



THE LONGHORN LEGEND

Letter from 8th Grade Vice Principal, Ms. Sanzo.

Happy Holidays and Season's Greetings from Reading Junior High Administration!

ARJH students rocked the fall semester!

As we close the end of another calendar year and gear up for an exciting, eventful and fast-paced Spring semester that is middle school life at ARJH, it is at this time that I pause and reflect on a few things from Fall Semester that make me so grateful to be part of the Reading Junior High Family.

*Our recent Winter Dance in the cafeteria: The Wobble never got old, the kids looked so good in their "formal attire", and students had a great time being kids and connecting with

other kids. They did not even mind when chaperones joined in the fun.

*Students still want smiley stickers. I hand out smiley stickers in the morning to random students who say good morning to me before I can say it to them. I love that they love them! It is amazing how a few words can positively change someone's day- a friendly and heart-felt "Good morning, have a great day!" is something that I do not take for granted.

*Students who went out of their way to invite a new student to their lunch table. Priceless.

*Students who shared their talents, grades, milestones, thoughts, goals and dreams with the adults on campus.

*The teachers who listened to our students' thoughts, goals and

dreams and took time to attend our student functions and games.

*Share Your Holiday Food Drive. A 2 day drive that yielded a truckload of canned food items. Amazing participation and so much fun taking a group of students to deliver the donated food items.

I could write a list that continues for pages, but I do know that what we have here at ARJH is an uncommon bond between students, faculty, parents and community with a common goal of striving to be the best we can be every day. This is the connection that is our ARJH Family! From our family to yours, we wish you a safe and happy holiday!

Go Longhorns!

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ARJH students wear yellow to support our veterans and troops.

LONGHORN OPINIONS:

TOP TEN GIFTS LONGHORNS WANT FOR CHRISTMAS:

1. IPHONE
2. CLOTHES
3. MONEY
4. SHOES
5. LAPTOP
6. XBOX
7. GIFT CARD
8. PLAY STATION
9. IPAD
10. FOOD



HOLIDAY BREAK IDEAS



Decorate your social media



“winter themed.”

Go ice skating!



Decorate a gingerbread house!



Look at Christmas lights!



Make holiday cookies!

Host a movie marathon party!



Sleep in!



Did you know?



The U.S. Postal Service delivers 20 billion cards and packages between Thanksgiving & Christmas Eve.

MAN ON THE STREET



What is your favorite thing about the holidays?



The snow because I go to Colorado. –Lauren Galvan (8th Grade)



“The good food.” -DJ Ray (8th Grade)



“Making Christmas cookies!” - Bailey Araiza (8th Grade)

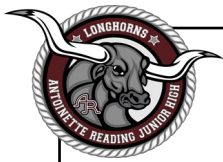


“Eating tamales, spending time with my family, and celebrating Jesus’ birthday.” - Coach Rangel

Did you know?

The largest gingerbread man in the world weighs 466 pounds, six ounces!





LONGHORN STAFF SPOTLIGHT

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Name: Lisa Sulak

Grade: 7th and 8th

Subject: Reading and English



How long have you worked at LCISD? 21 years

What is the best part of your job?

When a student who doesn't like reading, tells me they loved the book or story we just finished in class.



What is the worst part of your job? Lunch is too short.

What hobbies do you have outside of school?

Watching my kids play sports.



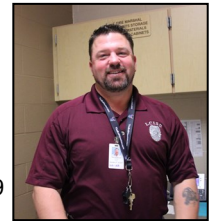
What was your reaction when you were chosen as teacher of the month? Surprised and grateful.

PARA. OF THE MONTH

Name: Dean Gill.

Position at Reading: Security Officer.

How long have you worked at LCISD? 9 months.



Where else have you worked? Detention County Sheriff's Office.

What inspired you to work with children? I have always enjoyed it.

What is the best part of your job? Being able to help the students any way possible.



What is the worst part? It can get boring some-times.

What hobbies do you have outside of school? I enjoy fishing and hunting on my day off.



What is something no one knows about you? I can build a house from beginning to end.

What was your reaction when you were chosen as paraprofessional of the month? I was very shocked.

LONGHORN STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Name: Sara Walker

Nickname: Walker

Grade: 8th

Favorite subject: Band

Favorite sport: Cross country

Siblings: 1 sister, Hazel

College you plan to attend: Rice University

Career: Musician

Hobbies: Playing instruments, watching movies, and reading good books

Biggest pet peeve: Disrespectful talking

Your biggest fear: Dying

Something nobody knows about you: My aunt and uncle are astronauts

Biggest accomplishment: I made the Houston Youth Symphony



Name: Brianna Franklin

Nickname: Bri

Grade: 8th

Favorite subject: Science

Favorite sport: Volleyball

Siblings: 2 brothers, Leroy and Russell

College you plan to attend: Tulsa University

Career: Astronomer

Hobbies: Fashion designer

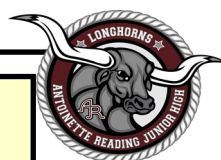
Biggest pet peeve: When I'm writing and someone hits my hand

Your biggest fear: Spiders

Something nobody knows about you: I have an American ban dog

Biggest accomplishment: Sugar Land Superstar and being on the news. I also performed in the ballet Nutcracker at Stafford Center





RED RIBBON WEEK



Hat Day

Jersey Day

Camo Day



Twin Day

Neon Day



CREATIVE CORNER

Artist: Alyssa Davila

When you started drawing: 6th grade

What inspires you? Seeing other people's artwork gives me inspiration.

