

Exhibiting Talent

For two consecutive years, a Runnels art student has been awarded the top prize in the Baton Rouge Gallery's "Real Life Experience Juried High School Exhibition." At the show's "First Wednesday" Opening Reception held on April 2, senior Sarah Garrett was presented with the "Best in Show" honor and was awarded a \$600 scholarship for her watercolor, "Caged Bird."

Sponsored by the LSU School of Art Glassell Gallery, the annual exhibition offers high school students from the Baton Rouge area an opportunity to share their talents with the community.

Although 150 pieces of original artwork were submitted to the show, approximately 40 were chosen to go on exhibit. Eight of these were from Runnels, including two created by Sarah. The judges for the show were local artists Mary Lee Eggart, Matt Morris, and Michaelene Walsh.

Other Runnels artists in the show were junior Erin Gleason, sophomores Christian Amedee, Alex Benson, Grace LeBlanc, and Samantha Sieberth, and freshman Eve Axelrod. Their art teach-



Sarah Garrett, right, and her AP Art teacher, Lee Brandt Randall, at the Opening Reception for the "Real-Life Experience Juried High School Exhibition," where Sarah was awarded first place.

ers are art department head Lee Brandt Randall, Rachel Klein, and Danna Wiese.

An Advanced Placement (AP) Art student, Sarah was one of four runners-up in last year's "Real Life Experience Juried High School Exhibition."

Recently, she was also named an "Honorable Mention" in the Cleveland Institute of Art's 2014 2D3D National Art + Design Competition. More than 1,076 students from more than 450 high schools across the nation entered the contest.

Sarah is the daughter of Paula and Richard Garrett.

Solo & Ensemble Scores Soar

More than 200 Runnels Band, Strings, and Harp students competed in the annual Solo and Ensemble Festival held April 15 and 17 in the Performing Arts Classroom Building.

They performed before judges not affiliated with Runnels and were scored according to their abilities as soloists, members of ensembles, or both.

Congratulations to the participants and their teachers, 6th - 12th Grade Band Director Jill Swetnam, 4th - 5th Grade Band Director Shanna Drescher, String Orchestra Director Jennifer Cassin, cello instructor Dan Cassin, and Harp Choir Director Rebecca Todaro.

4th Grade - Superior Ratings,



Bailey Ourso, 4a, waits in the Band Room for her turn before the Solo and Ensemble judges.

Band: Omar Badawi, Wren Brumfield, Niko Carey, Collin Coates, Elisabeth Dardar, Nick D'Gerolamo, Luke Dornier, Emma Fishbien, Josh Freeman, Michal

Gawronski, Lindsey Huynh, Robby Harrison, Reagan Kyle, Zayne Mandujano, Marwan Mikdadi, Bailey Ourso, Emily Reid, Ramsey Rogers, J.C. Stephens, and Caleb Wiese. **Superior Ratings, Strings:** Ashley Belcher, Natalie Fairley, Ellie Hader, Ryn LeBleu, Avery Matens, Dawson Ponjuan, Elizabeth Penniman, Mary

(See "Solo and Ensemble," p. 2.)

Winning a Place in History

In its inaugural year, the Runnels History Club aimed high and won big. After earning a first-place medal at the Regional History Day Contest held at the West Baton Rouge Museum in March, 8th grade History Club member Lyle Bordelon-Walker went on to capture a top prize in the State History Day Contest held at the World War II Museum in New Orleans on April 12.



Lyle Bordelon-Walker

Lyle won first-place in Research Papers, Junior Division, with his entry entitled "The Fall of the Wall." He now advances to the Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest, which will take place at the University of Maryland in mid-June. His competition will include winners from across the United States, American Samoa, Guam, International Schools, and Department of Defense Schools in Europe. For winning first place, Lyle received a medal and \$500 to help cover the costs of traveling to the (See "Winning a Place in History," p. 3.)

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Fifth-Grade Band members Caroline Daigle, Maddie Root, and Madisan Milam get ready for their Solo & Ensemble performances.

