How do you show your PRIDE for Red Jacket?

RED JACKET PRIDE MOMENTS...

During a recent Girls Varsity Basketball game, a six year old student came up missing. The parents frantically told a chaperone that their daughter was missing. The game was immediately stopped and an announcement was made about the missing child. As soon as the spectators heard the announcement, at least thirty of them ran out of the gym and started to search for the missing child. The child was found within a few minutes after the announcement, and after a round of applause, the game went on. At a time when much of the news that we hear is depressing, it is nice to know that sometimes people think of others before themselves. Pretty impressive Red Jacket Pride shown from our community, students and staff!
Dear Students, Parents, and Community Members:

Cindy Coffey had life figured out. She was a supportive friend to everyone and noticed the good things about them. When facing the most difficult and tragic news, Cindy remained positive and focused on her goal of getting better and continuing her successful career driving bus for Red Jacket Schools. Her optimism was contagious and I believe we all thought she would be back. Although Cindy lost her battle to cancer on January 4, 2015, she truly lives on through each of us. She was a tremendous person.

This past spring, during the Shortsville Fireman’s Carnival Parade, Cindy drove her bus for the last time. I was grateful to be one of the several passengers to ride along and be with her in her element. Cindy’s bus proudly displayed a poster with the words, “We Love Your Kids” and I can tell you that she truly did! She had a blast and the experience was exciting and fun for everyone. I recognize that may sound like an overstatement, but it’s not. Cindy made small moments in time special memories for everyone around her.

All who knew Cindy would agree that she loved to laugh, share funny stories, listen and dance to music, and spend time at her pool - no matter how cold it was. But most of all, she loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, family, and of course, the love of her life, her husband, Officer Dick Coffey. By the way, she referred to her husband as the love of her life. Cindy’s best friend was her husband and she often remarked about how wonderful he was to her. Cindy was so happy to have her husband in her life; she even placed him above Frankie Valli, who she absolutely worshipped and got to meet at a concert earlier this year.

Cindy’s Red Jacket family of close-knit, dedicated drivers shared some other fond memories about Cindy that I would like to pass along. Cindy always talked about her grandchildren, enjoyed showing off their pictures, and was looking forward to another trip to Florida and going to Disney with them. She never forgot a birthday and made birthday cakes for all the drivers – chocolate raspberry was the most popular. The last cake Cindy made for a driver friend was made with her husband because Cindy was undergoing chemotherapy. Dick made the cake while Cindy provided him with step-by-step instructions. Cindy was famous for her Whoopie Pies, but she also enjoyed trying new recipes. She had a huge heart, was uplifting, selfless, and an exceptionally thoughtful, caring friend to everyone – Cindy was true role model for adults and children alike.

On behalf of our students, parents, and Cindy’s Red Jacket family across the District, I would like to thank the Coffey and Perry families for sharing Cindy with us; and I would like to express our sincerest sympathy for the loss of a genuinely beautiful person. We will miss Cindy.

Sincerely,

Charlene Harvey
Superintendent of Schools
Dear District Residents,

On January 21st, Governor Cuomo released his 2015-2016 Executive Budget proposal. The proposal included an increase in school aid of $1.06 billion (4.8%) over the 2014-2015 levels. However, this increase is contingent upon the legislature adopting the Governor’s education reform agenda. If the legislature does not agree on the proposal, the Governor indicated the 2015-2016 State Budget would remain at last year’s budget amount, which was $377 million (1.7% increase) in additional State Aid to school districts. At this time, the Division of Budget has indicated there will not be a release of school aid runs until an agreement is reached, most likely around the start of the state fiscal year which is April 1st. This makes the budget development process even more challenging.

Like many other upstate public schools, Red Jacket’s State Aid is still more than $700,000 BELOW the State Aid level we received in the 2008 – 2009 school year! The 1.7% increase in additional State Aid does not mean that the distribution of Aid will be equitable. There are 525 schools in the State, including ALL of the schools in the Wayne-Finger Lakes region, which are underfunded, while there are 151 wealthy districts, primarily downstate, that are overfunded by an average of $137,300,724. The wealthiest 10% of New York’s school districts are almost 14.5 times wealthier than the poorest 10%.

