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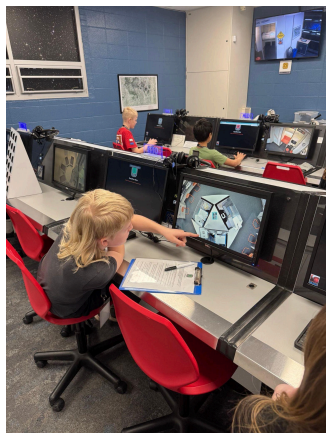
The mission of Nippersink District 2 is to foster academic growth, instill integrity, confidence, and civic responsibility while preparing all students for an ever-changing global society.



**Curriculum:**

**Challenger Field Trip: 5th grade had a BLAST!** On February 17 and 18, the 5th grade visited the Challenger Learning Center, which is celebrating its 25th year of providing incredible learning experiences for our students.

During the simulation, the fifth graders were stationed on Mars's moon, Phobos. Half of the class worked in Mission Control while the other half set off toward Mars to launch a rover. Along the way, Mars experienced a severe dust storm, and the mission had to be aborted. After switching roles, the students regrouped, applied what they had learned, and successfully completed the mission.



The other half of the day was spent in the STEM lab coding Ozobot robots to move from one location to another. Students used problem-solving skills and teamwork to program precise movements, testing and adjusting their codes to ensure the robots reached their destinations.

It was an exciting, hands-on experience that strengthened collaboration, critical thinking, and perseverance.

**Library Winter Olympics: RGS Library “Go for the GOLD” Literacy Olympics**

From February 6–23, all classes participated in the RGS Library’s “Go for the GOLD” Literacy Olympics, a schoolwide initiative promoting reading, responsibility, and teamwork.

The event featured two activities:



- Overdue Book Bobsled Race – Classes earned points for returning overdue library books.
- Big Air Book Report – Students earned points by reading books of their choice and submitting book report forms.

All tracking and scoring were managed by the library. Classes earned Gold, Silver, or Bronze medals based on overall participation, with an emphasis on teamwork and shared effort rather than competition.



### **SIP Plan Update: Parent Focus Group**

We met with 15 parents in February and will meet again in April to share ideas and feedback about our school improvement goals as it relates to academics, operations and social emotional wellness of our students, staff and families. Our SIP Leadership team ran small groups as families shared their experiences and insights with each other. Our next meeting will be April 1st, in the RGS Library at 6pm.

### **Celebrations:**

**Student Council Skate Night** was March 12th from 6-8pm at Skate on Grand in Fox Lake. Students, their families, and staff joined in the fun! Approximately 100 families and their students attended, this event was a fundraiser for Staff Appreciation week, the first week of May. Thank you Student Council, their sponsors (Ms. Elliott and Mrs. Neift) and our families for making this event one to remember!

### **Upcoming Dates**

- April 3rd - No School/Ram's Report
- April 6th - No School
- April 11st - PTO Rally for Education, The District
- April 13th-17th - Student Council Spring Food Drive
- April 17th - SIP Day/Ram's Report