

## Trail of Dreams Ready for Classes

Work has been finished on the outdoor classroom along our Trail of Dreams. Located near the trail's entrance, the classroom, or "counsel ring," is constructed of brick pavers, with a stonework fleur de lis, pointing due North, at its heart. Stone benches for student seating flank the rim of the circular classroom area. A long brick-paved walkway connects the classroom to the trail.

Cross Country Head Coach Julie Fink, who conceived the idea for the Trail of Dreams with an outdoor classroom, said designing and constructing it was a group effort. "Joey Carrier (the father of Ryan Carrier, grade 8), helped me put the project team together."

She explained that Mr. Carrier works for the Jim Stone Company, which is owned by his in-laws (and Ryan's grandparents), Jim and Donna Gibbons. "The

Jim Stone Company very generously donated all of the building materials for the classroom," said Mrs. Fink.

Mr. Carrier coordinated the donation and the delivery of the construction materials, she added. He also made a few minor changes to landscape

architect Scott Treadaway's original design to better accommodate the donated materials. "The seating plan, fleur de lis stone design, and orienting the design North were all his suggestions," Mrs. Fink said.

Another generous gift came from Shane Lewis of Lewis-Stone, LLC, who was the contractor for the project. "He donated his time and the equipment for the installation of the classroom," said (See *Outdoor Classroom*, p. 5)



*The outdoor classroom on the Trail of Dreams in the wooded area behind Raider Park is ready to welcome students. Construction was completed in February.*

## Senior Signs with Texas Team

Lady Raider volleyball standout Kourtney Khalid-Abasi has made a commitment to play for Hill College in Hillsboro, Texas, as a freshman next year. A starter on the Runnels varsity team for all four years of high school, Kourtney was awarded an athletic scholarship to Hill, where she will be an outside hitter.

As a high school athlete, Kourtney has been named to the First Team All-District and All-Metro Honorable Mention volleyball teams, and the Division IV All-State team. She has served as captain of the Lady Raider Volleyball Team and was named the 2014 Runnels Homecoming Queen. In addition, Kourtney is a member of the Sr. Beta Club, the National Honor Society, and is a Merit Roll and Honor Roll student. She is the daughter of Munir and Debra Khalid-Abasi.



*Kourtney Khalid-Abasi heads to Hill College next year to play volleyball for the Lady Rebels on an athletic scholarship.*

## The Best Parades in Town



*Eli Latiolais, 36*

Look no further afield than Runnels School for the best Mardi Gras parades in town. On Friday, Feb. 28, parades and festivities were in full swing on both of our campuses.

The annual Mardi Gras "Toddler Parade" at the preschool drew the attention of a huge crowd of relatives and friends. Aboard their glittering "floats" (decorated bikes, trikes, scooters, wagons, and even a stroller this year), the two-, three-, and



*Strings of Mardi Gras beads were everywhere as the preschool's "Toddler Parade" moved down the driveway to a chorus of cheers.*

four-year-olds waved and threw beads as parade-goers cheered. On hand to assist the little revelers again this year were members of the High School Beta Club and sponsor Michele Stanfield.

At the elementary school, the festivities officially got underway when the "Runnels 6th and 7th Grade Marching Band," directed by Jill Swetnam, paraded through the campus gathering up students in a

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traditional second line to lead them into the Runnels Theater for the coronation of the “Krewe of Runnels Royale.” At our school, the krewes (a Petite Court for grades 1-3 and a Grande Court for grades 4-6) are always chosen by drawing names so that the selection is completely fair, exciting, and full of suspense

Following the coronation, many elementary teachers participated in our traditional “Tableau” -- this year a nod to the Academy Awards -- on the stage of the auditorium. *Merci beaucoup* to everyone who helped make this year’s Mardi Gras celebrations so enjoyable and memorable for our students.

Special thanks go to elementary “Ball Captain” Kristen Manning for infusing the Mardi Gras Coronation and “Tableau” with her usual sparkle, wit, and joie de vivre; the entire Sidewalk Production team for the colorful video footage, choreographer Brooke Yura, emcees John Baird and Jennifer Cassin, the high school administration for student helpers both on stage and in the technical booth, the elementary RPO for providing snacks for the students, and the many parents who helped with the kindergarten’s “Taste of Louisiana.”