The Governor’s proposal also included opening more Charter Schools across the State. Smaller schools generally outperform larger (poorer) schools, and that is, in part, why the Governor supports the Charter School initiative even though these additional small schools take funding away from public schools, thus placing a heavier tax burden on property owners. Charter Schools make sense in low performing urban areas like Rochester, Buffalo, or Syracuse where approximately 45% of students graduate from high school, more students live in poverty and where students have such poor attendance they have severe gaps in their skills and understandings. In achieving, rural school districts, Charter Schools do not make sense due to the fact that the rural districts do not have the need or the property tax base to support them.

Red Jacket’s Commitment to Fiscal Health & Responsibility is Unwavering

Remaining Under the Tax Cap = Tax Freeze
The New York State Legislature enacted a two-year property tax freeze as part of the 2014-2015 state budget. The State will reimburse property taxes paid by homeowners to school districts and municipalities that stay within their 2% tax levy growth caps for the next two years. The Manchester-Shortsville Central School District stayed under the 2% tax levy growth.

Red Jacket School Tax Levy over the Past Three Years
Despite the lingering $704,000 reduction in State Aid from 2008-2009 and the ever-rising costs of utilities, fuel, materials, pensions, health insurance, worker’s compensation, contractual salaries, programs and services, and special education services, Red Jacket Schools has demonstrated unwavering commitment to control expenditures while maintaining excellence in education.

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The Manchester-Shortsville Central School District has demonstrated fiscal responsibility, now we need Governor Cuomo and our other elected government officials to do their part by restoring Aid to our underfunded upstate public schools!
Please feel free to add Assistant Attorney General, Justin Deabler, to your upstate public school advocacy list and consider the following points of concern for Red Jacket Schools and other small, underfunded, upstate public schools by asking our elected government officials to:

- Create a predictable, sustainable, and equitable aid formula that includes a distribution that takes into account both poverty and fiscal capacity,
- Get rid of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) to restore over $700,000 in State Aid to Red Jacket,
- Avoid diverting funds for political purpose,
- Create a more equitable STAR program for property owners (STAR distribution is similarly inequitable between upstate and downstate counties),
- Stop the attack on small public schools,
- Stop unfunded mandates!

Thank you for your continued support! By working together, we can make a difference!

With Red Jacket Pride,

Charlene Harvey
Superintendent of Schools

Building Partnerships Update
Village of Shortsville Mayor, Fred Mink; Village of Manchester Mayor, Nancy Johnsen; Manchester Town Supervisor, Jeffery Gallahan; and Town Councilman, Doug Davis are working together to share the cost of purchasing two solar-powered beacons for our crosswalk on Route 21 in front of the school. We have all been very concerned about the safety of our student walkers and our favorite crossing guard, Mark Pappert. Sharing the cost makes good economical sense for everyone. The District’s share will be under $2,000. I look forward to continuing our partnership with both villages and towns to share services where it makes sense and to do what we can together to improve our school and communities while also easing the economic stress placed on property owners.
The Congress of Future Medical Leaders

by Shealyn Doody ’15

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders and Physicians was an amazing experience. A variety of speakers attended this Congress and inspired me to start my medical research now, using any available resources. The Surgeon General of the United States was the first speaker, where he talked about the problems in society such as tobacco, a sedentary lifestyle, and unhealthy eating. It was interesting to hear from his perspective what he thought of health in the U.S. compared to what the media presents us with.

Prodigies, around my age, also spoke at this Congress such as Shree Bose, Jack Andraka, and Brittany Wenger. Shree Bose was the Grand Prize Winner of the 2011 Google Science Fair. She discovered a way to counteract the resistance of cisplatin (a chemotherapy drug) in women with ovarian cancer. She did this research at age 18! Her message was clear; present every opportunity with energy and push the boundaries. Jack Andraka was the Grand Prize Winner of the 2012 Intel Science Fair. He developed a diagnostic test for pancreatic cancer that is 28 times faster, 26,000 times less expensive and over 100 times more sensitive than the current test. He spent his entire summer studying proteins and found one that was unique to pancreatic cancer in which he developed a test (I still don’t understand it completely) that looked for this protein. It amazed me how this simple test made out of things he bought at a hardware store would be a more sensitive test than the ones developed by experienced biomedical engineers.