Katherine Preston, Ryan Roper', Emily Schacht, Farzeen Wahid, Mia Welch, and Sydney Worsham; **Superior Ratings, Harp:** Katie Carpenter and Emily Reid; **Excellent Ratings, Band:** Omid Boushehri, Sam Ellsworth, Jake Haase, Brendan LeBlanc, Blaine Nicholson, Kyle Nicholson, Drake Tooraen; **Excellent Rating, Strings:** Steven Kendall.

5th Grade - Superior Ratings, Band: Sophie Arceneaux, Brianna Boucher, Parker Collett, Caroline Daigle, Amelia Day, Ben Day, Audrey Guess, Nik Horton, Joseph Ismail, Preston Kyle, Rachel Middlebrook, Madisan Milam, Zack Morrison, Caleb Reid, Garrett Rhinehart, Maddie Root, Ben Stafford, Avin Stegall, Wesley Stevenson, Chris Yura; **Superior Ratings, Strings:** Fatima Ahmad, Bella Barnes, Sophie Edwards, Savannah

Fekete, Connor Porthouse, and James Power; **Superior Ratings, Harp:** Caroline Collins, Angie Patton, Emma Schlotterer, and Lily Tullos; **Excellent Ratings, Band:** Mikey Albarado, Brianna Boucher, Brittany Boucher, Trey Boucher, Braeden Bourque, Will Buete, Kaylee Caliouttte, Amelia Day, Audrey Guess, Thea Knowles, Madisan Milam, Marshall Pentes, Xander Pyle, Garrett Rhinehart, Sinclair Wahnschaffe, Chase Williams, and Cameron Wright.

6th Grade - Superior Ratings, Band: Michaela Fennell, Elizabeth Foley, Sam Haase, Rachel Hargrove, Daniel Harris, Ricky Harrison, Eric Ho, Minna Ismail, Sara Johnston, Aidan Matthews, Sophie Sanders, Michael Smith, John Spillane, and Reed Stewart; **Superior Ratings, Strings:**

Catherine Bonaventure, Annie Fink, Dino Pellissier, Ellie Russo, Andrew Schacht, Ian Shaneyfelt, and Ally Sut-

ton; **Superior Ratings, Harp:** Niki Barakhshan, Cole Latiolais, Anna Manning, Savannah McNeal, Janie Schlotterer, Kyra Reeves, Eli Todaro, Natalia Tooraen; **Excellent Ratings, Band:** Mitchell Egger, Grayson Guley, Lance Kraft, Ryan Ly, Arianna McNeal, Erin Oehrle, Sarah Stanfield, and Gabe Wiese.

7th Grade - Superior Ratings, Band: Elise Cox, Lee Curry, Ian Duke, Chandler Middlebrook, Steven Spivak, Aaron Taliaferro, and Justin Taliaferro; **Superior Ratings, Strings:** Claire Alfonso, Hannah Barback, Amelia Jennings, Zoe Patton, Anna Claire Pousson, Micah Roper', and Thomas Worsham; **Excellent Rating, Strings:** Afnan Shah.

8th Grade - Superior Ratings, Band: Erina Buchholz, Ryan Carrier, Sam Day, Bruce Huynh, Brandon Kelfstrom, Sam Matthews, Garrett Miller, CC Monett, Max Peer, Max Sager, Emma Shupe, Ashley Stansbury, and Austin Stansbury; **Superior Ratings, Strings:** Alex Acosta, Harrison Bonaventure, Erina Buchholz, Peyton Collett, and Sean Parker; **Superior Ratings, Harp:** Aubrey Adams and Jordyn Miller; **Excellent Rating, Band:** Davood Boushehri, William Golden, Alex Matthews, Jack Penniman, Michael Stevenson, and Nick Thomasee.

High School - Superior Ratings, Band: Rebekah Burns, Grant Fink, Henry Forgey, Michael Gallant, Clay Harned, Christian Martin, Michael Martinez, Connor Matthews, Dylan Miller, Andrew Mitchell, Nadeera Mohamed, Jordan Morris, Roz Rafi-Tabrizi, Marisa Russo, Savannah Sanders, Waleed Shammout, Alex Stansbury, Ross Stephens, and John Wiese; **Superior Ratings, Strings:** Caroline Bonaventure, William Harrell, Luc Kharey, and Lee Parker; **Superior Ratings, Harp:** Kristen Haller, Blair LeBleu, Olivia O'Halloran, and Rachel Yura; **Excellent Ratings, Band:** Joseph Armoney, Alex Benson, Shannon French, and Matt Gallant.