Our sincere thanks also go to the preschool RPO, with special gratitude to President Kimberly Calcote and party coordinators Laura Russell, Leah Pizalato, and Tonia Fontenot, for providing cake snacks and juice for the celebration; the Sr. Beta Club members for helping to pull the wagons, direct bike traffic, and shoulder the parade banner, and the many parents and teachers for supporting the event and helping to decorate the parade vehicles.

*The 2014 Krewe of Runnels Royale... (front row) Taylor Valentine, 1b, Emma Felton, 2c, (second row) Ben Stafford, 5b, Rion Miller, 1a, (third row) Grande King Jack Kahn, 6a, Grande Queen, Mary-Katherine Preston, 4b, Dawson Ponjuan, 4b, Brittany Boucher, 5a, Mason Pentes, 3a, Petite Queen Quin Dukaric, 3b, Petite King Grant Denicola, 2a, and (back row) Taylor Koontz, 6c.*



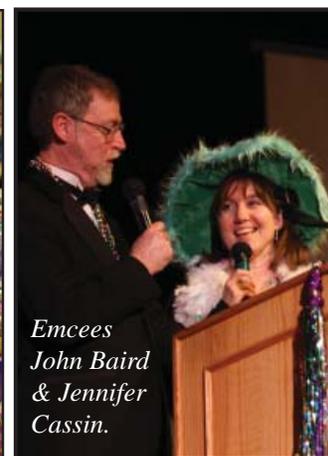
*The “Sixth-Grade Shuffle.”*



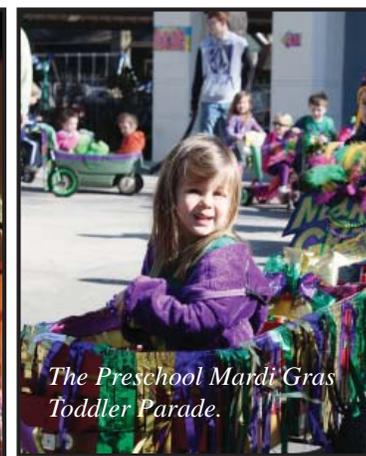
*The Sixth- & Seventh-Grade Marching Band directed by Jill Swetnam.*



*Kindergartners sit down to a “Taste of Louisiana.”*



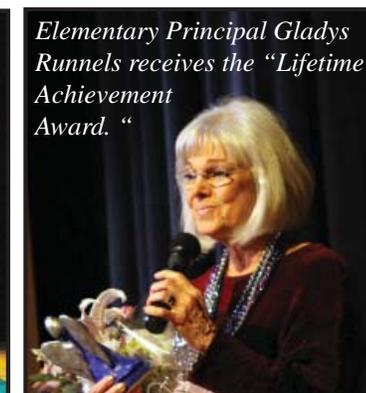
*Emcees John Baird & Jennifer Cassin.*



*The Preschool Mardi Gras Toddler Parade.*



*Elementary teachers in the “Academy Awards Tableau” at the Coronation of the Krewe of Runnels Royale.*



*Elementary Principal Gladys Runnels receives the “Lifetime Achievement Award.”*

**Scout Leaders:** Please contact the yearbook office to arrange for a photo of your Girl Scout or Boy Scout Troop by the end of March. Call 225-751-2192 and ask for the Yearbook Office or email: news@runnels.org.

# Congratulations to our National Merit Finalists



National Merit Finalist Matt Mitchell.

Runnels High School seniors Matthew Mitchell and Amelie Kharey have been selected as Finalists in the prestigious 2014 National Merit Scholarship Corporation Program.

As Finalists, they are eligible to remain in the program to compete for Merit Scholarships and Merit Scholarship Awards, which will be announced beginning in March and continuing through mid-June. Approximately 8,000 of the 15,000 National Merit Finalists will be selected to receive Merit Scholarship Awards.

According to the National Merit Scholarship Competition, the scholar-

ships will be awarded based on the Finalist's academic record, information about the high school's curricula and grading system, standardized test scores, the high school official's written recommendation, information about the student's activities and leadership, and the Finalist's own essay.