What type of art do you enjoy most? Anime and sometimes Realism

Type of artwork: Anime



Art Displayed at Reading



CREATIVE CORNER:

Do you have artistic talents? (Poetry, drawings)
Would you be interested in showcasing them right here in the Creative Corner?
Submit your art to Coach Walker in room 2625!



ASK BEAU!

Dear Beau,

I really like this girl and she said she likes me too, but she said if we want to date I have to meet her parents. I'm really scared and don't know what to do...

8th Grade Love,

That's a tough one... Do what you feel comfortable doing. I don't think meeting her parents would be that bad because they just want to see if you're a nice guy, which you most likely are. Just be yourself!

Yours truly,
Beau

Dear Beau,

I got a really bad grade on my math test, and my mom is going to kill me! I don't want to lie and hide it from her, but I don't want to get trouble either. What should I do?

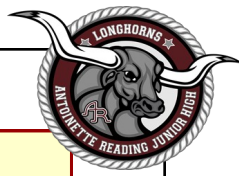
Sincerely,
No-Studying 7th Grader

Dear No-Studying 7th Grader,

Well now you know that you need to study! Sadly, I have to say take the consequence. Plus, your mom will find out anyway. Maybe next time she'll even help you study.

Love,
Beau

If you have anything you would like to "Ask Beau", write it down and put it in the box outside Coach Walker's room, 2625!



LONGHORN SPORTS

LONGHORN FOOTBALL

8th Grade Black Team

DISTRICT CHAMPS!!

- VS. George: 50-0 (W)
- VS. El Campo: 20-8 (W)
- VS. Lamar: 34-0 (W)
- VS. Bay City: 48-0 (W)
- VS. Briscoe: 36-14 (W)
- VS. George: 24-0 (W)

8th Grade Maroon Team

- VS. George: 27-0 (W)
- VS. El Campo: 8-7 (L)
- VS. Lamar: 35-14 (W)
- VS. Bay City: 52-0 (W)
- VS. Briscoe: 8-7 (W)
- VS. George: 19-0 (W)



7th Grade Black Team

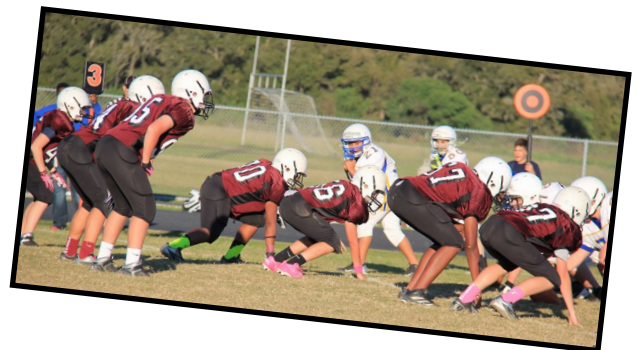
DISTRICT CHAMPS!!

- VS. George: 25-7 (L)
- VS. El Campo: 24-6 (W)
- VS. Lamar: 12-0 (W)
- VS. Bay City: 32-0 (W)
- VS. Briscoe: 44-33 (W)
- VS. George: 12-7 (W)

7th Grade Maroon Team

DISTRICT CHAMPS!!

- VS. George: 6-0 (L)
- VS. El Campo: 24-12 (W)
- VS. Lamar: 16-0 (W)
- VS. Bay City: 38-0 (W)
- VS. Briscoe: 52-25 (W)
- VS. George: 8-7 (W)





LONGHORN SPORTS



GIRL'S BASKETBALL



7th Grade Black Team

VS. Briscoe : 21-6 (L)
 VS. Bay City : 25-6 (W)
 VS. George : 16-18 (L)

8th Grade Black Team

VS. Briscoe : 25-23 (L)
 VS. Bay City : 32-10 (W)
 VS. George : 30-12 (W)

7th Grade Maroon Team

VS. Briscoe : 8-7 (L)
 VS. Bay City : 32-29 (W)
 VS. George : 18-7 (W)

8th Grade Maroon Team

VS. Briscoe : 34-12 (L)
 VS. Bay City : 35-6 (W)
 VS. George : 22-6 (W)





JANUARY 2014



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day!	2	3	4
HOLIDAY BREAK						
5	6 Teacher's In-Service	7 Back at School, 4th 6 Weeks Begins	8 SWAT	9 Spanish Club Basketball Game VS. El Campo 	10 Chess Club	11
12	13	14 Chess Club and Science Club	15 SWAT	16 Spanish Club Basketball Game VS. Lamar 	17 Chess Club	18
19	20 MLK Day (NO SCHOOL!)	21 Chess Club and Science Club	22 SWAT	23 Spanish Club Basketball Game VS. Bay City 	24 Chess Club	25
26	27	28 Chess Club and Science Club	29 SWAT	30  Spanish Club Basketball Game VS. Briscoe	31 Chess Club	

Did you know?
 People have been making "New Year's resolutions" for over 4,000 years!



Student Council members delivering food to the "Share Your Holidays" Food Drive!