

**MARTIN J. RYERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
RINGWOOD, NJ**

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2012

Friday, January 6

- ❖ The PTO held its annual school wide Talent Show, approximately 12 acts performed. Some of the acts included; singers, Rock Bands and for a repeat performance the 7th/8th grade Jazz Band opened the show. Mr. Van Teyens, the 8th grade band council and the AV Club organized the entire production. An audience of 200 enjoyed seeing the talents of our students.

Monday, January 9

- ❖ Accompanied by Mrs. Kudlacik, the 6th grade Gifted and Talented students traveled to Hawthorne's Lincoln Middle School to participate in a Quiz Bowl sponsored by Passaic County Gifted and Talented Consortium. Ryerson's 6th grade students came in 1st & 2nd place out of 12 teams.

Friday, January 20

- ❖ The PTO held a Dance/Gym Night from 7 – 9 PM. The students in the café enjoyed a DJ, while basketball and other games were played in the gymnasium.

Tuesday, January 24

- ❖ Mr. Tim Conway, Director of Guidance at Lakeland Regional High School, visited the 8th grade classes to discuss curriculum, block scheduling, electives and the number of credits needed to graduate.

Thursday, January 26

- ❖ The 8th Grade Gifted and Talented students traveled to Lakeside Middle School in Pompton Lakes, accompanied by Mrs. Kudlacik, for an "8th Grade Math Day" the subject matter was Critical Thinking and Creative Problem Solving Skills.