In addition, Amelie has been named a candidate in the 2014 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. She is one of only 3,000 graduating seniors from across the nation selected to receive this honor.

Inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, now in its 50th



National Merit Finalist and U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Candidate, Amelie Kharey.

year, is one of the highest honors granted to high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities.

The U.S. Department of Education will announce the names of the 2014 Presidential Scholars in May. One male and one female senior from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. students living abroad, as well as 15 students-at-large, and up to 20 students from the creative and performing arts will be selected as Presidential Scholars. Each Scholar will be invited to Washington, D.C., in June to receive the Presidential Scholars Medallion at a recognition ceremony.

Amelie is the daughter of Janine and Alok Kharey, and Matthew is the son of Karen and Dennis Mitchell.

## Junior Beta Club Installs Fresh Recruits

The Junior Beta Club at Runnels Elementary and Junior High officially inducted 28 new members into its ranks during a candlelight ceremony held in the Runnels Theater in January.

New members are: **Sixth**

**Grade** – Catherine Bonaventure, Madeline Britt, Benjamin Golden, Sam Haase, Daniel Harris, Ricky Harrison, Eric Ho, Ben Holliday, Bailey Hyatt, Jack Kahn, Phoenix Knowles, Taylor Koontz, Cole Latiolais, Ryan Ly, Anna Manning, Aidan Matthews, Kissa Nicholas-Whitt, Ellie Russo, Julia Sager,



Congratulations to the newest members of the Runnels Jr. Beta Club. The students celebrated their induction with a candlelight ceremony in the Runnels Theater and a reception afterward.

Ian Shaneyfelt, Reed Stewart, Eli Todaro, Natalia Tooraen, and Paris Vercher; **Seventh Grade** – Claire Alfonso, Kalyee Freiburger, and Tyler Robbins; and **Eighth Grade** – Natalie Justus.

At the ceremony, the inductees took the Jr. Beta Pledge and

were given their club credentials by officers: Erina Buchholz, president; Anna Claire Pousson, vice president; Justin Reeves, secretary; Austin Stansbury, treasurer; Ben Holliday and Bailey Hyatt, reporters; and

State Chaplain Brandon Kelfstrom.

On hand to congratulate the inductees were Junior High Assistant Principal Pamela Babcock and Elementary Principal Gladys Runnels. The faculty sponsors are John Baird, Neena Kelfstrom, Christine Pousson, Kristen Manning, and Danna Wiese.

# Awards Stack Up for Runnels Scholars

Runnels students have been piling up an impressive collection of awards from academic contests and competitions in the Baton Rouge area.



LSU education professor and Kenilworth and Technology Charter School board member Dr. Euge Kennedy and Runnels 5th grade Math Olympiad medalist, Connor Porterhouse.

Fifth-grader Connor Porthouse brought home a silver medal and a Kindle Fire for winning 2nd place in the Louisiana Math Olympiad, held at the Kenilworth Science and Technology Charter School in Baton Rouge this February. The contest, which is open to 4th and 5th graders, drew more than 400 competitors from across the state. Also representing Runnels, 5th

grader Marshall Pentes, finished in the top 25 in the Olympiad. Renee' Miller, Connor's math teacher at Runnels, received a gift card.

Juniors Anna Arceneaux and Kara Peneguy recently were named finalists in the 2014 DEMCO Rural Electric Youth Tour Essay Contest. The competition was open to high school juniors in Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Livingstone, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, and West Baton Rouge parishes. Only 12 finalists were selected from a field of 300 competitors.



Anna Arceneaux

The girls' essays started out as journal entries, in the form of letters to political figures, in Marsha Curry's AP English Language and Composition class.

Anna's letter was addressed to President Obama. It voiced her concern

over the media's being too involved in politics. Kara's submission was for Gov. Jindal. It was about the erosion of our Louisiana coasts.

