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Principal's Board Report: May 2026

Graduation was held on May 13th. We graduated 54 students and wish them well on their journey through Red Bud High School. Our speakers at graduation were Ava Carter, Louis Hick, Maggie Roy, and Keaton Wallace. All four of these young people have maintained High Honors throughout 7th and 8th grades. We were also lucky to have wonderful solo musical performances from Emma Koerber, who sang the National Anthem, and Elise Rhodes, who performed the classic song Landslide, while playing her guitar.

Thank you to Karla Landgraf for her years of service to Red Bud Elementary as a paraprofessional. She is retiring and will be leaving behind a legacy of being a great supporter of both students and staff at our school.

Congratulations to our state qualifiers in both Track and Field and Golf. Henry Walter brought home 8th place medals at the State Track Meet in both the 100M and Discus events.

Teacher Appreciation Week was a great celebration of our staff here at RBES. A big thank you to the PTA for all they did to show their gratitude to everyone at RBES.

Over the last days of school, we have enjoyed a Kindergarten graduation parade, junior high academic awards, an 8th grade graduation lunch before graduation practice to give them all a chance to sit down together and share a meal one last time at RBES, Graduation, a picnic for Honor Roll students in 6th and 7th grades, 4th quarter awards assemblies for Kdg-2nd, 3rd & 4th, and 5th-7th, and our Summer Send Off with bounce houses and other fun activities. There have also been lots of field trips and walking trips to parks, City Hall, the Red Bud Museum, and the library. It is a busy and exciting time!

Student and Staff Recognition

Our Sling 'N Scoops Spotlight Students for the month of May are Eduardo Melendez and Kelly Hahn. Eduardo is a 3rd grader nominated by Mrs. Mueth who said, "He always works hard, is respectful to his friends and classmates, participates daily, and has shown lots of improvement in his writing in third grade. He is creative and is going to be greatly missed here at RBES next year, but I know wherever he goes he will do amazing things!" Kelly is a 7th grader nominated by Mrs. Friess who said, "Kelly is always prepared for class. She is a hard worker that always gives 100% in class. She is kind to her classmates and always respectful of teachers."

Royal Recognition for May goes to our school counselor, Linze Seidel. Linze has done so many things to help students this year and has contributed many ideas behind the scenes for ways to make things better. In a nomination from Mrs. Miar, it was stated that, "'Linze has been such a boost for our school. She is kind, compassionate, and has become a friend. I love having her at RBES!'"

I would also like to recognize Mrs. Jana Zipfel for her 20 years of service to Red Bud Elementary and wish her good luck in her next chapter as the superintendent of St. Libory.

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