



In The Round

Your Key To Round Lake Area Schools Community Unit District #116

The Mission of the Round Lake Area Schools, a diverse and multicultural district, in partnership with our community is to develop successful life-long learners who can contribute to an ever changing global society by providing all students with high quality learning experiences.

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Putting It All Together Dr. Janet Elenbogen, CEo

It is hard to believe that summer is upon us. It is a time of culminating activities, celebrations of achievement, and a look to the future.

As we reflect on the past, we offer sincere thanks to our retirees for their many contributions to the education of the children of Round Lake Area schools. They will be missed.

We also pause to take a look at the year in review. This year's theme was "Putting It All Together."

It began with building a solid team of administrators and staff to work on key initiatives and provide the dedicated time and devotion that would build upon the positive outcomes for the District. We continue efforts on the recruitment and the retention of highly qualified staff through support and mentoring.

Professional development in mapping, assessment, differentiation, and effective strategies laid the foundation for the work. Staff came together and worked on a comprehensive mapping of the curriculum with a focus on alignment to the Illinois State Standards and assessment frameworks. Assessments were expanded with particular emphasis on the use of Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) and Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and job-embedded training was provided so that the data provided by these instruments could be used to focus instruction and provide strategic interventions. Recognized educators provided practical training on strategies and differentiation.

Results from the 2006 ISBE assessments affirmed positive growth. Overall, the percent of students meeting and exceeding state standards rose by 14.2 percent from the performance in 2004. In the area of reading, there was an increase of 13.2 percent and in the area of mathematics this increase was 16 percent. Other student outcome measures illustrated the District improvement. The attendance rate was 94.5 percent up from the 2001 low of 93.4 percent. Truancy was at 2.1 percent down from the 2001 high of 11.8 percent. The dropout rate of 4.2 percent was down from the 2001 high of 10 percent. Our graduation rate of 81.6 percent was up from our 2004 low of 62.9 percent. There is much to celebrate.

Net 56 will be providing technology solutions to the District. Through this agreement, the District will see an improved infrastructure, improved communications, timely and reliable services, and expanded opportunities for the use of technology as an instructional tool.

We have applied for several grants. We look forward to expanded services as these dollars become available.

Our summer school programs and offerings continue to expand. Programs will provide services for pre-K through high school.

Progress on our construction continues. Over the summer air conditioning will be added to our elementary schools and the work on Magee will be visible. Two additional mobile units will be completed at the high school.

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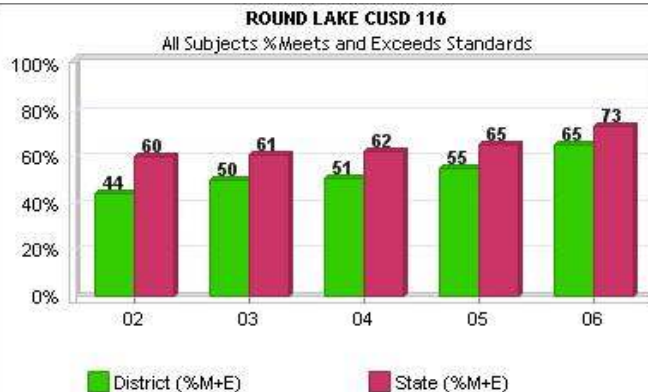
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Putting It All Together

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In July, we will welcome our new Chief Executive Officer to the District, Dr. Ben Martindale. His experience and expertise will add to the forward movement of the District.

As we enter the summer months ahead, we offer sincere thanks to the staff, administration, parents and students who have made our successes possible. Best wishes for a wonderful summer. We look forward to the 2007-2008 school year and the great things that are ahead. Excitement is in the air.



Walter J. Korpan, Chief Financial Officer

Round Lake Area Schools contracts with Chartwells to provide breakfast and lunch service to all of its schools. Chartwells provides over 1000 breakfasts and 4500 lunches daily to the student body. The Board of Education passed a Wellness Policy last year which included educating students on health and nutrition. This has proved to be very popular with the student body. Over 1000 salads are now served daily to students as well as other nutritious meals. Students are selecting food items that are healthier. The school food service has eliminated carbonated sodas and has reduced the sales of deep fried items replacing them with baked items. Students like these new choices and participation in the food program has increased.