Harp Choir member Cole Latiolais, 6b. All of our harp students participating in the festival earned superior ratings.

High School Athletic Awards Ceremony Runnels Auditorium: Sunday, May 4, 2014

Session I, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Swimming
Cross Country
Volleyball
Girls Basketball
Boys Basketball
Girls Soccer
Bowling
Powerlifting

Session II, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Baseball
Golf
Boys Soccer
Indoor Track & Field
Outdoor Track & Field
Tennis
Softball
R Award Presentations

The Runnels Booster Club will provide refreshments in the foyer of the Runnels Theater from 5:30 - 6:30 pm, between Sessions I and II.

The Junior High Athletic Awards Ceremony will be held in the Runnels Theater on Wednesday, May 7, at 6 pm

Junior Named Math Society District Governor



Connor Matthews

At the 2014 Mu Alpha Theta (Honor Math Society) state convention held April 3-5 at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge, Runnels junior Connor Matthews was elected to the state office of District IV Governor.

As one of six district governors, Connor will serve on the Mu Alpha Theta State Board to help plan next year's convention. Also named to the State Board as the District IV Governor Sponsor was Runnels math teacher, Mu Alpha Theta sponsor, and Connor's mom, Karen Matthews.

At the convention, several of the 16 Runnels delegates competed well in math tests and games. Senior Matt Mitchell took first place in the History of Math, and Nabil Essajee, grade 11, and Connor secured first-place honors in the Mu A Gemini Team Game event.

In Math Area Tests, senior Amelie Kharey placed second in Open Functions, under the All-Levels topic, and Caroline Bonaventure, also a senior, took second-place in Open Statistics in the category of AP Statistics. In addition, the Runnels upper level team of Pre-calculus-and-Above took third place on the Interschool Test.

Team members were seniors Caroline Bonaventure, Erin Dean, Amelie Kharey, and Matt Mitchell, junior Connor Matthews, sophomores Regan Dean, Kim Lam, and Anna Morgan, and freshman Andrew Mitchell.

The Runnels group also won second place in Quality, for earning the second highest number of average points overall among all the schools attending.

Also in the Runnels delegation were sophomores Olivia Arcemont, Heather Edwards, and Wesley Harris, and juniors Ryan Baird and Max Morgan. The club's co-sponsor is Norma Marsh.



The Runnels Mu Alpha Theta members who attended the state convention display their impressive haul of trophies and medals from the event.



Duke TIP State Winners Announced

Nine Runnels Junior High students were recently notified they had achieved "State Recognition" in this year's Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP). They are 7th graders Hannah Bienvenu, Kayla Evans, Kalyee Freiberger, Amelia Jennings, Anna Kadi, Mason Mayes, Kameron McKnight, Alex Morgan, and Emma Tooraen.

Through the Duke TIP program, junior high students who achieve specific scores on standardized tests are invited to take college entrance exams (ACT or SAT tests) along with high school students. Based on set scores on certain parts of the tests, students may be recognized as gifted or talented at the "State" or "Grand" level. These students are provided with information, activities, services, and programs to promote the development of their exceptional academic abilities.

Other junior high students who qualified to participate in the TIP college testing program are Elise Cox, Caroline Henning, Eric Huygues, Ryan Lam, Anna Claire Pousson, Spencer Spivak and Steven Spivak.



Fairy Tale Fun ... Spotted at the kindergarten's annual "Fairy Tale Luncheon" in April were two "Rapunzels," (from left) kindergartner Anna Carpenter and teacher Melissa Fontenot, and a pair of "Little Red Riding Hoods," teacher Andrea Arceneaux and kindergartner Gracie Coates.

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national contest.

