

News From Rice School District - Eagle Lake Junior High -

**By Mike Keenon,
Principal, Eagle Lake
Junior High**

It is difficult to believe that another school year has nearly come to an end. The teachers and staff at ELJH have been working diligently to make sure the students at our school are receiving the highest quality educational opportunity in the safest environment possible.

Our Superintendent and School Board have been supportive in providing funds that allowed

us to purchase lap top computers for the teachers, Smartboards for the classrooms, and new computers for our computer lab.

We have also had time for a little fun along the way with our Student Council Valentine dance, Book Fair, open house and hamburger supper.

As Principal, I have been extremely proud of the commitment our teachers have made to our students.

Our teachers are always willing to make arrangements to stay late or come early for stu-

dents who need extra help. Mrs. Prochazka and Mrs. Tumis, our Math teachers, along with teachers from Garwood, Sheridan, and Eagle Lake Elementary have been tutoring our students three Saturdays a month since October.

Our Language Arts/Reading teachers, Mrs. Mascheck, Mrs. Escalante, Mrs. Beisel, and Mrs. Perez have been tutoring for an hour and a half after school Monday through Thursday since January. Mrs. Mahalite and Ms. Alvarez also helped out as substitutes.

The safety of our children is always of the highest importance to us. Please do not be annoyed if you are requested to get a visitors pass from the office and asked to use the front door. We must have some control and knowledge of who is coming in and out of the building to keep our campus secure.

If you have not had the chance to come by and see our Smartboards or our newly equipped computer lab, come by and take a look. We are always happy to have visitors and would be pleased to show you how technology is facilitating your child's education.

In February we had our Student Council dance where students had a great time. I would like to sincerely thank the parents and grandparents who helped, along with the teachers who volunteered their time to make the dance possible.

In March we had a combination Book Fair, Open House, and Hamburger Supper. All were a great success. A huge THANK YOU to the folks and community members who donated their time and effort to the students at the dance or the hamburger supper: Vantrese McGrew, Theresa Losoya, Lynn Ellis, Linda Yanez, Marilyn Belmares, Alvina Ramirez, Jesse Yanez, Eddie Losoya, Alex Ramirez, David Sosa, John Sosa, Greg Contreras, Lydia Contreras, Marie Acker, Marsha Thomas, and Arie Frazier.

Education is a team effort: the school, the parents, and the student. We all have our responsibilities. The school is responsible for providing instruction and a safe learning environment.

Parents are responsible for teaching their children to value education and for checking on their child's progress.

The student is responsible for coming to school prepared to learn. Together, if we each do our part, we can make a difference. Children will learn!

Thank you for your support of our school.

Rice High District Tennis Results

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Edna 6-2, 6-1 but them lost to Weimar 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. Staff then rebounded to take third by defeating Tidehaven 6-0, 6-0.

In the Girls Doubles Division, Rice had two teams perform quite well. The tandem of Hillary Johnson and Shelly Myres played excellent Tennis but came up a little short in their bid for Regionals. Johnson and Myres beat Hallettsville 6-3, 6-2 and then

defeated 2nd seed Weimar 6-2, 6-1 in possibly their best match of the year.

Johnson and Myres were then defeated in a close match 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 by Edna and then took 3rd by defeating Industrial 6-1, 6-2. Kayla Robertson and Katlyn Thomas won their opening match 6-1, 6-4 versus Schulenburg and then lost to eventual champion Edna 6-0, 6-1 to end their run at Regionals.

Keith Kallina and Daniel Good-

win competed in Boys Doubles and beat Industrial 6-1, 6-1 but then lost their next 2 matches to two Edna teams 6-1, 6-3 and 6-4, 6-2 to settle for 4th place.

In the J.V. Division, Rice had 2 boys participate in singles. Alan Arellano took 3rd place by defeating Hallettsville 8-4, lost to Industrial 8-4 and then defeated the 2nd Hallettsville team by an 8-0 margin. Dylan Sanford lost to Hallettsville 8-3.

Mustangs Softball Loses In Needville

The junior girls softball team the Mustangs made up from Eagle Lake and Garwood girls traveled to Needville on Thursday, April 12.

The Mustangs were out of their element and lost their first away game, 11-0.

Kaytlyn Ford, a newcomer to the area, and Delilah Gentry

shared pitching duties against Needville.

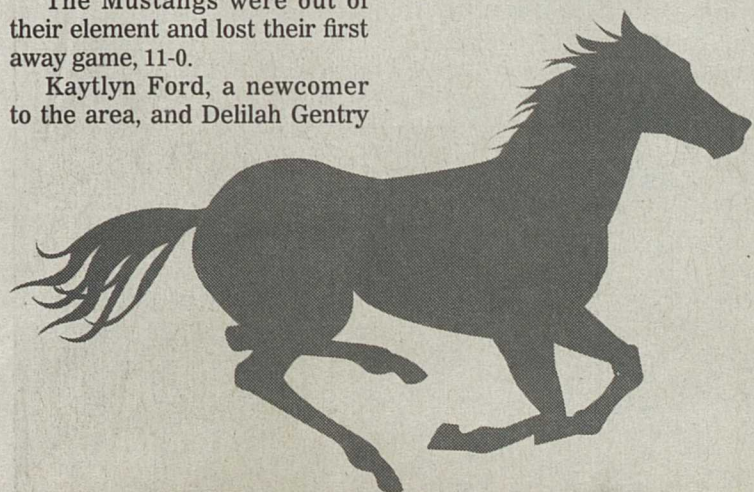
Coming off of a great win against Brazos, 12-1, hopes were high for a return performance by

the Mustangs.

Mustang Coach, Carol Cardenas stated, "I wanted a win for my birthday but instead came home with a loss. I think my girls psyched themselves out by thinking Needville was a lot better than they actually were. They (the Needville Chaos) made mistakes but my girls made a few more. Errors and miscommunication or lack of are what cost us the game."

"We face Columbus on Thursday, April 19 at Rice and hope to grab one for the win column."

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School Days

Rice School Calendar April 23-27

- Mon.-**
- Tue.-** 5:00p JV,V Baseball vs. Weimar Here
Grades 1 and 2
ITBS Testing
Annuaal ARDS 8:30am-2:30pm
5th Grade Safety Day @Colo.County Fair Grounds
- Wed.-** Reading Leadership Team Meeting
Pre K ARDS
Secretaries Day
- Thu.-** Annual ARDS 8:30-2:30 Progress Monitoring
Student Council Fundraiser Meal
One Act Play @ 6:30
- Fri.-** Pre-K ARD
10:30 am Reading First Interview
Reading First Implementation Visit
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