In February, Round Lake Area Schools was audited by the Illinois State Board of Education. The purpose of the audit was to determine if Chartwells was meeting guidelines in food preparation and nutritional goals. It was found that Chartwells is doing a good job of providing students with healthy food options. The Business Office was credited with doing an outstanding job of making sure that applications for free/reduced meals were completed accurately. In addition, claims with the State of Illinois were timely and done well. There was also adequate back up information for these applications. The audit findings showed that Round Lake Area Schools has done a

commendable job.

In March, Round Lake Area Schools entered into a new program called *MealpayPlus*. This program allows parents to:

- Make payments to their child's meal accounts as well as activity fees
- View their child's balance
- View payment history
- View purchase history
- Receive low balance email reminders

Mealpay Plus has provided parents with 24 hour access to their child's food account.

This year was exciting for Round Lake Area Schools and Chartwells. It is gratifying for both organizations to be able to raise the level of service and quality of the foods that are served to students. Today, students are more knowledgeable about food choices and nutrition and want to be able to choose foods that are healthy.

If there are additional questions about Round Lake Area Schools' food program, please call our Food Director, Alfred Gies, at 847-270-9317.

Schuler Scholars Class of 2010 Chosen

The Schuler Foundation announced this spring that 33 students from the Class of 2010 have been selected as the 2nd class of **Schuler Scholars at Round Lake High School**. Letters notifying students and parents of their selection were mailed on April 27, and an induction ceremony was held on Monday, May 7 at the Round Lake High School Auditorium.

The newest Schuler Scholars were selected because the interviewing team believes in their talents, character, and future potential. The Schuler Scholar Program has developed a support network through several programs for our Scholars so that they realize their full potential and make the most informed decisions about their future. Those programs include a leadership program, career discovery program, a college preparation program and a community involvement program.

If you would like more information about the Schuler

Foundation's Scholar Program you may visit their website at: <http://www.schulerfoundation.org/>.

We congratulate our newest Schuler Scholars (listed below) and we want to thank Mr. Jack Schuler, Founder of the Schuler Program, for his most gracious generosity in making this program possible for our District 116 students.

Mario Aguirre, Monica Albor, Malvika Bhatti, Katie Birch, Jessica Crane, Elaura Dunning, Jared Feldman, Eugenia Flores, Jason Gaona, Amanda Gerfen, Steven Kaminski, Dorothy Kou, Magdalena Lachowicz, Melissa Larson, Amanda Magallon, Amy Maplethorpe, Nickolas Maziarka, Merideth McLane, Catalina Mejia, Tyler Meyer, Shaina Moore, Alejandro Murua, Christian Ramirez, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Vanessa Rodriguez, Anthony Saam, Lauren Siems, David Stritter, Shelby Tesch, Kaitlyn Thoen, Hannah Tippett, Bianca Treto and Crystal Williams.

BUILDING HIGHLIGHTS

Early Education Center

Eleven Early Education Center students who have shown achievement over the most recent marking period as determined by their classroom teacher have been selected to receive two complimentary Chicago White Sox tickets on behalf of the Chicago White Sox 2007 Student Achievers Program. In honor of their accomplishments, the eleven students were invited to attend a home game, each with an adult guest on Tuesday, May 22nd. With their teachers, Mrs. Ornstein and Mrs. Pedley and building principal Ms. Spears, all students and guest will be escorted to the game on a District bus.

A fun time was had by all!



