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# The Riptide Times

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Fifth Edition

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## **A Tribute to the Teachers that are Leaving**

By: Lilia Potter-Schwartz

As you may know, RJH is losing four, beloved teachers, each with their own memories about RJH and plans looking forward.

Mr. Visciano, the technology education teacher, has been teaching at Rye Junior High for 43 years. His favorite RJH memory is working with the students and tools. Although he will miss the people and students at RJH, he plans to spend his free time fishing and completing projects around his house. When recalling his first day at RJH, he remembers a “nice, warm feeling.” As he met Dr. Cushing, and Ms. Rafferty, he remembers feeling welcomed, and knowing he was in good company.

## **About The Riptide Times**

The RJH Riptide Times is your school newspaper. Providing you with current events, RJH updates, and more, The Riptide Times consists of a dedicated group of students who meet regularly to produce our school newspaper. Enjoy!

When asked how RJH has changed since his first day, Mr. Visciano said, “it offers a lot more technology to the students in all of the classes.”

This year was also Ms. Catalano’s, the eighth grade math teacher, last year at RJH. She has been teaching at RJH for 10 years, and her favorite RJH memory is the early morning help sessions she held with students. Although she will certainly miss the students at RJH, she plans to continue

teaching at the Cooperative Middle School in Stratham. When asked to recall her first day at RJH, Ms. Catalano remembered feeling “anxiously excited.” When asked how RJH has changed since her first day here, she pointed out how the school has moved towards project based learning, incorporating all subjects into one project.

Ms. Wirth, our music teacher, has been at RJH for 10 years as well, and plans to pursue a career as a professional piano performer. Her favorite RJH memory, taking the RJH band, orchestra, and chorus to New York City, will always stay with her. When asked what she will miss most about teaching at RJH, she responded, “I will miss the talented hard working students.” Remembering how she felt “loved and welcomed” during her first day at RJH,

she also recalled how the school has changed. "We have had the addition of some talented new staff that enrich our students' lives."

Ms. Casassa, the eighth grade Spanish teacher, who has been teaching at RJH for two years, plans to teach Spanish and French to all grades (K-5) at Rye Elementary School. Her favorite memory from RJH is watching the kids excel within one year of Spanish. She enjoys seeing how they enter her classroom knowing little but their Spanish name and leaving her classroom at the end of eighth grade knowing how to converse in the past tense. When asked what she will miss most about RJH, she responded, "I will miss all the kids, the different teachers that I have worked with, and the school in general." Recalling her first day at RJH, she remembered how she felt so nervous, as she had gone from working at a high school, PHS, to a middle school. However, it was not long until RJH felt like family. Lastly, when asked how RJH has changed since her first day here, she

recalled how she was able to do a lot more with the students this year, as they have become much more eager to learn, with a positive attitude.

We will miss these teachers, who have truly impacted the lives of many and wish them the best with their future endeavors!

### **Good Times at Rye Junior High**

By: Jenna Bancroft

The end of the school year is often bittersweet for many students. While it is exciting to start summer vacation, there is also that feeling of missing friends and the fun in the classroom. The Riptide Times asked some students about their most memorable experiences at RJH this year.

The 6th grade team has done many great things this year, such as fun field trips and many new projects. When asked about her favorite memories from this year, 6th grader, Charlotte Marstin, said, "my favorite thing about the year was all the fun field trips that we went on!"

Sixth grader, Josie Sedam, remarked that "my favorite thing about the year was all the amazing teachers I had!"

Many students had an amazing 6th grade year, doing some incredible things, and they are looking forward to 7th grade.

The 7th grade team also had many exciting activities and projects this year. When asked about her favorite part of 7th grade, Elisabeth Drakatos said, "my favorite thing about this year was all the group projects we had."

Seventh grader Kellsie Flint stated, "my favorite thing about the year was going to see all the short stories we read about in class come to life."

With fun field trips and cool new experiences, the 7th grade has had a blast!

Eighth graders have had a great last year at Rye Junior High. They have done many big projects throughout the year, and they have gotten to try many new things, such as

the laser cutter and the VEX robots.

“My favorite thing about the year was doing the 1920's performance because it was a creative and a fun way to learn about the time period,” Sarah Lindsay said.

Kimberly Brandon recalled that, “my favorite thing about my 8th grade year was all the projects we had because they were with new people. People you wouldn't normally work with.”

The 8th grade has had a super fun year and now are prepared and ready for high school, thanks to the amazing staff at Rye Junior High.

### **Controversial Question**

By: Mya Catino

Summer is here and it's time to start enjoying some of your favorite ice cold treats! That delicious scoop of your favorite ice cream flavor can really make the difference between a humid, hot, bummer of a day, and an incredibly tasty summer adventure! So, what's your favorite frosty, delectable dessert: ice cream or

popsicles? We asked two students from Rye Junior High and here are their responses:

*Taylor Hodgdon, Grade 7*

“I like ice cream better because when I bite into a popsicle it hurts my teeth.”

*Jack Radcliffe, Grade 7*

“I like popsicles better because I feel like all popsicles are different and are easier to eat.”

As you can see, these two students have very different opinions about their favorite type of a icy summer snack. Stay cool this summer and don't forget to have fun!

### **Great Rye Beaches**

By: Ava Coffey

Are you going to the beach this summer? Here are a few tips about which Rye beach to spend your time at this summer!

Sawyer's Beach is located just to the side of Jenness Beach. It is very private and peaceful, so if you're looking for a nice place to relax, meet with friends, or go tide pooling, then

Sawyer's Beach is definitely the place to go.

Jenness Beach, is another great option. However, it is typically very busy and crowded, especially on a hot day. Conveniently, a popular cafe and surf shop, Summer Sessions, is across the street.

