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Oktoberfest: Sehr Gut! - by Frau Elam

This year, Oktoberfest tickets were sold by Rilke Schule Verin (RSV), Rilke Schule's Parent/Teacher Organization and took place at West Berlin Restaurant, a German eatery in north Anchorage on Mountain View Drive. Students, parents, and teachers all assembled to



Photo by Caitlin Elam: Children make fun Oktoberfest art at a special booth.

eat yummy German food, listen to fun German music, peruse RSV's selection of school merchandise (shirts, steins, stickers, etc).

Children had the option of dancing along to the music, coloring German printouts, making pretzel necklaces, or decorating their very own heart-shaped gingerbread cookies.

Upon entering the restaurant and presenting a ticket purchased at Rilke Schule, patrons received a red, yellow, and black lei flower necklace to wear. The tables were decorated with flags from German-speaking countries. The food (German sausages and french fries for children

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Photo by Caitlin Elam: Rilke Families assemble at West Berlin Restaurant for Oktoberfest.

Flu Shots Available at Rilke - by Frau Elam

This year, Rilke Schule will be hosting a free flu vaccine shot clinic on November 7th from 3pm to 5pm in the Art Room. All students and families of Rilke are welcome to come and receive their free flu vaccine. An email was sent this month from the school to all parents, providing a consent form to print, fill out and bring to the clinic. Consent forms will also

be available at the clinic to fill out.

Getting a flu shot is highly encouraged by health care professionals to prevent the flu, which is most prevalent from October through May each year.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact Frau Robinson (school nurse) at 742-0908.

Battle of the Books - by Ava Douglas

Battle of the Books (BOB) acquired more books for their club this year from Rilke Schule Verin (RSV). Because of the generous donations to the club, the student members were able to read more than before.

"Battle of the Books originated in Chicago in the 1940s and came to Alaska in 1981. On average, ASD has over 4,000 students who participate in the program each year," according to the

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Photo by Ava Douglas: Bevy of Books donated by RSV this year.

Drama Club Acts Irregular - by Alaina Johnson

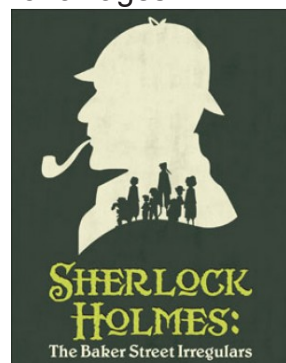
This year, The Drama Club is doing a play called "Baker Street Irregulars", which is a missing-persons mystery set on the grounds of a circus in London. Sherlock Holmes, the famous London detective, has gone missing, and it's up to his band of "Baker Street Irregulars", a group of street kids hired by Sherlock to help with his caseload, to find him and save the city from its recent wave of crime.

The play will open in early December, though the specific date has not been confirmed yet. The Drama Club has also opened up another club this year called "Mini Plays" for Kindergarten and first grade students.

"I noticed that in Drama Club, it

helped the smaller kids be more comfortable talking around other people, so I decided to open up Mini Plays," said Frau Keller, the new Drama Club teacher. The Mini Play production is shorter than the normal plays, which are about 40 minutes to an hour long.

Based upon the hard work of the cast, it should be a fun show for all ages.



Cover of "The Baker Street Irregulars" script, via www.dramaticpublishing.com

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and Wiener schnitzel, spatzel, red cabbage, and brats for the adults, was served by middle school students from Rilke Schule.

RSV had a booth off to the side on tables, filled with Rilke Schule t-shirts, sweatshirts, mugs, stickers, steins, wine glasses, and uniform shirts for students to buy.

The music played a variety of German dance tunes, and children and adults alike danced towards the back of the restaurant, where a space had been cleared.

Mark Truog of RSV reports that the event could not have gone better:

"This year's Oktoberfest fundraiser was a resounding success! 12+ hours of great fun, food and Rilke family bonding took place. Our hosts, West Berlin, brought their A game once again, serving up 350 delicious plates in two days and almost 200 pretzels, as well! A handful of Travel Club members from Rilke Schule put in two days' worth of hard work bussing tables and earning the tips they received. The RSV and event lead, James Kirkland, thank all those who volunteered their time and effort into putting on Oktoberfest! We're looking forward to next year already. Prost!"



