday Season is a nice time to slow down, enjoy our family members and reflect on all our blessings.

If anyone has any questions about our school, please feel free to contact me.

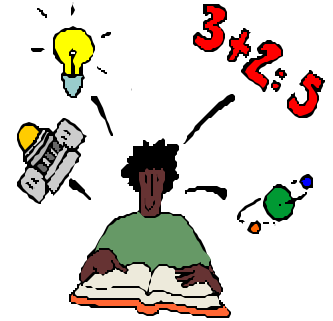
Sincerely yours,

Douglas G. Skeet  
Interim Principal



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math

By Mrs. Bayley



Thank you for your comments concerning the Chapter 2 packet. We are now getting into integers. This is a challenging chapter. It is important that students be well rested and well fed. There will be several weeks until the next chapter packet. We will learn how to operate with integers and how to use them in equations.

## Physical Education

By Mrs. Freischlag

Students in physical education recently ran the mile run. Most students improved their times from previous runs. Top three times in each grade were:

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Michelle Malchoff (6:43)	Dale Sampsell (6:28)
Honor Eaton (6:48)	Jess Dennie (6:40)
Lindsey Peck (7:07)	Jordan Mitchell (6:40)

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Dusty Shove (7:24)	Santino Calabresi (6:23)
Leah Cox (7:33)	Justin Odle (6:45)
Kendall Shultes (7:35)	Ken Bloss (6:46)

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Elisabeth Malchoff (7:26)	Kane Eaton (6:37)
Ashley Champagne (7:27)	Ryan Dixon (6:56)
Elizabeth Zavala (7:29)	Luke Ameele (7:01)

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Kirsten Garanowski (8:18)	Jared Gentile (6:36)
Caitlyn Garofoli (8:20)	Max Barber (6:38)
Ashley Haskins (8:56)	Bryce Flora (6:39)

We have now started our lacrosse unit.



## Word Wise

*By Ms. Prill*

General Directions: Find the word that fits the first definition, then place a “T” in front of it to make a word that matches the second definition.

Definition/Directions: Place a “T” in front of a musical instrument and get a part of most rose bushes.

Definition/Directions: Place a “T” in front of a gaining a victory, and get one of a pair.

Answers later in the newsletter.

## Mrs. Bierer’s Room

*By Mrs. Bierer*

We have some very persuasive folks in our classroom! Lindsey Brothers had our mouths watering for Taco Bell tacos, and Caitlin Garofoli convinced us to prefer her choice of favorite foods—fudge. This isn’t too good for the diets, but it sure entices the children to write for persuasion.

For enrichment, ELA and Social Studies, *The First Thanksgiving* was performed just before the holiday. Our room was transformed into Plymouth Plantation in 1621—Indians and all.

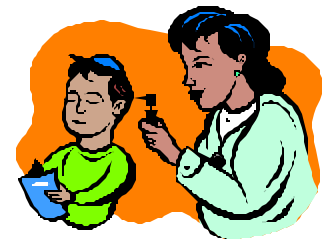
Students are working toward the 360-minute reading requirement for the *Book-It!* Program at home, have a 20-minute silent reading period to start our day, plus the new reading series. We’re reading up a storm!

## From the Health Office

*By Mrs. Starr*

The illnesses I have been seeing in the Health Office are pretty typical for this time of year: stomach viruses, colds, and some strep throat. Proper nutrition and adequate rest are the best defenses for preventing your child from catching some of the illnesses they will inevitably be exposed to. Good handwashing is also very important. While soap and water is the best method for infection control, there are a variety of anti-bacterial and anti-viral gels available on the market that do not require water and are ideal for students who do not want to take the time to use the lavatories for hand washing. They make great stocking stuffers! Chapstick and handcream also make good stocking stuffers and can help some of the minor discomforts of winter that sometime cause lost classroom time. If your child is being treated for strep throat please do not send them back to school until they have been on antibiotics for at least 24 hours. Remember to replace their toothbrush as part of their treatment. Vomiting and temperatures of 100 degrees or more are symptoms that should be absent for 24 hours before a student is sent back to school.

These simple precautions are tried and true and will help your family have healthy and happy holidays.