Jenness Beach is one of the ten state beaches in New Hampshire.

Pirate's Cove is sandy, great for tide pooling, and has some restaurants across the street. For those who are members of the Surf Club, Pirate's Cove is just a glimpse away.

### **Summer Reading Books**

By: Gabi Shetreet

Do you find yourself aimlessly walking around the house or outside during the summer? Well, with this book list, you can sit in the sun with a cold glass of lemonade and relax with a great book.

#### ***City of Bones***

An all-time favorite novel with three related series following it, Cassandra Clare weaves a novel with mystery, action, adventure, war, and romance. *City of*

*Bones*, the first novel in The Mortal Instruments series, is a story about a teenage girl named Clary Fray. Clary lives in Brooklyn, New York, and she lives a normal life - or so she thinks. When she and her best friend, Simon, go to a popular club called Pandemonium, Clary witnesses the apparent murder of a boy - but she is the only one who can see the murder and the trio who did it. The group is mystified by her - Clary has the Sight. All of a sudden, Clary's safe world that she's always known falls apart, and she is swept into a life filled with slaying demons, being a Shadowhunter, and falling in love for someone who attracts girls like flies love sugar. *City of Bones* is an amazing book, and I highly recommend it to anyone who loves binge reading or romance.

### ***Noteworthy***

*Noteworthy* by Riley Redgate follows Jordan Sun, a college girl who loves acting. Jordan is approaching her senior year, and at her college, completely centered around the arts, she has never been in a single play. Finally, she learns

that she is extremely good at singing, but her voice is too deep to play the part of a girl. Jordan thinks that her college life is over - until she receives an email from the Sharpshooters, aka the Sharps. The Sharps are an amazing group of a cappella singers looking for the part she sings - and they are exclusively only for boys. Jordan decides to audition for the space, and crosses gender norms all while feeling completely at home with the Sharps. I highly recommend this book for all middle schoolers.

### ***Ask the Passengers***

*Ask the Passengers* by A.S. King is a book about a girl named Astrid who lies on a picnic bench and sends her love to airplanes overhead because she has nobody to love on the ground. She is in a confused relationship with one of her best friends Dee, and questions her herself while not feeling at home with her family. This was a great book and I recommend it to eighth graders.

### ***The Aviary***

*The Aviary* by Kathleen O'Dell is a book following twelve year old Clara

Dooley, who has a heart condition and cannot go to school. Clara has lived in the crumbling Glendoveer mansion her whole life, filled with a widowed wife, a large mystery, and a big bird cage filled with exotic birds. Clara loves taking care of Mrs. Glendoveer, and always wonders what is in the locked room in the hallway, and what really happened to Mrs. Glendoveer's five children. One day, a girl named Daphne strikes a friendship with her, and tells her that Mrs. Glendoveer is rumored to have murdered her children. Clara decides to investigate. The birds in the cage seem almost out of place in the large mansion, and they frighten Clara. But the five birds seem to want to tell her something... Find out the mystery of the Glendoveer children and what the birds want to tell Clara this summer!

### ***Racing in the Rain: My Life as a Dog***

*Racing in the Rain: My Life as a Dog* by Garth Stein is an adaptation of the famous book *The Art of Racing in the Rain*. *Racing in the Rain* is a heartwarming tale about lovable mutt

Enzo, a dog whose best friend is his master, Denny. Denny is a racecar driver, and Enzo dreams not to chase cars, but to drive them. Enzo convinces himself that he is a human stuck in a dog's body, and he wants to tell Denny and Denny's daughter, Zoe, how much he cares for them and what his dreams are in life. I promise you you will shed many tears reading this book about Enzo and his dreams.

### **Summer DIY Projects**

By: Karina Havaleshko

Need something to do over the summer? Go to the beach! There you'll find lots of things to make DIYs (Do It Yourself), like shells, seaweed, and even driftwood. Here are three simple DIYs, made from items found at the beach:

#### **Shell Candles**

These picturesque candles are actually made from shells you can find down at the beach.

To make them, you will need:

- Seashells
- Water
- Bleach
- Wax
- A Pot
- Candle Wicks

Step 1: Clean the seashells in a weak solution of water and bleach, then dry.

Step 2: Melt the wax in a pot (ask an adult).

Step 3: After the wax has melted, pour it into the shells until they are almost full.

Step 4: Carefully place the wicks upright in the deepest part of the shell.

Step 5: Allow 30-40 minutes for the wax to cool completely.



#### **Driftwood Animals**

These cute little animals will really brighten your day! All you have to do is get some driftwood sticks,

cardboard or stiff paper, an exacto knife, and hot glue.

Step 1: Cut out the shape you want.

Step 2: Lay down your driftwood sticks.

Step 3: Once you've gotten it to a shape you like, start to hot glue them down.

Step 4: Give the hot glue a few minutes to completely cool down.



#### **Sand Bowls**

These bowls are made out of sand! Crazy, right?

You'll need:

- Sand
- Glue
- 2 Bowls
- Plastic Wrap
- Popsicle Stick
- Some sort of Disposable Placemat or Newspaper

Step 1: Cover one of the bowls in plastic wrap. This

is the bowl that will shape your sand bowl.

Step 2: In a separate bowl, mix the sand and glue together with the popsicle stick. Mix until the mixture is thick, but you can still pour it.

Step 3: Place the first bowl upside down on the newspaper or whatever you have, and pour the mixture over the bowl, and let it dry. Wait a few hours, then repeat however many times you want. Gravity will smooth out the mixture, so don't worry about pouring it evenly.

Step 4: Let it dry for a day, and be careful not to touch or make marks.



Happy Crafting!

### **Letter To The Editors**

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