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Science Olympiad

By Mr. Tim Bradrick

Science Olympiad is a team competition that combines cerebral knowledge-based skills with hands-on engineering demonstrations that demand a broad array of skills and talents. Events include Wheeled Vehicle, Balloon Race, Meteorology, Tower Building and Food Science, just to name a few. Students train and compete in about 4 of 23 possible events to choose from. During competitions individual awards are given for each event and team awards are given to teams with the best overall performances.

So far this year, twenty eight students have started training, and eighteen adults (including teachers and parents) have volunteered to coach the training sessions. On October 7th, thirty walkers raised about \$1,900 to pay for this year's registration fees and materials. Our competition schedule begins in January, where we will travel to Centerville, Ohio (near Dayton) to compete in the Magsig Invitational. Other invitationals include Solon (near Cleveland) and our own InVIEWtation at Ridgeview Middle School in February. All of these practice competitions culminate in our Regional competition on February 24th, 2007, at Grandview Heights Middle School. If the team competes well enough, we will be competing in Northmont (also near Dayton) in March and invited to the State competition, which will take place on April 14th, at the OSU campus.

2006 Ridgeview Raiders Chess Team Gains Momentum

BY JULIE SCHLOSSER



This year's chess team is off to a good start. While the number of players is low, we have some great players competing. The first tournament was the CSG Unicorn Classic at Columbus School for Girls on October 28. In the Open Section, Solomon Hughes placed 6th and Alex Walkowski placed 15th, in U800, Danny Schlosser placed 21st in U800, Cory Kountz placed 7th and Chase Alexander placed 42nd in Unrated 4-8. A week later, three players competed in the Wright Scholastic Tournament at Daniel Wright Elementary. Those competing were Danny Schlosser, Ananais Pittman and Chase Alexander. On November 11, the Tune Up Tournament was held at the Convention Center. Solomon Hughes placed 13th in the Open Section, Sanjeev Kolli placed 6th in the U1200 Section, Cory Kountz placed 6th in U900 and Ananais placed 19th in U700. The State Grade Level Tournament in Akron took place the following week. Solomon Hughes placed 8th and Ananais Pittman placed 49th out of 62 7th graders. They won a team trophy, coming in 9th out of 13 seventh grade teams. In grade 6, Cory Kountz placed 11th out of 47 players.

Planning will begin soon on Ridgeview's Cabin Fever Classic Tournament in February. If you enjoy the game of chess and want to have fun competing, please come to chess team practice on Wednesdays after school in the lunchroom. You can ride the activity bus home afterwards. If you parents would like more information about the chess team, please call Julie Schlosser at 459-8185. The team would love to have more players because strength in numbers helps us win team trophies at tournaments.

Congratulations to our Chess Team for a job well done!

Gifted and Talented News

By Jan Higdon

Seventh and eighth grade *Power of the Pen* Teams are working to prepare for upcoming competitions. Their focus is to bring style and voice to the narratives they write. This is always a challenge since the writing is based on an unfamiliar prompt and the students have only 40 minutes to write. Five sixth

graders will participate in *Writing Star* Competition in December.

Sixth grade students are working on team newspapers in their Reading/Language Arts classes and selected seventh grade students are putting a school newspaper together.

Several of Dr. Quaranta's classes are learning trial procedure and preparing for some mini Mock Trials. We are hoping to have a 7th-8th grade Team ready for *Mock Trial* competition.

Selected eighth grade Social Studies classes are preparing for *We the People* competition and we have begun to work on *Debate*, as well.

Ridgeview Volleyball



By Carla Scott

Congratulations to the girls' volleyball team on a successful season. The team finished 2nd in the North Division. The girls improved throughout the season, and they had a great time together. I will be hosting an end of the season pizza party in the next couple of weeks to celebrate their season. Good luck to all the 8th graders in high school next year, and I am looking forward to our next season. I would also like to thank all the parents for their support throughout the season.

Ridgeview Soccer

By Mr. Robert Findley

The Ridgeview Raiders Soccer team finished the season with a 4(w)-3(L)-2(T) record, second place in the Northwest division, behind City Champion Woodward Park. The team had a number of close games this year. Leading the team this year were 8th graders: Colby King(sw), Enrique Natividad(F), Raul Mareno(FB), Christian Monroy(HB), Nick Gagnet(F), Katie Shumaker(FB), Ali Woodruff (F), Laura Watkins(FB), Ryan Thompson(ST), Matthew Brew(FB), Craig Neutzling(G), Nick Walliser(ST), Mehdi Mechti(MF), Matthew Brew(FB), Jacob Morse(F), and Ahmed Ahmed(HB). First year players in the 7th grade: Arijan Koliq(MF), Joe Diaz(ST), Alex Walkowski(F), Aharon Woodruff(G), Solomon Hughes(F), Brandon Upchurch(F), Hamza Chafi(F), David Brown(F), Teddy Jones(ST), Russell Archer(HB), Desi Strickland(FB), Keah Gerhart(FB), Abby Cox(FB), and Jean Paul Uribe(F). Thanks to all the