Also representing the Runnels History Club at the state competition in New Orleans were sophomore Lee Parker, and freshmen Matt Gallant and John Wiese.

At the regional meet in Baton Rouge, Lee won first-place in Research Papers, Senior Division, for his submission entitled, "U.S. Government's Responsibility of Safety and the Loss of Civil Rights in the Japanese Internment Camps," and Matt and John placed second in Documentaries, Senior Division, at the regional level with their video, "The Karabinzer 98 Kurz: The Workhorse of the German Wehrmacht."

Also competing for Runnels at the regional event were History Club members sophomores Sarah Gibbs, Wesley Harris, and Elle Pickrell, and 8th grader Sean Parker.

History Club sponsor Sharon Schmitz, who started the organization at Runnels last fall, said, "I am so proud of all of these kids. They put so much work into their projects."

Lyle Bordelon-Walker is the son of Michael Bordelon and Jason Walker.

If you have news for *The Reporter*, please send it to news@runnels.org.

Notable Events

Class Trip ...

This year's 8th grade overnight field trip, which ran Mar. 27-28, was loaded with informative activities and fun. The students traveled to Southeastern's Turtle Cove Environmental Research Station, overnighed at Fountainbleu State Park, and then went on to New Orleans, where they toured the historic Pontalba Building in Jackson Square, The Cabildo, and the Musee Conti Historical Wax Museum.

At Turtle Cove, before setting out on an expedition across the Galva Canal in Manchac, the students and their chaperones had a lesson on water safety and how to operate a canoe and oars. With two people per canoe, the students set sail on the canal to observe the local wildlife and wetland plants.

Once back on shore at the research station, the 8th graders used dip nets to catch minnows, crawfish, and tadpoles. They inspected their catch with the help of aquatic viewing scopes. They also learned about wetland ecology, marsh restoration and environmental issues concerning the Lake Pontchartrain Basin.

In New Orleans the next day, the students went to The Cabildo, where they saw the



Alex Acosta uses an aquatic viewing scope at Turtle Cove.

room where the Louisiana Purchase was signed. At the Musee Conti Historical Wax Museum, they enjoyed viewing more than 150 life-sized wax figures representing people who have significantly impacted our state's history and culture, including Jean Lafitte the Pirate, Andrew Jackson



Eighth graders set sail for adventure at the Turtle Cove Environmental Research Station on their field trip in March.

in the Battle of New Orleans, Marie Laveau, and Louis Armstrong.

"The tour guides told us about things not always taught in the history books," said 8th grade Louisiana History teacher, Lisa Fennell, who accompanied the class.

The group also went to Jackson Square for a tour of an apartment in the historic Pantalba Building, which was constructed in the 1840s. One of the oldest apartment buildings in the United States, the Pantalba is now a National Historic Landmark. The grandparents of 8th grader Sean Parker, who have an apartment in the building, invited the group to visit. We sincerely thank them for their hospitality.

We also thank parent chaperones Mitch Reeves, Troy Milton, Scott Brandenburg, Shawn Worsham, and Kevin Miller; faculty chaperones Holly Wilder and Kylie Harbin; trip organizers Jr. High Assistant Principal Pamela Babcock, and Mrs. Fennell; and Jr./Sr. High School nurse Karen Rhinehart, who handled the medical forms and communicated with parents regarding medications and health issues.



"Guys and Dolls" ... It's official! The first production of the 2014-15 Runnels Theater Season will be the celebrated musical comedy, "Guys and Dolls."

Based on the works of American short story writer Damon Runyon, the play concerns the efforts of small-time hoodlum Nathan Detroit -- widely known as the organizer of "the oldest established, permanent floating crap game in New York" -- as he strives to set up a dice game for "high rollers" right under the noses of the local police. Meanwhile, Nathan bets big-time gambler Sky Masterson that he can't make the next girl he sees fall in love with him. The plot ratchets up a notch when the girl turns out to be Miss Sarah Brown, chief do-gooder of the Save-a-Soul Mission.

Also in the mix is Nathan's long-suffering girlfriend, Miss Adelaide -- a headliner at the Hot Box nightclub -- who is tired of waiting for Nathan to pop the question. Her longing to become a bride and Nathan's endless excuses for not making her one add heart and humor to the show.