Gianna Duna, William Mowell, Nicky Schratwieser, Justin Stevens, Anthony Om, Travis Zolb and Zachary Desourouez

W.J. Murphy Elementary School

W.J. Murphy has been involved this year, once again, in a number of community and family involvement projects. Some of the events planned this year were the Annual Father/Daughter Dance, a Mother/Son Dance, two Family Movie Nights (Over the Hedge and Happy Feet), a Family Reading Night, a Cinco de Mayo celebration, a weeklong fundraiser for the American Diabetes Association capped off with a whole-school "Walk for Diabetes," and two Food Fundraisers for local food pantries. Here at W.J. Murphy, we believe that community plays a large role in the education of our children's lives. You are always welcome to come and celebrate with us!



All School "Walk for Diabetes"

Raymond Ellis Elementary School

The Ellis Student Council, headed by Katie Horn, 4th grade teacher, was very busy this year with community projects and school incentives! The 30 members of student council went out of their way to help not only the school but the community and even the world. The activities they were involved in include: bringing spirit wear to Ellis School, providing school supplies to classrooms, collecting food for the Avon Food Pantry at the holiday season, collecting hats and mittens to distribute to Ellis students in need, collecting pennies to send supplies to the soldiers in Iraq and finally purchasing thank you gifts for the teachers at Ellis. They purchased these items through fundraisers that were run at school. The student council also helped bring awareness to Character Counts by providing an assembly for grades 1-4. They have done an outstanding job volunteering their time to help these many people in the Round Lake/Ellis School community!



Richard Via, Nathan Gonzales, Cristobal Martinez, Skylar Pollard, Jazlene Gonzalez, Dakota Gonzalez, Courtney Prais, Hayley Steinberg and Daisy Gi.

A Tribute to Our Retirees

Every year a void is created in RLAS-116 when another group of teachers decide that it is their time to retire. This year is no exception. When looking at the years of experience that our retirees are taking with them **(351 years!)**, we thought it would be fun to see what their answers to the following two questions would be.

What was your most memorable moment? What will you miss most about RLAS-116?

Thank you all for your responses! Congratulations to all of you! You will be missed!

Betsy Edwards, 31 Years of Service **Art Teacher – High School**

It's difficult to pin down just one memorable moment, but the most recent occurred just last year. It was the planning and hosting of the successful 2006 North Suburban Conference Art Festival here at RLHS last April.

I'll miss my students the most. I've taught so many wonderful and talented young artists throughout the years. I'll really miss seeing that spark of enthusiasm and creativity come to life in my classroom.

Kora Logan, 33 Years of Service **6th Grade Teacher – Ellis Elementary**

My first day of second grade at Indian Hill. I felt a spectrum of emotions. Then the first time a child said I really got it and I could see the light bulb above his head.

I will definitely miss those light bulbs, and I will miss all the great people whom I have worked with who are dedicated to making a difference against all odds.

Susan Patti, 23 Years of Service **1st Grade Teacher – Murphy Elementary**

My most memorable moment was the year Mayor Bauer invited Senator Dick Durbin to Murphy School. My first grade class was chosen to have a story read to them by the senator, because they had shown an interest in learning about elections.

I will miss my co-workers and the look on children's faces when they realize they can read a book by themselves.

Mark Holniker, 29 Years of Service **Special Education Teacher – High School**

My most memorable moment was when I realized I was teaching students whose parents I had taught. I signed on here in Round Lake back in 1978 thinking it was just a stopping place. Get a few years under my belt and move on. Then a very strange thing happened.... 30 years went by. I thank all my close friends for keeping me here, and the students I've known that made it always interesting.

Miss the most: The close friends I've made here, and the relationships that developed over the years.

Equally, the amazing things these students of ours accomplish. Oh yeah, I'm really going to miss getting up at 6:30am too.

Penny Prebil, 29 Years of Service **Guidance Counselor – High School**

During my 29 years in the district there have been many memorable moments. It is impossible for me to pick out only one. Every day seemed to present it's own unique moments!

I will miss the students and staff that I work with the most. The students are great and the staff is very dedicated and professional and a pleasure to work with.

Bill Schaible, 28 Years of Service **Science Teacher – High School**

We thank you for your dedication, Bill!