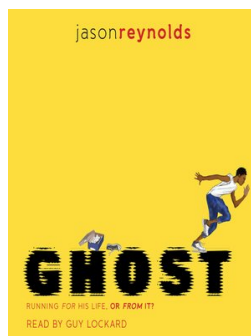
Photo by Caitlin Elam: Rilke students dance along to "The Chicken Dance" at West Berlin Restaurant for Oktoberfest.

Ghost: A Book Worth Reading

By: Ava Douglas

Ghost by Jason Reynolds, which is also a National Book Award Finalist, is about a seventh grader named Castle Cranshaw, also known as "Ghost", who, along with his mother, is almost killed by his father. They run to Mr. Charles, a shop owner, who calls 911 and helps save their lives.

This impacts him a lot later in life, and he joins the track team. "Running for his life, or from it?" questions the front cover of the book.



Cover of Ghost by Jason Reynolds, via www.simonandschuster.com

Ghost, who is bullied because he's poor, must rally and bounce back from difficult circumstances, while learning a lot along the way. He is not alone because he has his mother, Mr. Charles, who is like his grandfather, and Coach Otis Brody, an Olympic gold medalist who is now coaching track and driving a taxi cab.

The book uses track as a metaphor for running from problems. But, as Coach says, "Unfortunately...ain't nobody that fast."

The book makes the point that, while you cannot run from your problems, you can run towards something to make life better.

Due to mature themes, children under the age of nine should not read this book unless they are permitted to do so by their parent or guardian.

BOB: Not Just a Reading Club

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the Anchorage School District's Battle of the Books website (anchoragebattleofthebooks.com).

BOB seems like a regular reading club, but, unlike a regular reading club, the students are given a mandatory book list depending on the grade they are in at the time.

Students in the competition are awarded points "based on the correct recall and recitations of the title and author," according to anchoragebattleofthebooks.com, the home website for the reading comprehension competition. All questions begin with, "In which book." Only three students compete in a round.

The tournament dates for Anchorage are listed on the website as January 28th through the 31st, based upon region and grade. The Alaska State Tournament will take place February 21, 25, 26, and 27, 2019, which is, again, based upon grade level.

Rilke students will be far more ready for "battle" due to a gift from RSV.

RSV gave the club not just two copies of the book but three this year. This, in turn, helped the students read more than before and prepare for the competition better. The students were able to read books they wanted to read more readily because they did not have to wait for their chosen book to come available after another student was finished with it.



Photo by Ava Douglas: Frau Robertson, Battle of the Books coach for Rilke Schule, places stickers on a grid to reward student competitors and keep track of books read.



3 Month Outlook - Rilke Calendar

via ASD School Calendar Webpage

November:

- 7 - RSV Meeting: 6PM
- 7 - Flu Shot Clinic
- 8 - Saint Martinstag Celebration
- 12 - Professional Development Day - no school
- 15 - APC Meeting: 6PM
- 18 - Barnes and Noble Book Club
- 22-23 - Thanksgiving Break
- 26-30 - K-2 AIMSweb Winter Assessment

December:

- 1-14 - K-2 AIMSweb Winter Assesment
- 4 - Rilke Band Concert - Gym - 6-7PM
- 5 - RSV Meeting: 6PM
- 6 - Saint Nikolaus Celebration - 8-9AM
- 8 - Christkindlmarkt
- 13 - APC Meeting: 6PM
- 14 - Winter Wonderland Productions: 6-9PM
- 20 - 6th-8th grade Bowl-A-Thon Field Trip
- 21 - Professional Development Day - No school
- Dec 24- Jan 4 - Winter Break

January:

- 7 - 2nd Semester Begins
- 9 - RSV Meeting - 6PM
- 15 - 2nd Quarter Awards Ceremony - Grades 4th-8th, 8:30AM/
Grades K-3, 9:15AM - Gym
- 17 - APC Meeting: 6PM
- 21 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 25 - Geography Bee - 4th-8th grade - 12:30PM - Gym

Journalism Club - by Frau Elam

Hi! My name is Frau Caitlin Elam and I am a Rilke parent of a 2nd grader (Abby). This year, I have the distinct pleasure of being an instructor for the Journalism Club under the umbrella of Rilke Schule Inc clubs.