Performance dates are tentatively scheduled for September 26-28, said K-12 Theater Program Chair Neena Kelfstrom. "There are roles available for students entering 9th-12th grades (in the 2014-2015 school year), faculty, staff, parents, alumni and community actors."

Adult auditions will be held May 17 from 10 am -12 pm and 1 pm -3 pm in the Chorus Room. Student auditions will take place during the week of May 19. Actors will need to prepare 16 bars of music to perform at their auditions. For more information, contact Mrs. Kelfstrom at n.kelfstrom@runnels.org.

Carnival Time ... Elementary reading teacher Kellie Dodgen reports that the annual "4th Grade Reading Carnival," held on the elementary basketball court April 10 was a "huge success" and that she enjoyed "seeing the children having fun and celebrating their success in reading this year."

For the event, the playground area was festooned with banners and flags in carnival colors. The children munched on popcorn, nachos, and other "fun foods," received treat boxes, and played games and tried their hands at activities featured in the many booths along the "runway," including Nerf Basketball, Bottle Blasters, Bead Bonanza, Ping Pong Pistols, Disc Drop, Hot Hoops, Spin Art, a Tattoo Parlor, a Hair Spray Salon, and many others.

Our thanks to the parents and volunteers who helped make this well-earned treat great fun for all. They include: Kathy Broussette, Stafford Kendall, Alia Qureshi, Ona Robbins, Robert Penniman, Lely Hedrick, Kasia Baranska, Jennipher Noble, Suzanne LeBlanc, Burgundy Brumfield, Jessie Matens, Joe Kadi, Laurin Fairley, Marjorie Meyer, Carrie Mayo, Sherry Roper, Nicole Reid, Tish Tooraen, Sarah Haase, Caroline Hader, Gretchen Ourso, Christine Pousson, and event organizer Mrs. Dodgen.



At the "4th Grade Reading Carnival" are (from left) MacKenzie Blanchard, Blaiklee Guillot, and Sydney Worsham.

Notable Events



While in "Russia" on the 3rd grade's "Trip Around the World," Dralyn Johnston, 3b, goes for a new look.

Globe-Trotters ... With "passports" in hand, our 3rd grade reading students "visited" five exotic lands on their annual "Trip Around the World" the morning of April 15 without ever leaving the school's campus.

The destinations -- Russia, Jordan, Italy, India, and Ireland -- were really classrooms that parent volunteers and teachers had decorated to represent the countries. The "trip" is part of a unique reading project organized by elementary teacher Lisa Harris to "take" students to some of the nations they have encountered in their class reading assignments this year.

In each "country," volunteer parents stamped the children's "passports" and guided them through hands-on activities geared toward helping them get a feel for the land, culture, language, traditions, foods, geography, and people of the nation visited.

We sincerely thank the many hard working and creative parents and volunteers who set up and took down the "countries," planned the lessons, decorated classrooms, provided supplies, served lunch and cleaned up afterwards, and provided helping hands in countless ways, with a special tip of the hat to "country hosts" Zorba Shammout - Jordan, Tammy Bhat - India, Trisha Tunis - Russia, Gina Golda, Italy, and Melissa and Brian O'Reilly, Ireland. A big thank you also goes to Mrs. Harris.

On Assignment

... Over a period of four days in early April, 23 teams of 7th graders -- divided into pairs or trios -- interviewed 22 Runnels teachers, in real time, as part of a multi-tiered writing assignment for Alison Nikitopoulos's English classes.

The objective, said Mrs. Nikitopoulos, was for students to practice "writing up interviews in a couple of different formats." The result, according to 7th graders Grace Asevedo and Emma Tooraen, who interviewed high school history teacher Norma Marsh, was considerably more.

"We had to email the teacher and make an appointment for the interview," said Emma. That was the first time either had ever made an appointment for anything. After politely confirming the date by email, they met Mrs. Marsh for the in-person session. "It took 16 minutes and

37 seconds," said Grace. She knew, because they recorded it on a cell phone. Like careful professionals, the girls also took notes.

