



# The Roadrunner

We believe Rickard is a place where everyone feels safe, shows responsibility, and takes pride in creating an enjoyable, respectful learning environment.

Rickard School Newsletter

March 16 – 31, 2009

Website:<http://www.williston.k12.nd.us/rickard/index.html>

## Dates to Remember in March

**NO SCHOOL APRIL 13!!**

18<sup>th</sup>: End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine weeks

24<sup>th</sup>: Parent Teacher Conferences  
4:30-7:30pm

26<sup>th</sup>: Parent Teacher Conferences  
5:30-8:30pm

April 10-13: Easter Break-NO SCHOOL

## Class Assignments for 2009-10

Teachers will be working soon to divide students into classes for next year. If a parent has a concern about their child's placement for next year, **they must communicate with Mr. Leintz in writing, by April 30. Oral requests or written requests without a valid reason will NOT be considered.**

## Students almost struck by Drivers!

We wanted to remind everyone that we want all students to arrive safely to school, just as you want your child to arrive safely. Due to the time change it is dark again early in the morning. We have had several instances of parents stopping in the street to drop off children, and others then wanting to pass them. We also have had cases of children being dropped off then crossing the street either behind or in front of the vehicle—where they have almost been struck by either cars attempting to pass them or oncoming traffic. We have also asked the Police Department to increase its patrols in our areas.

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**Park and allow the students to exit the car safely and not block the flow of traffic. If your children exit the car and have to cross traffic, have them use the crosswalks.**

Thank you for your help in this important matter.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 - 7:30 pm and Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. The teachers will be asking that all students attend the spring conferences with their parents. We would like to make these conferences a celebration of what your child has learned and the student will be conducting part of the conference. Your child's teacher will be sending out notification of when your conference will take place. Please call if you have any questions.

## March 16-31 Birthdays

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|----|------------|----|-----------|
| 16 | Joshua M.  | 27 | Jenna A.  |
| 17 | Dylan B.   | 28 | Chase E.  |
|    | Jaxen B.   |    | Alissa S. |
| 20 | CaSarah V. | 30 | Jocci A.  |
| 22 | Camdin M.  |    | Megan N.  |
| 23 | Kaolin H.  | 31 | Haylee L. |
| 24 | Ty K.      |    |           |



## Library News!

Mrs. Ludlum's fourth grade students were the overall winners of February Reading Month. The class achieved 280% of their goal or a whopping 291.4 AR points as a class total! High point reading honors for the entire school goes to Keaton M. with 88 AR points. He is in Ludlum's class. Honorable mention goes to Seth B. with 74.1. He is a sixth grader in Mrs. Selby's class. Second place Reading Month winners went to Mrs. Haugen's first grade class, who earned 200% of their reading goal. Fantastic job, Rickard.

Anyone at home can access World Book Encyclopedia on-line if you have the internet. The log-in ID is "Williston", and password is "coyotes". With upcoming research projects, this is an excellent resource. There is a link on the Rickard homepage. Check out Rickard's library card catalog on-line while you're there.

Thank you for taking care of those overdue and lost books. Students and parents have been wonderfully responsible this year!

As always, Keep reading.  
Mrs. Meduna, Library Aide

## A note about lunch!

Just a reminder that if parents or grandparents are planning on having lunch with their student, please let the office know by 9:00am that day. Also, students that have a negative lunch balance will not be able to have milk break until they have a positive balance. Please call Misti in the office if you have any questions.

## Read Around the Planet

Read Around the Planet is a celebration of NEA's Read Across America.

Mrs. Selby's class wrote two books, a girl's book called Bella Loves Brussel Sprouts, and boy's book, Return of the Crocs.

We walked to the high school to use the IVN system to connect with a class of fifth graders in Wichita, Kansas. Their school was called L'Ouverture. The classes there have about 25-28 students. The students explained some of the things they did to celebrate Dr. Suess's Birthday and two girls sang a song based on the book Green Eggs and Ham with actions too.

We found some things we had in common. Our states have the same state bird, the Meadowlark and both our schools have the roadrunner as the mascot. They told us they do get snow but it gets to 40° in winter and it is quite hot in summer.

Overall it was really fun to find out things about different schools in a different state or town. It was fun to be able to talk and see students in another state. Thanks to Mrs. Francetich for helping us with this project.

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