Ruthanne Persky, 25 Years of Service **2nd Grade Teacher – Beach Elementary**

I have had so many wonderful moments to remember, but this is a favorite. It was the first day of school, and a smiling young mother approached my line with her daughter. Her little girl looked just like her mother had as a second grader and she said, "Did you know I have been waiting all summer for this?" Mom smiled and said, "So have I!"

I will miss most of all being part of the daily life of Beach School. I will miss sharing the wonder and joy of learning and of life with the students, as well as my colleagues and friends. I have been blessed to work with them all.

Michael Rohlwing, 35 Years of Service
5th Grade Teacher – Murphy Elementary

Many things come to mind, but the overnight field trips to Springfield when I was at Magee probably top the list.

While I'll miss those "now I get it" faces on the students, my co-workers are whom I'll miss the most. I've made some good friends over the years.

Joan Molidor, 21 Years of Service
4th Grade Teacher – Murphy Elementary

A very special lady, Ila Bauer, told me that she never thought of herself as retired, just recycled. I too will follow this. I plan to come back to Murphy with my husband to volunteer. My husband Steve has been doing it for 6 years now and loving every minute. Not it is my turn to enjoy the children in small groups and do what I love most. This way I can still see my second family, the teachers. On the other days, I will be busy being a grandma to my 9 grandchildren. My son thought that I should home school all of them. I think not. Thank you for all the memories.

Joyce Rossdeutcher, 30 Years of Service
5th Grade Teacher – Murphy Elementary

Memorable – Many as I am not only a teacher in the district – this is my home district from which I graduated. Being hired by Mr. Gustafson and Bob Sherman, my former teacher was a dream come true. Then as I went on in the district working with the wonderful teachers and parents as part of the Murphy PTO and their dedication to not only the kids but the entire school. Another highlight was taking over the Murphy School Safety Patrol and then having the Round Lake Park / Hainesville Police Department come on board to help us even more. Thanks to Chief Bruce Johnson and also the present Chief Filenko for their continuous support. The officers that help us, Officer Bonaroti and Officer Steve, what fantastic people and how they show that they care for our kids – they are an inspiration!!! The patrols know that there are many people that truly take an interest in them and take time to care.

What I will miss the most are the wonderful staff that I have had the privilege to work with every day. I will also miss the people that I have had a privilege to work with such as Mayors of Round Lake Park, the Chief of Police, Officer Steve and Officer Bonaroti. I will miss working with the parents and students that I have come to know – but I have promised to return and help out if I am needed. It has been a fantastic experience that I will take with me as I go forward on my new journey, with many blank pages still to be filled. I am honored to have been a student as well as a staff member of this fine district!!!

Ben Rosenfield, 33 Years of Service
In-School Suspension Teacher – Middle School

Within days of being hired to teach at Beach Elementary School I met then Superintendent Cliff Houghton outside of the B. Dalton's Bookseller shop in Lakehurst Mall. He greeted me with a, "Hi Ben!" and nonplussed I responded in kind, "Hi Cliff." We were on a first name basis from that day forth.

What no one ever knew was that on days when the pressures of the central office became more than he wanted to handle, Cliff Houghton left without telling anyone where he was going. Perhaps they thought he had an appointment or a meeting with some unknown dignitary. The truth was vastly different and wonderful. Unbeknownst to all was that the Superintendent would sneak over to first year teacher Ben Rosenfield's classroom, having sworn me to secrecy ahead of time, and beg to be given 5 or 6 students in need of extra help so he could tutor them in mathematics. Many times he came, always with the warning that NO ONE was to know, as he sat a small round table in the back of the room and taught. The sheer joy on his face was a sight to behold!

That secret has been well kept, until now. Thanks Cliff and well done! Every one of his students was successful that year and, I trust, for the duration of their years in Round Lake Schools.

What will I miss most? It's a very special kind of love. I'll miss the students, definitely the students, but mostly our amazing teachers! Round Lake has MANY exceptional teachers, but the miracle is that their driving force is the student. No matter how difficult or trying the times, the teachers live, eat, breath and keep coming back to help the kids no matter what! That dedication and love is the miracle that happens here every day and so few realize it! That's what I'll miss the most.