He was only 15 with little background knowledge of biology! It just goes to show that new, young minds are the future of medical breakthroughs, and this thought got me motivated.

The Congress had multiple breaks where we reflected our thoughts on the back of our name badge. These were my thoughts:

* Health is the complete physical, social, and mental well-being of a patient.
* Human connection is the most powerful force.
* Bring energy and push the boundaries of everything you do.
* There are simple problems in developing countries that can be improved by removing politics from science.

Even though there were aspects of the Congress I could critique, overall the experience was great and I would recommend attendance to any student who is interested in becoming a doctor/surgeon and enjoys listening to inspirational speakers. I would also encourage any student who would like to attend to apply for the scholarship; this greatly influenced my desire to attend.
This past summer, between June 30 and July 6, I fulfilled the enormous honor of representing Red Jacket as the 2014 American Legion Auxiliary Empire Girls’ State delegate. Since returning, the question I’m asked most often is, “What even is Girls’ State?” The simple answer to this question would be, “Empire Girls’ State is a week long, hands-on workshop on government, the political process, and leadership.” It seems pretty simple right? This description is true; however, this description doesn’t even begin to explain Girls’ State in its entirety.

Empire Girls’ State was our imaginary 51st state, and like any other state, EGS was split into counties. There were eleven counties, and each county corresponded to floors 2 through 12 of Mortimer Hall, our dorm at SUNY Brockport for the week. Each county was named in honor of famous females in American history; there was Albright County, Angelou County, Anthony County, Clinton County, Earhart County, Keller County, O’Connor County, Parks County, Ride County, Rankin County, and Tubman County. You are assigned to a county alphabetically by last name, and a political party (Nationalists or Federalists), upon registration. I was a Nationalist citizen of Ride County. Ride County was on the 11th floor. Thank God we had elevators!

Day one was pretty much just settling in and getting acquainted with your county. Every girl in Ride County was outgoing and brilliant. I quickly realized that this week was going to be unparalleled. Our first duty as a county was to elect people to committees. Each committee contained two girls from each county. The committees at EGS were Technology, Agriculture, Campaign, Criminal Justice, Education, Environmental, Health, Homeland Security, and Platform. Each party had their own committee, and the committee’s jobs were to create bills in the hopes of solving the problems in the state. I was on the Campaign committee, so I didn’t really have any government work to do; however, we were granted the ever important task of promoting candidates and creating a mascot.

After general session, the committees split up and worked on their bills. My committee didn’t have candidates to promote, so we worked on our mascot. After much debate, the Nationalist party finally settled on a Knight (the Feds choose an owl). The night of day two we split into party caucuses to elect party leaders. The Nat party leader was Allison Hoover and the Fed party leader was Victoria Batista, both girls were sweeter than honey and the perfect candidates for their positions. Before anyone knew it, it was time to nominate candidates for state official positions. Each county was permitted to elect one girl from each party to the four positions of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, and Attorney General. I was nominated as Governor and I accepted. I, of course, had no idea what I was getting myself into.

Wednesday night was the party caucuses for the state positions. The speeches started with the Attorney General candidates and ended with the Governor candidates, so I was speaking last. I had all day to write a speech, but everything I tried to write down sounded cliché and rehearsed. I figured I might as well speak from the heart and wing it. I walked to the microphone unprepared, but as soon as I started, I knew exactly what to say. The speeches were done and it was time to vote. The Nationalist Attorney General was Abby Snelling of Ride County, Comptroller was Anna Kostaikas of Keller County, Lt. Governor was Abi Kahl from Parks County, and the Governor was myself. For the Federalists, Governor was Nidhi Shah from Ride County, Lt. Governor was Emma Liland from Keller County, Comptroller was Shannon Scott from Rankin County, and Attorney General was Simran Singh from Ride County. Both Governor and Attorney General candidates were from the same county.