Judging of the 12 finalists will take place at a banquet at White Oak Plantation on March 11. The final competition will include an oral presentation as well as a written test on rural electrification facts from a DEMCO fact sheet already provided to the finalists. The winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

In this year's Knights of Columbus Patriotic Essay Contest, two Runnels Jr. High students placed in the top 10. Nearly 500 essays were submitted to the contest. Sara Brandenburg came in 4th and Elizabeth Daigle was 9th. Congratulations to all!



Kara Peneguy

## We Sincerely Thank...

... Rebecca Penniman (George, grade 10, Jack, grade 8, and Rebecca, grade 4), Jonathon Wagner, and Pat Garrity (Evan, grade 10, Allison, grade 8, and Jonathan, K) for volunteering to notarize permission forms for the 8th grade overnight field trip.

... Katie Andermann and Erin Lee, assistants to local orthodontist, Dr. Vance Misuraca, for presenting information about dental care to lower elementary students in Letitia Tooraen's and Coach Brent Lax's P.E. classes. Mrs. Tooraen said the students also made "mouths" with mini marshmallow "teeth" and used them to practice flossing -- with yarn.

... Kathy Chittom (Adam, K), for donating boxes and decorations for the kindergartners to use for Valentine's Day projects.

... Pat Rohal (grandmother of Eddie Tunis, 3c), for donating a toy Craftsman workbench and tool chest to the kindergar-

ten Imagination Station.

... Local author Jordan Courtney, for visiting with our lower elementary students in the Drama Room Feb. 3 and reading his newly published picture book, *Gator in a Tree*.



Now an instructor at LSU, Jonathan Mayers ('02) returned to Mrs. Randall's class as a guest artist.

ten students in Lee Randall's high school honors art classes in February. Jonathan, who has a bachelor's degree from LSU and an MFA in painting from UNO, currently teaches art at LSU.

## Jr. High To Stage "Alice in Wonderland"

The Runnels Jr. High School will present a one act adaptation of Lewis Carroll's 1865 fantasy *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* in the Runnels Theater for the Performing Arts on April 4 at 7 pm.

Directed by K-12 Theater Program Chair Neena Kelfstrom, the play will feature: Haley Raines as *Alice*, Sara Brandenburg as the *White Rabbit*, Hannah Rains as the *Caterpillar*, Alex Matthews as the *Pigeon*, Hannah Cassano as the *Duchess*, Alex Morgan as the *Mad Hatter*, Emma Milneck as the *March Hare*, Kaitlyn Roy as the *Dormouse*, Sean Parker as the *King of Hearts*, McKenna Tregre as the *Queen of Hearts*, Sydney Markham, Alyssa Stevison, and Tyler Robbins as *Cards*, Catherine Henning as the *Cook*, Hailey LeBlanc as the *Lackey*, Kayla Evans as *Footman 1*, Sam Matthews as *Footman 2*, Isabelle McCall, Natalie Justus, and Emma Toorean as the *Cheshire Cat*, and Nick Smith, Ian Duke, Emily Bienvenue, Lily Riddick, and Emma Shupe as a *Deck of Cards*.

For tickets, call the High School Office at 225-751-2192.

## May the Force Be With You and the RPO

... A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away the RPO decided to create a family event to bring young and old together for a night of fun. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 29, for our next *Picture in the Plaza* event. As you might have guessed, we'll be showing the original Star Wars. Stay tuned in to the RPO microsite and keep an eye out for flyers with more details, but we can tell you this: Get your costumes ready! As always, the movie will be free; and concessions will be sold to help raise money for the Plaza Project. Remember, parents and students, you're our only hope. - - RPO President Nicole Latiolais



# National Honor Society Adds New Members

The Runnels High School chapter of the National Honor Society formally inducted 23 juniors into the organization during a ceremony held in the Runnels Theater Feb. 4.

The new members are Olivia Arboneaux, Anna Arceneaux, Ryan Baird, Rebecca Bender, Alyssa Campbell, Hana Derzi, Nabil Essajee, Nicole Gardana, Alex Haun, Aidan Heck, Lauren Kahn, Sadie Kraft, Sarah Lukinovich, Andrew Mackay, Devyn MacDonald, Caleb Manning, Connor Matthews, Thomas Myers, Kara Peneguy, Katie Pousson, Tazkia Shah, Brad Sherman, and Alex Stansbury.