Dan Starzynski, 34 Years of Service
3rd Grade Teacher – Village Elementary

My most memorable moment happened almost 31 years ago. The nurse at Indian Hill, where I was teaching back then, was named Penny Stuber. She was married to the principal at Murphy School, where Mary Peterson was teaching. Penny played matchmaker; we were pointed out to each other at a teacher's workshop one November day, phone numbers were exchanged, a date soon arranged, and the rest, as they say, is history! We've been very happily married ever since!

What will I miss the most? The teamwork and friendships that have been enjoyed with many staff members through the years!

Congratulations to our 2007 Scholarship winners!

The Donald M Bessert Administrator's Scholarship
Amber Burke

National Honor Society Scholarship
Amber Burke, Kallee Humerickhouse,
Refugio Mariscal & Brent Stafford

Round Lake Area Exchange Club
Javier Aguilar

2006 Comcast Leaders & Achievers Scholarship
Kristifer Crane

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship
Ciaria Harper

Donny Cowgill Memorial Scholarship
Amber Burke & Nicole Hybl

Fox Lake/Round Lake Area Rotary Scholarship
Kim Burton & Amanda Wilson

**College of Lake County Foundation
Superintendent's Scholarship**
Colleen Poynter

Education Association of Round Lake Scholarship
Gleendy Escatel & Nicole Hybl

Frank and Caroline Bielet Memorial Scholarship
Alexandra Manon

Burger King Scholars Program Scholarship
Alexandra Manon

Rollins Family Dental Center Scholarship
Ellece Smith

Vern & Bunny Thelen Family Foundation Scholarship
Josephine Marquez

Village of Round Lake Beach Scholarship
Eren Havrilak

Village of Round Lake Scholarship
Mercy Macharia

Robert & Collette Justen Music Scholarship
Rebekah Thompson

Lomeli's Market Scholarship
Calie Lyons

Ace Hardware Round Lake
Nicole Hybl

Baxter Corporation
Kristin Brookstein

Ila Bauer Memorial Scholarship
Gabriela Contreras

Riceland Rice/Univision Scholarship
Yajaira Balderas

Hermann R Mueller Scholar—Knox College
Amber Burke

The Presidential Scholarship—Eastern Illinois Univ
Kallee Humerickhouse

**President's Award & Lincoln Scholarship
University of Illinois, Springfield**
Josephine Marquez

**Presidents Award Program
University of Illinois, Chicago**
Mercy Macharia

**WIN/Alumni Scholarship/A.L. Knoblauch
Scholarship/Western Opportunity Scholarship—
Western Illinois University**
Ellece Smith

Minority Affairs Scholarship—Eastern Illinois Univ
Cindy Campos

Come Together for Summer Fun @ your library

Elena Lara, Public Relations Coordinator

This summer the library will be offering storytimes, summer reading clubs, crafts, movie nights, adult computer classes, and so much more! Visit the library to learn more about our line-up of exciting summer programs, call (847) 546-7060, or visit our website at www.rllibrary.org.

Get a Clue @ your library®

The annual Youth Summer Reading Club begins Saturday, June 2nd. Children ages birth through 8th grade are invited to read books, magazines, or listen to audiobooks, and then win prizes! **This is a self-paced, do-it-at-home activity.** Reading incentives include food coupons, bookmarks, stickers, and books. Register June 2nd through July 15th. As part of the "Big Ticket Reading Project", sponsored by the Daily Herald, when children complete the program, they receive a coupon book with more than twenty vouchers to leading cultural and entertainment

institutions. After completing their reading goals, children are invited to attend an Ice Cream Social and celebrate summer reading.

Have a Hardboiled Summer

Join the Adult and Teen Summer Reading Club and try to figure out Life's Mysteries. Read or listen to five books, or watch five movies to be eligible for the Grand Prize Drawing! Register at the Adult Services reference desk starting June 2nd and receive your starter packet. You may also choose from a limited selection of Ravinia tickets. Be among the first 50 people to sign-up and you'll also get a free paperback, courtesy of the Friends of the Round Lake Area Library.

