

BOARD BRIEFS

Todd Terrill, Superintendent

November 23, 2015

REA Teacher of the Month

Kelley McDermott introduced Melody Williams, REA's Teacher of the Month for November. She is a Kindergarten teacher at Crestdale. Ms. Williams described her classroom and her passions for teaching students, especially in the area of reading. Click [HERE](#) to view the video.



Devils' Tales

Bridget Hazelbaker described the recently published book, *Devils' Tales*. The first book signing will be Friday, December 4th from 4-7p.m. in the RHS Conference room. The book is 300 pages of 150 years of history, 192 memories, 200 interesting facts, and 970 pictures. For more information, call the RHS Alumni Office at 973-3338

Action Items

- Donations in the amount of \$6,687.00
- Acceptance of Grants: Perkins Rural Grant, \$100,000; Mac Grant \$500; Secured School Safety Grant, \$50,000.
- Addendum to YMCA Lease
- 2016-2017 School Calendar

Board Reports/Old Business

ISTEP

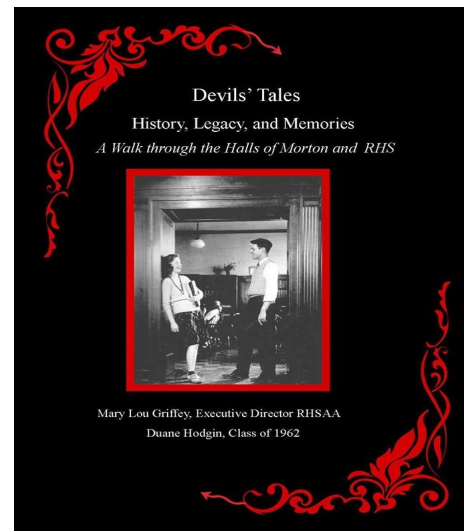
Mr. Reynolds spoke to the embargoed test scores for third through eighth grade. The test scores, as predicted by Glenda Ritz and the IDOE, show a significant drop in student achievement from the previous year. At this time, the test scores cannot be discussed in detail.

NWEA Update

Mr. Reynolds described how teachers and administrators are using NWEA data to help guide instruction. Super User training was completed by data coaches, department chairs, administrators, and media specialists. The second round of NWEA testing is schedule for January. This will provide teachers with data leading up to the first round of ISTEP testing this spring.

Technology Recommendation Draft

Chuck Reynolds, Rob Tidrow, Sheila Hobbs, Mike Shunneson, Corey Hartley, and Rod Landess described the recommended technology initiative for Richmond Community Schools. They spoke to funding, implementation, and the timeline associated with the initiative. The Board provided comments and asked questions for discussion. The Board has requested more details including a formalized plan with expectations, goals, and finances. The Board will email additional questions by December 3rd.



Upcoming Events

The next board meeting will take place on December 9th at 5:30 p.m. Items on the agenda include:

- The Christmas Card presentation
- Technology initiative information

Thanksgiving break will take place November 25-27th.

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