## Wrestling

*By Mrs. Starr*

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys interested in wrestling can pick up forms in the Health Office the week of December 11<sup>th</sup>. Completed forms must be returned to the Health Office by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Students must have a current physical to participate. Physicals will be scheduled at the Health Office December 19<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who wishes to have their sports physical done should indicate that on the sports form.

## What's the Buzz?

By Ms. Prill



The BEE is back! Open to students in grades 5 – 8.

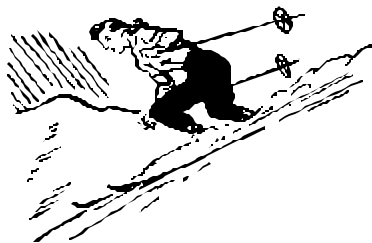
The first round (written) will be 10<sup>th</sup> period Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> in the grade level English teacher's room. Fifth graders go to Mrs. Bierer. The word list was distributed to interested students in early November.

The second round (oral) will be 10<sup>th</sup> period on Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup> in the Middle School Auditorium among the 10 top spellers from Round 1.

The top 3 winners of the second round compete in the Regional Bee in March at Hobart College in Geneva. The 4<sup>th</sup> place student, the runner up, also attends if one of the three Williamson contestants is ill and unable to compete that day.

The winner of the Regional Bee competes among other winners from around the country in Washington, DC in May. Scribbs-Howard, a publishing company, sponsors the Bee.

Contact for the BEE is Ms. Prill in the Middle School. Be(e) a winner –take a chance!



## SKI CLUB

By Mrs. Osborn

Ski Club dates for trips to Brantling are December 8, 15, and 22. We will leave the Middle School about 3:20 and return to the HIGH SCHOOL at 9:30PM. If any of the dates are cancelled we will add an additional date at the end of the season.

## 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Association

By Mrs. Osborn

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Association will meet Tuesday, December 5 at 2:15 in Room 13. Jewelry orders should be delivered from December 1-11. Payment is due by December 12 for all orders. Checks are payable to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Association. Thank you to all who supported this project.

During the week before Thanksgiving students in grades 5-8 have been taking part in a special fundraiser for the K-9 unit of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. There have been competitions in homerooms. Mrs. McMahon has planned dog-related activities for the Brown Bag Lunch program.



## FRANCE 2001 TRIP

By Mrs. Osborn

The France 2001 group would like to thank you for supporting our recent clothing drive.

**OUR NEXT EVENT-** Lasagna Dinner  
Monday, December 18, 2000  
5:00-7:00pm  
(Before the HS Holiday Concert)

Williamson High School Cafeteria  
\$6.50 ADULTS  
\$5.00 CHILDREN UNDER 12  
AND SENIOR CITIZENS



## TRAVEL CLUB:

*By Mrs. Osborn*

Travel Club final payment of \$160 made payable to the Williamson Middle School Travel Club is due December 14. The medical form is also due at that time.

Word Wise Answers:

thorn  
twin

## 5/6 Student Association

*by Miss Finkelstein and Miss Webster*

The 5/6 Student Association is off to a great start. Red Ribbon Week was October 23 through October 26. Three deputy sheriffs from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department spoke about their canine unit and staying drug free. The week was a great success thanks to teachers and students.

The Halloween Dance was sponsored by the 7/8 Student Association, and we'd like to thank our members and parents for volunteering at this event. We have also been busy with the 7/8 Student Association selling jewelry to help raise money for field trips.

Our next meeting will be November 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss our holiday project. Additional meetings will be made over the announcements three days in advance. Thanks for your cooperation.

## Girls Basketball

*By Mrs. Starr*

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> girls interested in playing basketball can pickup forms in the Health Office the week of December 11<sup>th</sup>. Completed forms must be returned to the Health Office by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Students must have a current physical to play. Physicals will be scheduled at the Health Office December 19<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who wishes to have their sports physical done at school should indicate that on the sports form.



## Reading Counts Computer Club

*By Ms. Prill*

Covering books (with very sticky, tough to work with) contact paper, searching the *Reading Counts!* database to see if books we already own are *Reading Counts!* books, and keying student made tests into the database, are "from the ground up" jobs in which the students are involved.

