



RIVERDALE SCHOOL NEWS

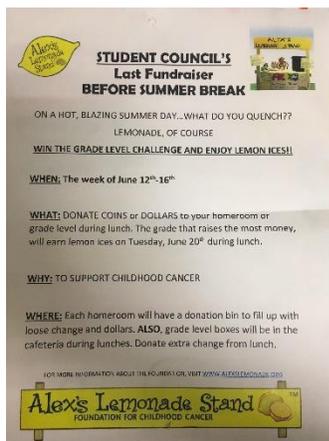
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From the desks of Riverdale School Superintendent,
Mrs. Vicki Pede, and Principal, Mr. Sean Bowe:

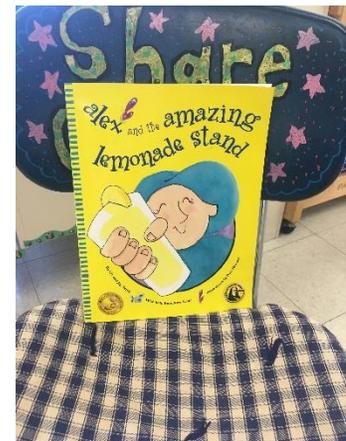
This year's summer vacation has finally arrived in Riverdale for our students and ten-month staff members! Although summer is a break from the daily schedules at school, it should not mean a break from learning at all. In fact, we can have even more time to learn! I have my summer readings ready and waiting for me to begin once school is over for the year. Additionally, there is so much learning that will occur here at school for many of us as well. We are never too old to learn...I work to embrace that daily!

On Thursday, June 22, our eighth graders graduated and were promoted to the ninth grade. It was a beautiful ceremony with so many family and friends of the graduates present for the festivities! In my part of the ceremony, I was able to speak to our class regarding their futures. The book I chose to include as a portion of my parting words was entitled *You!* by Sandra Magsamen. Her words are something we all could choose to live by. On the pages at the center of the book the words "Try not to say words like 'I can't, I won't and I should.' Instead think 'I can, I will, I did and I'm good!'" How successful and content we all would be with these positive words- words to live by. Don't think negatively about any challenges that surround us, but rather think of what you can accomplish when you do actually try to do something!

Another statement made is regarding dreaming big. The author states that the reader should "Dream big and remember to follow your heart. Believe in yourself 'cause you're really so smart." This is so true; we need to all dream big dreams and never settle for less than our best. We are all smart in so very many ways and our children need to hear the positives associated with these words! All of us are moving ahead another year with dreams and goals to pursue. It may be summer, but set those educational goals for yourself soon...dream big!



During the last weeks of school, our students were involved in such a meaningful fundraiser sponsored by our student council with the help and support of the advisors, Ms. Kristen Caufield and Ms. Jennifer Corbett. According to the event coach, our school family was providing "hope...playing an important part in the fight against childhood cancer." We are very proud of the \$1,405.00 that was collected. Our students in our small school should certainly be proud of all of their efforts too!



As I have said before, enjoy these summer months through the cherished family time no matter where you venture! Continue to learn and dream as much as you can. Think about what I said at graduation and say I CAN and I WILL and I DID! Thank you to so many folks for an overall wonderful year in Riverdale. Together, we can accomplish great things!