The interviews, explained Mrs. Nikitopoulos, consisted of 10 "teaching and non-teaching" questions, which the students wrote. "No two sets of questions were identical," she added.

During their session with Mrs. Marsh, Grace and Emma learned some interesting

information about her. "She lived right outside of London," said Emma excitedly. "She had a marketing job and it took her to England."

"She also said she used to sing,"

added Grace, "in high school."

After writing thank you notes to the teachers, the next leg of the assignment found students at the keyboard transcribing their interviews. word for word. In fact, Emma and Grace said they learned a few new words from Mrs. Marsh. A question about her favorite

era in history brought up the word, "Prohibition." They had to look it up.

The students worked together to polish the transcriptions, editing for grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Based on the interviews, they wrote Question-and-Answer style magazine articles and then more formal, narrative essays. "The entire experience was positive for all," said Mrs. Nikitopoulos, "and I am especially grateful to the teacher volunteers."

Grace concurs, adding, "It was fun."

The students are sending completed versions of their essays to the teachers who graciously consented to be interviewed.

Successful Blood Drive

... Our thanks to everyone who stopped by the Our Lady of the Lake Bloodmobile on April 1 to make a donation during our annual Spring Blood Drive. Elementary nurse Natalie McGee reports that our school community contributed 31 units of blood.



Senior Katelyn Bryant

Senior Signing Day

... Join us in the Runnels Gym on Monday, May 5, from 12:10 - 12:30 pm for a "Signing Ceremony" to honor our five senior athletes who will be playing for college teams next year. Congratulations to:



Rahliat Animashaun, Georgia College, Milledgeville, GA, Soccer, NCAA, Div. II, Peach Belt Conference.



Zoe Craig, Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, WV, Volleyball, NCAA, Div. II, Great Midwestern Athletic Conference.



Bobby Johnson, Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA, Baseball, NCAA, Div. I, Southland Conference.



Kourtney Khalid-Abasi, Hill College, Hillsboro, TX, Volleyball, NJCAA, Region IV.



Noelle Morris, University of Mobile, Mobile, AL, Basketball, NAIA and Southern States Athletic Conference.

... Alumnae *Madelinn Fink* and *Elizabeth Forgey* ('13), now biological science majors at LSU, for visiting with our 6th grade science students on Mar. 26 to share information about and provide a demonstration on chemical and physical changes.

... Alumna *Marie Timpa* ('09), now a second year veterinary medicine student at LSU and Ty Theriot, a first year LSU veterinary medicine student, for talking to our 2nd and 3rd graders in Tish Tooraen's and Brent Lax's P.E. classes about correct and safe ways to approach dogs and cats.

... Our many Elementary Library "*Bookend*" volunteers for their generous participation and support this year.



... *Lisa Daigle* (Caroline, 5c, Elizabeth, grade 8, and Anna, grade 10), for sorting and handling the hundreds and thousands of bits of paper from the Elementary Library's Community Coffee, Campbell's Labels for Education, and General Mills Box Tops for Education programs. Many books and materials for the library have been purchased through these programs.

... *Carla Boudreaux*, aunt of Katie, Anna Claire, and Caroline Pousson, for donating decorations and mementos for the Senior Prom held on April 5.

... Freshman pitcher for the LSU Tigers, *Alden Cartwright* (Class of 2013, below), for coming back to campus Mar. 18 during lunch recess to sign autographs and pose for snapshots with students on the elementary school playground.



... *Robert Parker* and *Dr. Wendy Holden-Parker* (Lee, grade 10, and Sean, grade 8), for hosting a Meet-and-Greet at their home on April 12 to welcome our next headmaster, Dr. Greg Brandao, and his wife, Jody, to our school community. Attending the barbecue were nearly 200 members of the Runnels faculty and staff, Board of Trustees, and Corporation.

In his greeting to guests, Dr. Brandao spoke of his aims for the future: "I have two goals: to preserve crucial elements of Runnels School culture and collaborate with students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the school in order to identify and pursue growth opportunities that will enhance the already outstanding services provided to students at Runnels."

