

The Barking Bulldog

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The Bulldog Needs You

At our first meeting of the Barking Bulldog, we had fifteen

6th, 7th and 8th graders attend and agree to write stories for this edition. Only six of those writers actually finished their stories.

Without writers, our newspaper will have trouble getting published. If you'd like to write stories or draw pictures for us, please come to our next meeting.

A Warm Welcome

To Mrs. Turner

We are happy to welcome

Mrs. Turner to Rombout Middle School. Mrs. Turner was raised in Texas and worked there for 12 years. She was a middle school English teacher and also a kindergarten teacher before becoming an assistant principal in Texas. Mrs. Turner moved to NY when her husband was transferred here. She was a little anxious when she first arrived but thinks the adjustment went much smoother than expected. When asked how her time at RMS has been, Mrs. Turner said, "It has been fast, furious and crazy but never with a dull moment."

By Brett Huff

Club News

Chess Club

Chess Club meetings are usually on Wednesday's after school. It's a fun place to be to take your mind off of work and enjoy playing chess. Everyone is friendly and has good sportsmanship. Coming to this meeting is not about winning all the time but to improve the way you play while meeting other kids in all grade levels. Boys and girls can join and must follow a few rules. The most important things in chess club are to respect others and talk softly so players can think. Mrs. Henricksen, the chess club advisor says, "Since chess is a game of strategy, it helps young people develop thinking skills."

By Michael Perez

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)

The National Junior Honor Society was created to recognize and encourage academic achievement by students. This represents ideals of scholarship, service, character, citizenship and leadership. Students in the NJHS stand out as role models by making a positive influence and helping their community.

Here at RMS, NJHS students help as tour guides at school functions. They also help organize and support school wide events like charity drives.

You can't just "join" the NJHS. At the end of the year, 7th graders with an average of 85 or better for all quarters are invited to be inducted into the society and must maintain that average to stay in the club.

By Hassan Kamara

Sports 'n Stuff

Swimming

Several boys from RMS have made the Beacon High Men's Swimming Team! They are working hard to repeat the remarkable accomplishments of last years RMS swimmers.

Following a winning 2006-07 season, Coach Collins credited the RMS boys for the winning year, "Without them, we would have had a losing season." Hopes are high for even greater success this year.

Volleyball

The modified volleyball team was very prepared this year, although they didn't have a winning season. It was a very young team with many first year players. Coach DeCandia saw much improvement from her girls during the season. Many of their losses were

close games. Watch out for RMS next year!

By Sabrina Valenti

"High School Musical"

The RMS play was a big hit. You know the story, Troy meets Gabriella. They sing a lot of songs and all become friends. Ms. Colson was very proud of her cast and crew. "Everyone learned their lines and were on time for rehearsals." Forty seven students were involved in the play with a new cast each night. Mr. Camara was the set designer.

Congratulations to Ms. Colson, Mr. Camara and their dedicated cast and crew for a great performance.

By Heidi Saxton

Books In Review

When reading books written by Gordon Korman, you feel like a character in the book and start to feel what they feel, see what they see and

think what they think. In every chapter the suspense builds. Check out Korman books in the RMS Library.

By Philip Switzer