Caitlin Garofoli, Cynthia Otero, Samantha Stewart\*, Lindsay Stewart", Sami Sforza, Brittani Conger, Nicole Maylin, Lisa Beck, Jack Allen, Luis Ruiz, Tishia Murphy, Brittany Williams, Ashley Jenkins, Chelsea Lash, Tonya Thornton, and Christine Scoville are all a part of the club. \*ed names means these students have come to all 5 of the club meetings that we've had to date. Lindsay is this month's "book covering" trainer. Samantha is this month's "scan the data base" trainer.

The club is open to all Middle School students. Come to a meeting and check us out!

## PTA Corner

*By Aileen Hurlimann*

PTA sponsored activity nights began for 5th and 6th Grade on Friday, November 17th. There were 30 kids in attendance and they had fun playing board games, ping pong, dodgeball and basketball. Pop/chips/popcorn/candy bars were all for sale for \$.25 each. We had a fun time. Special thanks to those parents that chaperoned!

Special Note: All activity nights are from 6:30-8:00pm. Please make sure you come inside to pick up your children and especially try to be on time.

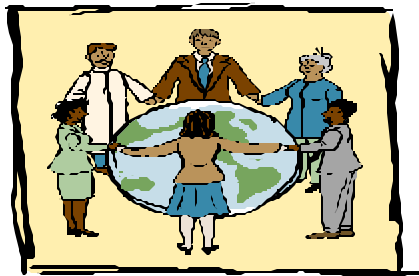
7th and 8th grade activity night had to be cancelled on Thursday, November 16th due to the fact that only two parents were available to chaperone. Please contact Claire Bouvier at 589-8159 if you would like to chaperone the next 7th and 8th grade night.

Dates to post to your calendar:

5/6 Activity nights: Jan 12, Feb 2, Mar 2

7/8 Activity nights: Dec 8, Jan 5, Feb 16, Mar 9

Rollerskating Parties for 5/6 have been a success, but once again we need to stress that your children need to be picked up on time!



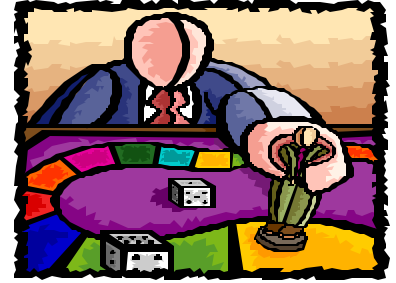
## International Club

*By Mrs. Osborn*

International Club will meet for a special holiday meeting on Friday, December 8th at 2:15pm in Room 13.

## Yorkers

*By Mrs. Bierer*



Two new officers were selected after the last news article deadline. Robert Verbridge does a great, albeit busy, job of being the new Treasurer. Michael Hurlimann, Vice-president, has already taken over for an ailing President.

The first November meeting found us in the multi-purpose room for old-fashioned games. My Grandma Doesn't Like "P's", and The Eraser on a Rope Game were the first ones to be tried out.

November 17th was the meeting in which to set the scene for the 1940's. Bambi was shown in theaters, Pearl Harbor and the nuclear bomb shocked us, Roosevelt and Truman were presidents, Babe Ruth died in 1948, Howdy Doody and bubble gum were amusing, the Rainbow Bridge was completed in Niagara Falls, etc. We concluded with the use of balloons as toys—even blew up a few ourselves!

## Williamson Middle School Students Honored

On Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Wayne County Volunteer Fireman's Association annual dinner held at the VFW Post in Lyons four of our middle school students were honored for saving the life of a fellow classmate. The four students are: Robert Goble, Matt Petrillo, Tyler Palmer and Joey Slater.

On September 28, 1999 their friend was choking on a piece of candy. Robert Goble and Matt Petrillo successfully used the Heimlich maneuver while Joey Slater and Tyler Palmer went for help. The students learned this maneuver in physical education as taught by our school nurse, Mary Starr.