Many thanks to all who helped with the event, including *Gene Todaro* (Eli, 6a), for presiding over the grill, *Amy Monett* (Emory, grade 10, and CC, grade 8) and *Elizabeth Novak* (Kristen, '01 and Kris '03) owner of *Nothing Bundt Cakes* for providing the desserts, *Lee Brandt Randall* (Emily '03), for the colorful "Welcome" banner for Dr. and Mrs. Brandao, and 8th graders *Sean Parker* and *Brandon Kelfstrom* for set up and clean up.



Enjoying the Meet-and-Greet are (from left) *Robert Parker*, *Dr. Wendy Holden-Parker*, *Jody Brandao*, our next headmaster, *Dr. Greg Brandao*, Assistant Head of School and Preschool and Elementary Principal *Gladys Runnels*, and Founding Headmaster *Dr. L.K. Runnels*.

Notable Events



"Pasta for Patients" Update

... Thanks to the generous donations of our school families, the 4th grade was able to collect \$2,658 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's "Pasta for Pennies" fundraiser in March. This is the largest amount our school has ever raised for the annual campaign, formerly known as "Pennies for Patients."

For the fundraiser, which was a service project for the CLASSY program, 4th graders invited students in grades 1-6 to collect spare change at home and bring it to school for donation. The 4th-graders helped with organizing the daily collections from classrooms and counting the coins.

In a little friendly competition, classes vied with each other to see which could gather the most money for the charity. Students in 4B won, and were treated to a pasta party, compliments of Olive Garden Restaurants, which sponsored the campaign. Our thanks to everyone who supported this project, with a special nod to our "Pasta for Pennies" sponsor, Christine Pousson.

Prom Royalty

... *The Junior/Senior High School prom, Promenade in Port Orleans, was held recently at LSU's Lod Cook Center. Congratulations to (from left) Prom Princess Rebecca Bender, Prom Prince Max Morgan, Prom King Grey Carruth, and Prom Queen Caroline Bonaventure.*



Raider Golf in the News

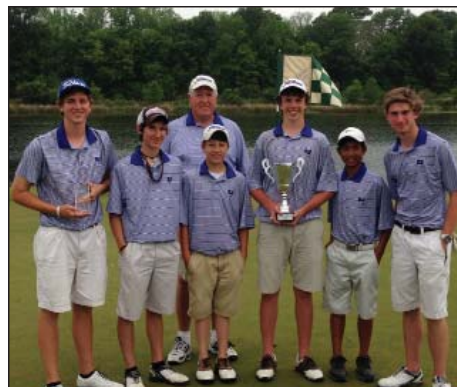
... Congratulations to junior Taylor Kennedy for her outstanding showing at the High School Girls Metro Golf Tournament held April 15 at Beaver Creek Golf Club in Zachary. Taylor, the defending champion, shot a one under par (71) to claim second place by just one stroke.

In other golf news, Head Golf Coach Steve Hunt reports that Runnels hosted the Division IV, District IV, Golf Tournament, at the Atchafalaya Golf Course in Patterson LA, on April 14.

Despite rough weather, Runnels beat Ascension Catholic by three strokes -- 371 to 374 -- to become the district champions. Junior Grant Welch was named the District Champion Golfer. He carded a tournament low score of 77 -- a three stroke victory over his nearest rival.



Taylor Kennedy



District Champion Boys Golf Team: (from left) Grant Welch, Dylan Miller, Michael Lockhart, Andrew Hyde, Ryan Lam, and Stephen Watson. Behind them is their coach, Steve Hunt.

Notable Events

Gymnastic Feats ...

Emmy Scott, 2b, and Cassidy Wartelle, 3b, participated in the 2014 Louisiana State Championships (the Governor's Games) at the Lamar Dixon Center in Gonzales Mar. 30. Emmy won first-place all around with scores of 9.4 on vault, 9.225 on beam, 9.575 on bars and 9.6 on the floor exercises. Cassidy finished third overall in her age bracket, scoring a career high of 9.750 on bars.