The students have been working hard to produce this newspaper for all of you and I am quite impressed with their dedication, amazing work ethic, and passion for journalism.

To get a good "baseline" before we produced a paper, we explored many concepts in journalism:

- * the First Amendment of the Constitution and how it applies to scholastic journalism,
- * what makes a story "newsworthy" (8 defining characteristics),
- * the anatomy of a newspaper and an article,
- * different types of journalism,
- * opinion versus fact,
- * how to cite sources in a news story,
- * how to interview a subject for a story,
- * proofreading and editing,
- * basic photography for journalism, and much more!

We still have a lot to cover and review throughout the year so the students can produce the best paper possible.

If you would like to be a part of our team and you are 5th grade and up, please go to <http://rilkeschuleinc.org/clubs/> to get more information on how to join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 - 4:15 PM. We'd love to have you!



Photo of Rilke Schule with a rainbow overhead, via www.rilkeschuleinc.org

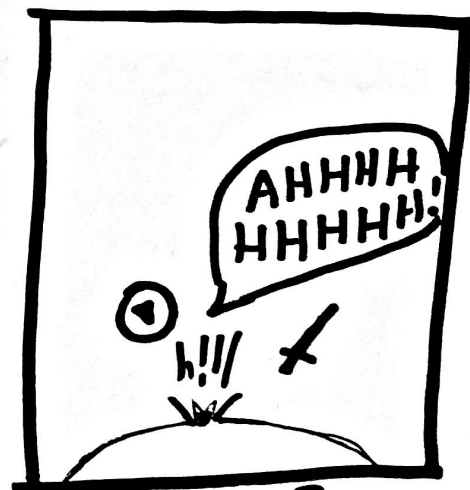
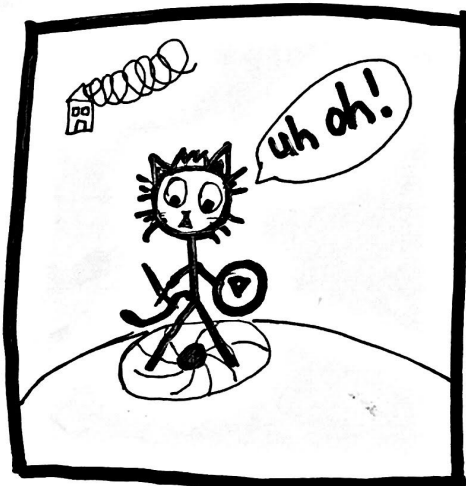
~Calling All Students~

Do you have a special piece of art you'd like to showcase? A news story? A special teacher/staff member you'd like to see recognized for outstanding work? Please send any student submissions for consideration to Frau Elam, Journalism Club instructor, at cait.elam@gmail.com

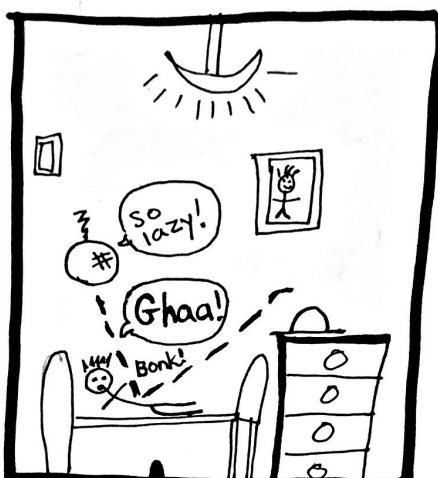
Deadline for tips and submissions by November 20th for December issue.

The Adventures of StickCat

By Vince Hug



To Be Continued...



Stick Fantasy Comic By: Mason Hug