"At our library, people of diverse backgrounds and all ages can take advantage of learning opportunities and summer fun," says Elena Lara.

Bilingual/ELL Department Update

The English Language Learner Department has worked hard this year in order to correlate all the district initiatives into the framework of the English Language Proficiency Standards. I have seen the hard work and dedication of all our ELL staff as they met the challenges of improving Bilingual Education for our students.

In Round Lake Area Schools 116 we currently practice the Transitional Bilingual Education Model. A full-time Transitional Bilingual Education program must be provided in any school or attendance center with 20 or more Limited English Proficient students from the same language background as stated in Article 14C of the Illinois School Code. The TBE program includes instruction in: 1) English as a Second Language, 2) Language Arts in the student's home language, 3) Instruction in subjects such as mathematics, science, and social studies to be given in the student's home language and in English, and 4) Instruction in the history and culture of student's geographic origin, and of the United States. Gradually with the English language acquired, students then transition into an ESL classroom, where instruction is given all in English with support from ESL strategies and methodologies. These students then transition into the mainstream once they are found to be proficient in English. Stephen Krashen states that "when schools provide children quality education in their primary language, they give them two things: knowledge and literacy. The knowledge that children get through their first language helps make the English they hear and read more comprehensible. Literacy developed in the primary language transfers to the second language (ERIC Digest)."

For our students who come from countries where Spanish is not spoken, support is also given. These students are placed in an ESL classroom with ESL strategies where they can have their English instruction 'sheltered' so that they too can receive the quality education they deserve without feeling lost and frustrated and left to sink or swim in the mainstream.

If your family comes from a home where another language (or languages) is/are spoken, make sure to model that language for your child. Research shows that when a child is strong in their native language, acquiring other languages becomes easier (Valadez-Freeman, 1992). In the primary grades you can reinforce the knowledge of language by reading books in a child's native tongue. Summer reading can come in all types of forms: Magazines, chapter books, newspapers, comic strips, etc. For activities and/or more information on Bilingual Education please go to www.rlas-116.org and click on the general information tab and then click on the ELL programs link.

The next ten and a half weeks can be a wonderful opportunity to continue your child's learning in any setting they may encounter. If you make learning meaningful (if you connect a prior experience to what they are learning) your child is better able to retain the new information. By practicing your child's reading skills, in any language, your child will be ready to begin the school more confidently.

I wish everyone a Happy Summer!



Teacher, Grainger employee and students discussing careers.



Murphy students leading a Cinco De Mayo celebration.

Counselor's Corner

Nicole Bihn, Guidance Counselor RLMS

Can you believe the school year is over already? Many of us have been spending our weekends attending graduations and graduation parties. It is a time of excitement and celebration, but it is also a time to start thinking about the future. What will our students do when they leave middle school and high school? To answer that question, the district has purchased a site license for Round Lake Middle School for **Career Cruising**, an interactive career guidance resource designed for people of all ages, including middle school students.

The students at RLMS use Career Cruising's interest assessment tool that has a skills assessment. This allows the students to discover which careers interest them and if their skills match those careers. Then, the students can investigate the working conditions, earnings, education, etc...associated with those careers. After that, they can

use the site's Resume Builder to complete a professional resume. Once the students have completed and saved the information, they will have access to it after they leave Round Lake Middle School. **Their portfolios are never deleted!**

The wonderful thing about our site license is that not only can Round Lake Middle School students use the site, but their families can use it and it is in English and Spanish! It can be accessed from any computer with an internet connection. If you are interested in looking at the site, please



go to www.careercruising.com. If you would like to do your own career inventory and build a portfolio, please contact me at Round Lake Middle School and I'll give you the username and password.

Have a great summer!!!