# Student of the Month November Congratulations!



Student	Grade	Teacher	Reason
Chmil, Christyne	5	Mrs. Bianchi-Erskine	Excellent Work, Positive Attitude
Daniels, Brittany	5	Ms. Luke	Working Hard and Doing Well
Fitzgerald, Bryan	5	Mrs. Bierer	Kindness to Others
Foehner, Amber	5	Ms. Luke	Working Hard - Trying to do her Best
Gentile, Jared	5	Mr. Holowka	Constructive Attitude
Guiliano, Colby	5	Miss Brownell	Improved Class Participation
Henderson, Caroline	5	Mr. Marshall	Exceptional Effort
Herbert, Claire	5	Mrs. Bianchi-Erskine	Cooperative, Exceptional Effort, Positive Attitude, Helpful
Hyman, Bradley	5	Mrs. Bierer	Cheerfulness
Hyman, Bradley	5	Miss Brownell	Exceptional Effort
Kopicki, Rachel	5	Mr. Marshall	Exceptional Effort
Ottenschot, Danielle	5	Ms. Luke	Has Worked Hard at Being More Focused and Doing Her Best
Vanderbyl, Amanda	5	Mr. Holowka	Constructive Attitude
Webber, Douglas	5	Mrs. Bianchi-Erskine	Exceptional Effort
Wood, Todd	5	Mr. Holowka	Class Participation
Ankrom, Hallie	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Avery, Amy	6	Miss Nellany	Enthuiastic and Attentive
Bruce, Jamie	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Jenkins, Ashley	6	Miss Nellany	Super Classroom Participation
Ronan, Harrison	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Schuhart, Lizzy	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Verbridge, Katelyn	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in 6th Grade
Acciari, Ron	7	7th Grade Team	Effort, Attitude
Bloss, Kenneth	7	Mrs. Murnane	Cooperative, Good Effort, Respectful, Constructive Attitude
Cox, Leah	7	7th Grade Team	Citizenship, Effort
Davis, Tabitha	7	Mrs. Murnane	Cooperative, Conscientious, Very Good Effort, Respectful
Gimbel, Emily	7	Mrs. Wilkinson	Patience and Exceptional Effort
Haywood, Geoff	7	7th Grade Team	Participation
Koudelka, Chris	7	Mr. Plyter	Exceptional Effort
Kush, Amy	7	7th Grade Team	Effort
Pellett, Roberta	7	Ms. Perez	Class Participation
Pope-Collins, Eliza	7	Mrs. Osborn	Well Prepared, Positive Attitude
Winter, Jari	7	Mrs. Greco	Exceptional Effort, Class Participation
Adams, Lucia	8	Mrs. Osborn	Well Prepared, Positive Attitude
Bartkowiak, Colin	8	8th Grade Team	Effort
Dorn, Allie	8	8th Grade Team	Effort
Foos, Nick	8	Mr. Plyter	Exceptional Effort
Ginther, Brandon	8	8th Grade Team	Citizenship
Grzybek, Erin	8	8th Grade Team	Effort
Jopson, Jesse	8	8th Grade Team	Effort
Lewis, Tim	8	Mrs. Wilkinson	Positive Attitude and Good Work
Otero, David	8	Ms. Perez	Being Helpful, Very Caring and Concerned for a Fellow Student
Perry, Becky	8	8th Grade Team	Effort

# Enrichment News

by Carol McMahon

December is poetry month in the **6<sup>th</sup> grade!** Students will be writing poetry in Mrs. Yackel's English class with the help of **local poet, Todd Beers**. Students work will be put to music by Mr. Beers and the musicians "**Plum**". There will a performance by the students and "Plum" during our annual **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Coffeehouse** which will be held on

the evening of **January 18<sup>th</sup>**. Be sure to mark your calendars with this important date!

There will be a county-wide **Storytelling Competition** held in **April** for **grades K-8**. All students are welcome to participate when they join our **Storytellers Club**. Information will be available through English classes, the librarian Mrs. Verstraete and myself. So if you've got a tale to tell, we've got an audience for you!

The **Learning Fair** is **March 10<sup>th</sup>**! Pre-registration forms are due in January. Plan your project now!

## December 2000

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Yorkers Meeting 10th per.	2
3	4	5 7/8 Student Assoc. Meeting, 10th Per., Rm. 13	6 1/2 Day School Conference Day Board of Ed. 7:30pm	7	8 International Club 10th Period 7/8 Activity Night 6:30-8:00pm SKI CLUB	9
10	11	12 5/6 Music Concert @ 7:00pm	13	14 Travel Club Final Payment Due	15 Yorkers Field Trip to Cooperstown SKI CLUB	16
17	18 France 2001 Lasagna Dinner at HS, 5:00-7:00pm	19	20 7/8 Music Concert @ 7:00pm	21	22 SKI CLUB	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
Holiday Recess—NO SCHOOL						