In addition, Maggie Arce-neaux, 3b, and Audrey Guess, 5a, competed in the 2014 Louisiana Recreational Gymnastics Meet at CG's Gymnastics Mar. 16. Maggie earned second place all around with scores of 9.4 on vault, 9.375 on bars, 9.350 on beam and 9.325 on floor in her age division. Audrey placed third all around, posting a 9.6 on vault, 9.55 on bars, 9.55 on beam and 9.25 on floor exercises in her age category.



State Rally Honors ...

Runnels was well represented at the State Literary Rally held April 5 at LSU. Senior Amelie Kharey took first place and was named the overall state winner in Environmental Science. Also earning first-place recognition were junior Connor Matthews in Calculus, 8th grader Erina Buchholz in Physical Science, freshman Matt Gallant in Psychology, and sophomore Heather Edwards in Home Economics.

Junior Emily Mack earned a Top Performance Award for Interpretive Reading in Speech.

Earning third-place honors were freshman Abi Scarton in French III, 8th grader Sam Matthews in Latin I, and sophomore Luc Kharey in Latin II. Senior Erin Dean finished fourth in Biology II. Congratulations to these students.

Talented Teens ...

Congratulations the participants in this year's Jr./Sr. High Talent Show held in the Runnels Theater April 11. Judges' Choice honors went to: 1st place, stand-up comedian Max Morgan; 2nd place, Michael Martinez, John Wiese, Andrew Mitchell, Micah Danos, Jarrett LaBonne, and Everett Hibner for the "SNL Cowbell Skit"; and 3rd place, guitarist Jarrett LaB-one.

Receiving Students' Choice Awards were: 1st place, singer/pianist Kara Peneguy; 2nd place, singer/pianist Jordan Morris, and 3rd place, Max Morgan.

Many thanks to judges Shanna Drescher, Christine Ponjuan, Neena Kelfstrom, Jill Swetnam, Ann Dalrymple, Kristen Manning and Dan and Jennifer Cassin; emcees seniors Kourtney Khalid-Abasi, Ryan Sullivan, and Roz Rafii-Tabrizi; and the sophomore class and sponsors Johnice Thoms and Marsha Curry for producing the show.



Pianist Jordan Morris takes a bow at the Talent Show.

Kudos

... Sophomore *Anna Daigle* was honored as the 2013 Junior Volunteer of the Year 2013 at the West Baton Rouge Museum.



Anna Daigle

... Senior *Conley Bourgeois* was among 16 young women honored on Mar. 29 at the National Charity League Senior Soiree, held at the Baton Rouge Marriott. The seniors of the River Road Chapter of the National Charity League



Conley Bourgeois

(NCL) together have volunteered over 412 hours of service in their final year of high school, and given more than 2,758 hours of volunteer time to charitable agencies in the Baton Rouge area over a six-year period.

...Sophomore *Anna Morgan* was elected State Secretary at the 2014 Louisiana Junior Classical League convention held Mar. 26 in Baton Rouge. In addition, the Runnels JCL won first place in Upper Certamen, 2nd place in Overall Sweepstakes, and senior *Matt Mitchell* was awarded a \$1,000 JCL scholarship. (For more news about the state JCL convention, visit www.runnels.org.)



Anna Morgan

Caught on Camera ...

Top left: Tie dying T-shirts for Earth Day at the preschool are teachers Jessica Miller (*left*) and Tara Armstrong with pre-kindergartners Collin Erlich (*second from left*) and Lucas Gill. *Top right:* Local veterinarian Dr. Adam Albarado, his son Mark, who is in the 3s class, and "Fluffy." During Pet Week at the preschool, Dr. Albarado stopped by to explain the importance of pet care to the children. Our thanks to him and everyone else



who so generously shared their pets and information about them with our preschoolers.



Briley Bourque takes her turn at the microphone in the Kindergarten Musical, "All-American All the Way," Runnels Theater, March 28.



Guest conductor Dr. L.K. Runnels takes a bow at the Spring String Orchestra Concert on April 11 in the Runnels Theater.

**Annual School-wide
Spring Art Show**
Sunday, May 4,
2 - 4 pm,
in the Runnels Gym

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