Curriculum & Instruction Update

The Curriculum and Instruction team has worked collaboratively with the entire district staff to accomplish a myriad of goals and objectives aimed at improving the achievement of all students. Each level has successfully implemented several new strategies and/or initiatives in the areas of teaching, learning and assessment. A few of the highlights from this year include:

- Grades K-2 implementation of the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) assessment used to monitor the progress of every child and set specific learning goals.
- Grades 3-7 implementation of the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment used to identify specific instructional levels of students, develop targeted learning goals and monitor progress.
- Grades K-6 training in strategies for improving student performance on ISAT.

- Middle School development of a mission statement, vision statements, guiding principles, and a pyramid of intervention strategies to ensure the success of every student.
- High School training in differentiation strategies to address the unique learning needs of all students.
- Development of district curriculum maps which align district curriculum with the State of Illinois Learning Standards, Descriptors, and Assessment Frameworks.
- Implementation of a comprehensive professional development plan which targets critical areas of need to improve student achievement.

The entire district staff has devoted countless hours toward providing students a positive and successful school experience. We are committed to continuing in the pursuit to improve our schools and achieve excellence.

Enjoy this summer with your family and friends.

Character Counts!

The third annual CHARACTER COUNTS! Recognition Award Ceremony was held Saturday, May 5th at the RLA Park District Ranger Station. Over 100 people attended and cheered on the award winners. A special thanks goes out to all of the volunteers who helped make this a great event.

2007 Winners:

Ruthanne Persky - Retiring teacher who has demonstrated generosity and caring throughout her career.

Dan Starzynski - Retiring teacher who has given outstanding service to not only his students but to parents and fellow staff members.

Paul Flatley - Principal that has lead by example and perseverance and positively influenced students, parents, community and his staff.

Shahran Spears - Principal who has used CHARACTER COUNTS! to teach and motivate her students with great results.

Beach School PTO - Caring approach to students that goes above the traditional call of duty.

Ellis Student Council - Made a positive impact for many others with their ongoing community service projects.

EEC PTO - Demonstrated tremendous commitment and dedication to ensure enrichment activities for the students at the EEC.

Village of RLB - Continuous support of CHARACTER COUNTS! highlighted by painting CHARACTER COUNTS! on their new water tower.

Ace Hardware - Ongoing support of all community projects especially offering to be a staging center in case of a community emergency.

The Pizza Place - Unselfish commitment to school and community projects especially the CHARACTER COUNTS! chili supper.

Elena Ciolli - EEC student who is compassionate and caring about others.

Paige Zielinski - EEC student who is generous and helpful to others

Makayla Golden - EEC student who constantly demonstrates her caring nature for others.

Cassie Hansen - EEC student who has outstanding behavior in the classroom

Dominique Gonzales - Ellis 6th grade student who is President of Student Council and gives 110% to all of her projects.

Hannah Driscoll - 8th grade student who unconditionally gives to others both at school and in the community.

Michael Rosenbaum - 8th grade student who shows extraordinary concern for his fellow students.

Calie Lyons - High School student who leads by example both in her church and at school.

Selena Patton - High School student who has made positive changes in her life this past year.

Michael Dvorak, Tamsin Folkman, John Amrein, Krista Millard, Kristin Moroni, Georgann Vetrano - Band and Chorus teachers who have volunteered year after year to help out with the CC! Chili Supper who spend countless hours enriching the life's of their students.

Congratulations to Everyone!

Kathy Myers - Chair of CHARACTER COUNTS!



Mayor Jean McCue, Salena Patton
and Chief Kalodimos

07-08 SCHOOL CALENDAR**AUGUST**

Thursday, 9th & Friday, 10th
 Monday 13th & Tuesday, 14th
 Tuesday, 14th
 Wednesday, 15th
 Thursday, 16th

EARL Mentoring – New Teachers
 Teacher Institute Day
 Orientation 7th & 9th Graders Only / 1:00p.m. Start Time
 First Day of School Term with Students / Early Dismissal
 First Full Day of Student Attendance

SEPTEMBER

Monday, 3rd
 Friday, 14th
 Friday, 21st

Labor Day / No school
 Mid Quarter Reports
 School Improvement Day / Early Dismissal