Committees continued work on their bills, and in campaign committee, we made posters for the candidates and a giant paper knight to support the Nationalist party. The next step in elections was to elect “The Big Four”. These girls would be the leaders of all of Girls’ State. All eight candidates sat at the front of the session hall and we were asked questions and debated. My questions were “After your week at EGS, what will you take away from this experience?”, and “As Governor, how will you unite the counties in preparation for bill presentation?” After the debate, the citizens voted. That night we were told who won.

Simran was elected as Attorney General, Shannon was elected as Comptroller, Emma was elected Lt. Governor, and I was elected Governor of Empire Girls’ State, 2014.
We honestly had little time to celebrate, as soon as we found out the results, we were already planning which bills to bring before session. Out of the twenty-four, admittedly well written and smartly constructed bills, I believe we were able to vote on seven and pass three. It’s disappointing that we didn’t have more time to debate and vote on more of the bills. They were all incredibly well written; I was impressed.

At the end of Empire Girls’ State, we have a graduation, called the State of the States Ceremony where we reflect on the week, award scholarships and name the Girls’ Nation Senators. Caroline Reagan, and Lisdy Contreras were elected as the Girls’ Nation delegates. Girls’ Nation is like Girls’ State but at the national level. Nation is held in Washington D.C and the members of The Big Four cannot run for Nation. We all dress up in gowns for the ceremony and we say our goodbyes, for we know that it is our last night together.

This is what happens at Empire Girls’ State; however, I asked some of the girls to describe EGS as best as they could, and the results were better than any literal definition of it. Courtney Sherry from Angelou County said, “This [defining EGS] is the hardest question to answer ever.” I would agree with her. Caroline McCusker of O’Connor County defines EGS as “...the first meeting of the future leaders of America...the girls that are going to change the world. It is the girls that are not afraid to stand up for what they believe in, the girls that are not afraid to fight for what is right...Girls’ State is the best group of people I have ever met...” I believe every word she says. The girls are what really makes Empire Girls’ State worth it. Kylee Wilson, Tubman County “Empire Girls State is something that changed my life. It helped me grow as a confident leader and I have a better appreciation for my country...” Erin Parish of Parks County calls Girls’ State “...the greatest opportunity that any New York lady can ever imagine. It is packed with many different things throughout the week that helps them grow and learn to be more intellectual, warming ladies. EGS also gives these ladies friendships that will last a lifetime.” Girls’ State is so much more than government. It’s growth, it’s lifelong friendship, it’s life changing. It is the single most amazing experience of my life, that’s all due to the intelligent, outgoing, confident, extraordinary girls that made the week so memorable.

Welcome New Staff!

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of our Red Jacket staff!

Ms. Emma Stutzman
Long-Term Middle School Guidance Counselor - Ms. Stutzman comes to us from St. John Fisher College and the University of Rochester. She has a Master’s Degree in School Counseling and has worked in the Rochester CSD and East Rochester School District. Ms. Stutzman was most recently a Medicaid Service Coordinator for the Arc of Monroe County. We welcome Emma and wish her the best as she begins her work in the middle school.

Ms. Jessica Hess
Long-Term Elementary School Guidance Counselor - Ms. Hess comes to us from SUNY Brockport. She has a Master’s Degree in School Counseling and has worked in the Palmyra-Macedon School District. We welcome Jessica and wish her the best as she begins her work in the elementary school.

Mr. Bill Burnett
Maintenance Helper - Mr. Burnett is a Shortsville resident who will be joining our building maintenance team. He will be busy maintaining the building and grounds. We look forward to Bill’s smile and expertise each day at RJ!
Dear Red Jacket Families,

I am honored to announce that I have been asked to serve as Interim Middle School Building Leader for the remainder of this school year at Red Jacket Middle School. I have been the School Counselor at RJMS since 2008 and have also served as the Committee on Special Education/Committee on Pre-School Education Chairperson for the past four years. RJMS is a very special place for children to learn and grow. I am blessed to work with a tremendously talented and caring group of teachers and staff members and look forward to moving forward with them to ensure that students are afforded the best educational opportunities in a safe and caring environment. I am very excited to work in this leadership role with our middle school students and their families!

