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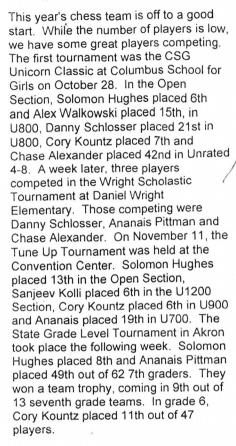
### Science Olympiad

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 7<sup>th</sup>, thirty walkers raised about \$1,900 to pay for this year's registration fees and materials. Our competition schedule begins in January, were 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



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 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Koliqu(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