Admission to the organization is based on evidence of scholarship, good character, leadership, and service. Stu-

dents maintaining a 3.4 grade-point average during their freshman and sophomore years and into their junior year are invited to apply for membership. Those seeking admission are required to submit an essay detailing their involvement in community service, school groups and after-school activities. The National Honor Society officers at Runnels are seniors Erin Dean, president; Caroline Bonaventure, vice president; Alexandra



New members of the Runnels chapter of the National Honor Society were welcomed to the organization with a ceremony held in the Runnels Theater Feb. 4.

Hedrick, secretary; Haleigh Armstrong, treasurer; and Amanda Sehring, Kourtney Khalid-Abasi and Katelyn Bryant, co-historians. The Runnels club received its NHS charter in 1986.

## Gracias! Merci Beaucoup! Grazie Mille! Thanks, Ya'll!

We were swept off our feet by the outpouring of kindness and generosity from every corner of our school community during the RPO's Teacher Appreciation "Month of Love" this February. For the outrageously delicious breakfasts and lunches, the fabulous door prizes, the lovely notes, treats, pats on the back, and gifts, we offer our humble and gracious thanks. You made us feel cherished, loved, appreciated, and esteemed.

We send heartfelt thanks to all, with extra big hugs to Elementary and Jr./Sr. High Teacher Appreciation Co-coordinators Kristy Mayes and Gail Sherman, RPO President Nicole Latiolais, and grade coordinators Blake Stevenson, Allyson Guay, Caroline Hader, Tammy Bhat, Suzanne LeBlanc, Kasia Baran-



Lending a hand at the Feb. 21 Teacher Appreciation luncheon in the gym are (from left) Heather Edwards, Carolyn Sherman, Sam Essajee, Brooke Yura, Monique Howe, Sean Edwards, Amanda Francois (in Cupid costume), Nicole Latiolais, Kristy Mayes, Adaina Watson, Suzanne LeBlanc, Blake Stevenson, Kasia Gawronski, Amy Sanders, and Gail Sherman.

ska, Colleen Spillane, Camilla Smith, Brooke Yura, Wendy Milam, Lisa Daigle, Michelle Smith, Adaina Watson, Jackie Lurker, and Debra Khalid-Abasi. Special thanks also go to Amy Sanders, Monique Howe, Teresa Peneguy, Marilyn "Boo" Moore, Amanda Francois, Sarah Odom, Stacie Burke, and

and providing candle centerpieces for the tables at the luncheon. In addition, we thank Suzanne LeBlanc for her Mary Kay Satin Hand massages and sponsors Don's Seafood and Portobello's. (The preschool Teacher Appreciation events and thank yous will be in our April edition.)

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Mrs. Fink. "These were amazing gifts to our Trail of Dreams," she added. "Now that the classroom is ready, everyone is welcome to enjoy it." If you would like to help with items on the current "Wish List" for our Trail of Dreams, Mrs. Fink said she's looking for someone with a cutting torch to cut old metal pipe, rebar, and debris, and someone to donate a couple of dump truck loads of fill dirt. She said that donations and hands-on help also will be welcome when we start purchasing and planting native species of plants and trees along the trails's pathways. Reach Mrs. Fink at [j.fink@runnels.org](mailto:j.fink@runnels.org).

# Notable Events

**Chess for Kids** ... Some of our 4th- through 6th-grade students are spending lunchtime on Tuesdays learning how to play one of the oldest and most complex board games in the world -- chess. Said to have been invented around the 6th century in India, chess is one of the most sophisticated games of strategy in the world. Though Runnels has had a Chess Club for Jr./Sr. High students for several years, that option only became available to our upper elementary students this year when 4th grader Sam Ellsworth, who has played chess since he was a 1st grader in Tampa, was searching for tournaments he could compete in here in Baton Rouge.



Upper Elementary Chess Club members Sam Ellsworth and Omar Badawi.