OCTOBER

Monday, 8th
 Tuesday, 16th
 Thursday, 18th
 Friday, 19th
 Friday, 26th

Columbus Day / No school
 1st Quarter Ends
 Teacher In-Service 1:00-4:00p.m. - Parent / Teacher Conferences 5:30-8:00p.m.
 1st Quarter Reports / Students Attend A.M. only
 Parent / Teacher Conferences 8:30-12:00p.m. / No Students
 School Improvement Day / Early Dismissal

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, 6th
 Tuesday, 20th
 Wednesday, 21st
 Thursday, 22nd
 Friday, 23rd
 Friday, 30th

Election Day/Teacher Institute Day/ No school
 2nd Quarter Mid Quarter Reports
No School
 Thanksgiving Day / No school
No school
 School Improvement Day / Early Dismissal

DECEMBER

Thursday, 20th
 Friday, 21st

2nd Quarter Ends / 1st Semester Ends
 1st Day of Winter Break / No school

JANUARY

Monday, 7th
 Friday, 11th
 Monday, 21st
 Friday, 25th

School resumes
 2nd Quarter Reports
 Martin Luther King's Birthday / No school
 School Improvement Day / Early Dismissal

FEBRUARY

Friday, 8th
 Friday, 15th
 Monday, 18th
 Friday, 29th

Mid Quarter Ends
 Teacher Institute Day / No School
 President's Day / No school
 School Improvement Day / Early Dismissal

MARCH

Monday, 3rd
 Monday, 10th – Friday, 14th
 Friday, 14th
 Thursday, 20th
 Friday, 21st
 Monday, 24th-Friday, 28th
 Monday, 31st

Casimir Pulaski Day / No school
 ISAT Testing
 3rd Quarter Ends
 Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:30-8:00p.m. / 3rd Quarter Reports / No Students
 Non-Attendance Day
 Spring Break
 School resumes

APRIL

Friday, 4th
 Wednesday, 23rd – Thursday, 24th
 Tuesday, 29th

School Improvement Day / Early Dismissal
 PSAE Testing
 4th Quarter - Mid Quarter Reports

MAY

Friday, 16th
 Friday, 23rd
 Friday, 23rd
 Monday, 26th
 Tuesday, 27th
 Wednesday, 28th
 Thursday, 29th
 Friday, 30th

School Improvement Day / Early Dismissal
 2nd Quarter Semester Ends
 Last day of School if no emergency days are used / Early Dismissal
 Memorial Day
 Makeup Emergency Day
 Makeup Emergency Day
 Makeup Emergency Day
 Makeup Emergency Day

JUNE

Monday, 2nd

Makeup Emergency Day / Last day of school if all emergency days are used

(LAST CHANCE) Location of ALL August Registrations at High School building ONLY! (LAST CHANCE)				
K-12 Registration (No Discount)	Kindergarten	1st-8th Grades	9th-12th Grades	Special Education - Out-of-District (SEDOL, Private Placement, Parochial, etc.) at High School
August 1, 2007	1:30-7:00pm	1:30-7:00pm	1:30-7:00pm	1:30-7:00pm
August 2, 2007	10:00-4:00pm	10:00-4:00pm	10:00-4:00pm	10:00-4:00pm
On-line registration for 1st-12th graders will ONLY be available March 1, 2007 through July 13, 2007.				

REGISTRATION FEES	EARLY	FULL	LATE
	3/8/07-5/30/07	5/31/07-Before School Starts	After School Begins ONLY returning students
New Kindergarteners	\$85	\$85	\$85
Returning Kindergarteners	\$85	\$110	\$135
First - Sixth Grades	\$85	\$110	\$135
Seventh - Eighth Grades	\$100	\$125	\$150
Ninth - Twelve Grades	\$120	\$150	\$175

Additional fees **MUST** be paid at time of registration: All 1-12 students will pay \$6.00 assignment book and Middle & High School students will pay an additional \$6.00 hall lock. All 7th grade students must also purchase a gym suit.