With Red Jacket Pride,

Karen Hall
Dear Red Jacket Families and Community Members,

I would just like to thank you for the privilege of calling Red Jacket Elementary School my home for the past year-and-a-half. It is with a heavy heart that I say good-bye to all of the wonderful children and families as well as the amazing faculty and staff. As many of you already know, this was a difficult decision, as I was not looking to leave Red Jacket. I was approached to apply to a school district only two miles from my home, East Rochester Elementary. After much consideration, my husband and I decided that this would be a better situation for our family. However, I will miss the Red Jacket community very much and I am very grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of the Red Jacket family.

Red Jacket is such a special place for children to learn and grow. The talented and dedicated faculty and staff go above and beyond to meet our children’s needs. I’d like to commend them for all of their hard work and dedication. They are the heart of Red Jacket Elementary and will be truly missed. I’d also like to thank the wonderful PTSA at Red Jacket for all of their support. They also go above and beyond to provide wonderful opportunities for our children. It truly takes a village to raise a child and there are so many wonderful individuals and organizations that contribute to the opportunities our Red Jacket children enjoy. Thank you to all of you for making a difference in the lives of our children. It will never be forgotten.

As best said by Maya Angelou, “Sometimes the people whom we’ve known for only a short amount of time have a bigger impact on us than those we’ve known forever.”

The faculty, staff, children and families of this wonderful community will always have a special place in my heart. I am thankful for every day that I have had the privilege of being a part of the Red Jacket family. I wish you all a joyful year filled with many blessings.

With Red Jacket P.R.I.D.E. Always,

Marisa Philp

Best Wishes Mrs. Philp!!!
Dear RJES Families,

I am excited, proud and extremely honored to be joining the Red Jacket team as Principal of the Elementary School. I am anxious to meet each of you as we begin the process of building a life-long love of and passion for learning in your child together. My hope is that by sending this letter to you, you will accept it as my first “handshake,” and be ready to join myself, our teachers and the entire school staff in making your child’s experience here at RJES the best it can possibly be.

I would like to briefly introduce myself and share with you my excitement at the opportunity to serve as Principal. I am a native of the small town of Avoca, NY, where I graduated with a class of 58. I intimately understand and appreciate how schools are the heartbeat of small, connected communities like this one. I am eager to “return to my roots,” if you will. For the past 10 years, I have been a professional educator in Canandaigua. Throughout my career in Canandaigua, I have had the pleasure to work, in some capacity, with students in every grade level - from Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade. I am so very excited to take on this new role and have the ability to have a positive impact on your child’s school career.

There have been many changes to RJES over the past few years: with myself being the most recent. I hope that I can be of assistance to you and your child over the remainder of this year and those to come.

Please know that my door is always open to you: be it to answer a question, address a concern, or just to say hello. I encourage you to send me an email or stop in before the school year ends. I am hopeful that I can join forces with each and every one of you to guide your child as they continue their journey to college and career readiness.

Please remember: I am here for you and your child. Thank you for supporting them in their educational journey. I look forward to meeting you and your young scholar here at Red Jacket Elementary.

With Red Jacket PRIDE,

Jeffrey McCarthy

Elementary Principal
Red Jacket Elementary School
jeffrey.mccarthy@redjacket.org
RED JACKET BUS RULES

1. Stand off the roadway while awaiting the bus.
2. Keep your seat at all times.
3. Keep arms and head inside windows.
4. Walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus. Wait for the driver’s signal before crossing the road.
5. Unnecessary conversation with the driver is dangerous. Please remain quiet.
6. Classroom conduct is to be observed while on the bus.
7. Absolute silence is required at all railroad crossings.
8. The driver is in full charge of the bus and pupils. Pupils must obey the driver.
9. The driver has the right to assign pupils to a certain seat, if necessary, to promote order on the bus.
10. No eating, drinking, or smoking allowed.
11. Pupils must be on time. The bus cannot wait for those who are tardy.
12. RIDING THE BUS IS A PRIVILEGE. PLEASE DO NOT ABUSE IT!!