Sam's mom, Spanish Teaching Assistant Lety Ellsworth, helped get the club going. She said that when her family moved here, Sam wanted to continue playing chess but had to go all the way to New Orleans or Memphis to find tournaments for his age group. She approached Jr./Sr. High Chess Club sponsor Rita Hunt about forming a club for upper elementary students. With the help of Mrs. Hunt and support from Elementary Assistant Principal and Guidance Counselor Marcia Mackay and Elementary Principal Gladys Runnels, the Upper Elementary Chess Club was launched last fall. The group has approximately 15 members who spend one lunch hour per week learning chess moves and strategies and practicing tournament skills. Ms. Ellsworth hopes to hold a tournament here at Runnels by the end of the year.

## Tales from the Peace Corps

... After spending three years as a Peace Corps volunteer teaching English in the Ukraine, Runnels alumna Grace Futrell came back to our Drama Room in February to share her experiences with the 6th graders. Though Grace had never met our 6th graders, she was pretty



Grace Futrell ('06) helps 6th graders write their names in Ukrainian.

familiar with their handwriting because last year, while 5th graders in Mrs. Winnett's English class, they became pen pals with her students in the Ukraine.

Grace showed photos of her Ukrainian pupils and their school to the 6th graders, taught them the Cyrillic alphabet, and told them about the culture, geography, climate, folk art, history, foods, and people of the Ukraine.

Later in the month, Grace shared her adventures with our high school AP Human Geography and World Geography students.

## Teachers, Sponsors, Scout Leaders, and Coaches

... As you know we will be celebrating our 50th year this fall. One of the many ways we will be recognizing the importance of Runnels School in our community and in our lives is by lifting up our school family's efforts in service to others.

Your work in and out of the classroom is valuable to Runnels and to our community. In preparation for marking this milestone, we would like to collect information on the efforts by Runnels students to better our community. Because you have been involved in a service project(s) through your classes, team, troop, or club, please share the great things you are doing.

Please fill out the form on the following link by March 17:

<https://www.runnels.org/content/display/service-projects>

Please email me with any questions. If you sponsor a group that does projects frequently, be sure to list each project.

-- Thanks, Laurin Fairley, 50th Anniversary Planning Committee  
l.fairley@runnels.org



Noelle Morris

## Kudos To

... Lady Raider Basketball Team co-captain Noelle Morris, for scoring her 1,000th career point. She made it during the playoff game against Pickering on Feb. 21

in Monroe, LA. Though Noelle scored 20 points in the game and the whole team played valiantly, the Lady Raiders were ultimately out-fought by the Red Devils and lost their bid to advance in the tournament. Noelle, a point guard on the varsity team, said she plans to play basketball in college but is still weighing her options about where to enroll. Congratulations to Noelle for her outstanding achievement, and to the Lady Raiders and Head Coach Justin MacKay and Assistant Coach Michelle Middlebrook for a great season.

... The Runnels Golf Team and Head Coach Steve Hunt for being invited to host the Division IV, District IV Golf Tournament on April 14. The tournament will be held at Atchafalaya at Idelwild Golf Course in Patterson, Coach Hunt said. "We'll host somewhere around 10 high school golf teams from around the state. This is a first for Runnels and a kudo for the efforts of our golfers," he added. The winners of the tournament will advance to the regional match.

... Sam Day, grade 8, for making 1st Trombone in the East Baton Rouge Parish Middle School Honor Band.

... Micah Danos, grade 9, for being chosen as a

Junior Maid in the Krewe of Versailles in Cut-Off, LA. She was presented at the krewe's Tableau and Ball, which was held at the Cut-Off Youth Center on



Micah Danos

Feb. 22, and rode in the parade the next day. This year marks the Krewe's 40th anniversary.

# Runnels Well Represented at District Rally

Runnels enjoyed outstanding success at this year's District Literary Rally held Feb. 22 at Southeastern. Five of our Jr./Sr. High competitors finished first in their subjects, seven came in second, and five more brought home third-place honors.

The first-place winners and their subjects were: Amelie Kharey, grade 12, Environmental Science; Connor Matthews, grade 11, Calculus; Heather Edwards, grade 10, Family and Consumer Science; Andrew Mitchell, grade 9, World Geography; and Abigail Scarton, grade 9, French III.