Red Jacket Robotics

The Red Jacket Robotics season began on Saturday, January 3, 2015 and goes through the end of March when we will be competing at RIT.

The 2015 Game: Recycle Rush

This year’s game can be best understood by watching the 3 minute game animation video which can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTyCIYZQ_1s

Build Season Meetings

Our build season lasts just over six weeks, going from Saturday 1/3/2015 through Tuesday 2/17/2015. Between these dates, we will meet at the following times:

Mondays: 6-9pm
Thursdays: 6-9pm
Saturdays: 9am-4pm
Most school days: 9th period

Typically we extend these meetings to Monday – Thursday 3pm – 9pm on the last week or two, depending on how close we are to completion prior to the deadline on Tuesday 2/17 (during February Recess).

Finger Lakes Regional Competition

We will be traveling to RIT on the following dates:

Thursday 3/25 – Saturday 3/28

We hope that you will come out to support our team!

With Red Jacket PRIDE,

John Sarazyn
Thanks to Federal grant funding, instructional staff will learn from national speaker, Eric Sheninger, on our March 20, 2015 Superintendent’s Conference Day! Eric is a Senior Fellow and Thought Leader on Digital Leadership with the International Center for Leadership in Education (ICLE) and Scholastic Achievement Partners (SAP). Prior to this, he was the award-winning Principal at New Milford High School. Under his leadership, his school became a globally-recognized model for innovative practices. Eric oversaw the successful implementation of several sustainable change initiatives that radically transformed the learning culture at his school while increasing achievement.

His work focuses on leading and learning in the digital age as a model for moving schools and districts forward. This has led to the formation of the Pillars of Digital Leadership, a framework for all educators to initiate sustainable change to transform school cultures. As a result Eric, has emerged as an innovative leader, best-selling author, and sought-after speaker. His main focus is the use of social media and web 2.0 technology as tools to facilitate student learning, improve communications with stakeholders, enhance public relations, create a positive brand presence, discover opportunity, transform learning spaces, and help educators grow professionally.

Eric is a Bammy Award winner (2013), NASSP Digital Principal Award winner (2012), PDK Emerging Leader Award recipient (2012), winner of Learning Forward’s Excellence in Professional Practice Award (2012), Google Certified Teacher, Adobe Education Leader, and ASCD 2011 Conference Scholar. He has authored and co-authored the following:

- Digital Leadership: Changing Paradigms for Changing Times
- Communicating and Connecting with Social Media: Essentials for Principals
- What Principals Need to Know About Teaching and Learning Science

He has also contributed on education for the Huffington Post, co-created the Edscape Conference, sits on the FEA Board of Directors, and was named to the NSBA “20 to Watch” list in 2010 for technology leadership. TIME Magazine also identified Eric as having one of the 140 Best Twitter Feeds in 2014. He now presents and speaks nationally to assist other school leaders to embrace and effectively utilize technology. His blog, A Principal’s Reflections, was selected as “Best School Administrator Blog” in 2013 and 2011 by Edublogs.

We look forward to a keynote from Eric on Digital Leadership: Changing Paradigms for Changing Times. Mr. Sheninger will discuss the always-changing educational landscape that is a result of continuous advances in technology and a changing learner. As a result, educators must recognize this shift, anticipate needed changes, and lead by example in order to meet the diverse needs of key stakeholders in the 21st Century. Our staff will learn how to harness the power of digital tools and social media accessible today to improve communications, enhance public relations, establish a brand presence, increase student engagement, transform learning spaces, discover opportunity, and grow professionally like never before.

He will also work with small content-specific groups in the middle and high school to look ideas for how to create a teaching and learning culture that integrates social media, OpenCourseWare, student-owned devices, the flipped instructional model, and other digital learning pathways to create schools that students want to be a part of.
Out-of District Transportation Requests Due April 1, 2015 for 2015-2016 School Year

Manchester-Shortsville Central School District parents who will have children attending non-public schools outside of the district in 2015-2016 must file a request for transportation by April 1, 2015.

Please note that even if a child already attends a non-public school and receives transportation, the request must be filed again for 2015-2016.

The following form should be completed and sent to the Assistant Superintendent, Manchester-Shortsville Central School District, 1506 Route 21, Shortsville, NY 14548.

Name of Student: ______________________________
Address: ______________________________
City: ______________________________
Grade Level: ______________________________
Date of Birth: ______________________________
Name of School: ______________________________
School Address: ______________________________
Parent/Guardian: ______________________________
Home Telephone: ______________________________

Return form to:
Kristine Guererrri, Assistant Superintendent
Manchester-Shortsville Central School District
1506 Route 21
Shortsville, NY 14548

On November 25th, fourteen middle school students taped book reviews for Homework Hotline, which airs on WXXI. ELA teachers, Laura Frey, Samantha Cassavaugh and Marissa Harris recommended students who had an interest in literature and were willing to spend additional time on this project. Students, who were recommended and volunteered, came to a lunch meeting and were given a graphic organizer for writing the review, as well as all of the requirements. During the week before the reviews, students came to the library during study labs to edit, rehearse and time their reviews.

On the actual day of taping, a three person crew from WXXI came and set up in the library. Students were called down two at a time. Most showed no nervousness at all and behaved very professionally. One sixth grader even said, “I never sat still for that long in my life!” and I had to agree with him!

The book reviews will air on Homework Hotline in March. We will get exact dates closer to airing. They will also be available for viewing on our website as soon as we get the link from WXXI. This was a great opportunity to showcase our Red Jacket students and to promote leisure reading. Students were excited about doing it and other students even started to check out some of the books they knew were being reviewed.

With Red Jacket Pride,

Kathleen Liebentritt
Red Jacket PRIDE

Congratulations to
Sabrina Verbridge
Criminal Justice
for October

Angela Liatsos
Technical Literacy
for October

Sean Sheets
Manufacturing Technology
for October

Matthew Thompson
Math
for October

Kari Salazar
Animal Science
for November

Jacob Maslyn
New Vision Viticulture
for November

for being awarded the
Finger Lakes Vocational Center's
Top of the Trades Award.

Friday, March 13, 2015 at 7:00pm

Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 7:00pm

Sunday, March 15, 2015 at 2:00pm

Free Senior Citizen Preview –
Thursday, March 12th @ 7:00pm

Relay for Life

The Midlakes-Red Jacket Relay for Life event is Saturday, May 30th, from 2:00 pm - 2:00 am at Red Jacket.

Each year, more than four million people in over twenty countries raise funds and awareness to save lives from cancer through the Relay for Life movement. Relay for Life is an organized community fund-raising event. Members of the teams take turns walking the track. Food, games and activities are geared toward family participation. We hope you will decide to join us and support this worthwhile event!

To register a team go to www.relayforlife.org. For more information contact: Brandon.Swain@cancer.org
**FALL 2015 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Any child who will turn five years of age on or before December 1, 2015 is eligible for registration. Any child who turns six years of age on or before December 1, 2015 is required to attend school during the 2015-2016 school year.

- Tuesday, March 24th ~ 12noon to 6:00pm
- Wednesday, March 25th ~ 8:00am to 3:00pm

Red Jacket High School Auditorium Foyer

Please complete the registration packet you will receive in the mail (it will be mailed later in February) and bring it with you when you come to register your child. If you are new to the District or do not receive paperwork from the school, please call 585-289-9647 and request a packet be mailed to you. Parents planning on holding their child back or sending them to a private or parochial school should also inform the elementary office of their decision.

(It is not necessary to bring your child to registration.)

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**Census Information Needed**

We would like to ask your help in maintaining our census. If you are a new family to our district that has a pre-schooler or if you are a family that has a new addition to your family since June 2010, please complete the form below and return to: Red Jacket Central School, c/o Barb Hansen, 1506 Route 21, Shortsville, NY 14548.

Thank you for your assistance.

- Father's Name: ____________________________
- Mother's Name: ____________________________
- Street Address: ____________________________
- City: ____________________________
- Phone #: ____________________________
- Child's Full Name: ____________________________
- Male or Female: _____ Date of Birth: ____________
**Our Mission**
We will challenge all learners and work in partnership with students, parents and community to achieve high standards.

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**Upcoming Events**

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