Our second-place finishers were: Erin Dean, grade 12, Biology II; Matt Mitchell, grade 12, English IV; Anna Morgan, grade 10, U.S. History; Julia Power, grade 10, French III; Matthew

Gallant, grade 9, Psychology; Erina Buchholz, grade 8, Physical Science; and Kayla Evans, grade 7, Algebra I.

Placing third were: Caroline Bonaventure, grade 12, Biology II; Anna Arceneaux, grade 11, Spanish III; Nicole Gardana, grade 11, French II; Irene Lewis, grade 10, Algebra II; and Austin Stansbury, grade 8, Physical Science.

In addition, 18 Runnels students will advance to the State Literary Rally, which will be held at LSU on April 5. State qualifiers include most of the students listed above, plus Olivia Arboneaux, grade 11, in Physics; Caleb Manning, grade 11, in English III; Drake Fromenthal, grade 10, in World History; and Kim Lam, grade 10, in Chemistry.

Congratulations to these competi-

tors and to all of the Runnels students who participated in this year's District Rally. They include: grade 12 - Dillon Dodgen, Sarah Garrett, Grace Guidroz, Dakota Newman, Beau Sanders, Lena Sheikha, and Meghana Theegala; grade 11 - Alex Acosta, Ryan Baird, Nabil Essajee, Shannon French, Alex Haun, Michael Howard, Lauren Kahn, Sadie Kraft, Andrew Mackay, Thomas Myers, and Tazkia Shah; grade 10 - Olivia Arcemont, Erial Mix, Lee Parker, Michael Reeves, Samantha Sieberth, and Meagan Tullos; grade 9 - Marguerite Anders, Jena Bordelon, Regan Dean, Henry Forgey, Eva Kruger, Mark Postlethwait, Stephen Watson, Rachel Yura; and grade 8 - Hannah Fishbein and Natalie Justus; and grade 7 - Anna Kadi.

## Bravo to Our "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" Cast & Crew



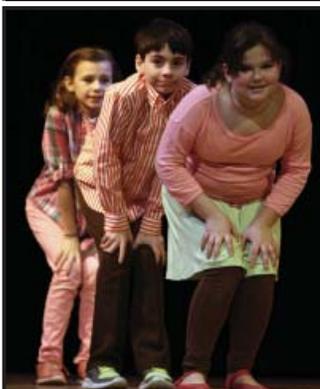
Art students Sarah Garrett, grade 12, and Anna Morgan, grade 10, helped design the artwork on the Oompa-Loompa specialty dance umbrellas.



The Willy Wonka Orchestra directed by Jill Swetnam (front row, right).



Emily Mack, grade 11, as Veruca Salt and Tyler Robbins, grade 7, as an Oompa-Loompa.



Elementary cast members Emma Scott, Dino Pellissier, and Katie Carpenter.



Director Ann Dalrymple (right) on opening night with Founding Headmaster Dr. L.K. Runnels and Assistant Head of School and Elementary Principal Gladys Runnels.



Caleb Manning, grade 11, as Willy Wonka (fifth from right), greets the "Golden Ticket" winners at the gates of his Chocolate Factory.

**Alumni Round-up ...** Runnels alumni now have their very own tab on the home page of the Runnels website. If you are an alum, please go to [www.runnels.org](http://www.runnels.org), click on the "Alumni" tab (on the left of the screen) and fill out the short form so we can be in touch. We'll keep you up to date on alumni doings and all our 50th Anniversary events.

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Congratulations to the Lady Raider Varsity Soccer Team, Head Coach Marvin Smith and Assistant Coach Tunde Animashaun. The Lady Raiders have won the district crown for three years in a row! Players are: seniors Haleigh Armstrong, Olivia Arboneaux, Erin Dean, and Lena Sheikha; juniors Morgan Evans, Shannon French, Rio Gauthier, Sadie Kraft, and Kara Peneguy; sophomore Nisreen Sheikha; freshman Molly Johnson; 8th graders Laine Alfonso, Hannah Fishbein, Allison Garrity, Kaylen Howe, and CC Monett; and 7th graders Claire Alfonso, Hannah Barback, and Fain Buete.