

# RIVERSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### The Arts Are Alive at RMS

#### Spring Arts Event

RMS's first Spring Arts Event will take place on Thursday May 4, 2017, from 6-7:30 pm. This event will include a student visual arts exhibition, small musical ensemble performances, as well as a sneak peak at an act from Fame!

#### News from the Art Room

Ten RMS artists participated in the annual district-wide Youth Arts Month exhibit at East Providence Public Library. Congratulations to Ryan Playe (Grade 8), Olivia Williams (7), Gianna Baptista (8), Ella Nadeau (6), Thomas Martin (6), Kyleigh Anderson (8), Sydney Ribeiro (8), Roman Adams (7), Christopher Hess (7), and Isaiah Smith (8) on your outstanding creations!

A team of 5 muralists just completed a student-led project in RMS' guidance office. Working with themes of growth and confidence, students developed a tree mural, depicting strength, roots, and a calming sunset. Amazing work, team!

### RMS Calendar of Events

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| Skate Night, 6-8 pm                              | 4/25      |
| Spring Dance, 6:30-8:30 pm                       | 4/28      |
| Teacher Appreciation Week                        | 5/1—5/5   |
| Book Fair  | 5/2-5/5   |
| Spring Arts Event, 6-7:30 pm                     | 5/4       |
| PTA, 7-8 pm                                      | 5/4       |
| FAME, Jr.  | 5/11-5/13 |
| Spring Band Concert, 7 pm                        | 5/18      |
| Spring Photos for students                       | 5/19      |
| Spring Chorus Concert, 7 pm                      | 5/24      |
| Incoming 6th Grade Parent/Guardian Night, 6-7 pm | 5/25      |
| Memorial Day, no school                          | 5/29      |

### 8th Graders Visited the Theatre

Several classes traveled to Woonsocket's Stadium Theatre to see *A Midsummer Night's Dream* performed by Shakespeare and Company of Lenox, MA. The students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and asked the actors several thoughtful questions in the Q&A period following the play. Eighth grade ELA students will wrap up the year reading another play, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, as well as some classic and self-generated poetry.

### Stay gold, Ponyboy, stay gold

7<sup>th</sup> graders were assigned to create a poster for "The Outsiders" with a newer cast that would act in a modern version of the 1983 film. After reading the novel in class, students each designed a poster advertising the movie with a choice of displaying their chosen actors and actresses, scenes relating to the storyline, a unique rating, and explanatory quotes.

### FAME, JR.

*Fame JR.* features a high energy, contemporary pop score (which includes the hit title song) and a touching coming-of-age story. Set during the last years of New York City's celebrated High School for the Performing Arts in the early 1980s, *Fame JR.* is the bittersweet, but ultimately inspiring, story of a diverse group of students who commit to four years of grueling artistic and academic work. With candor, humor and insight, the show explores the issues that confront many young people today.

Show times: 5/11, 5/12, and 5/13

7 pm in the RMS Auditorium

Tickets: \$5 students/\$10 adults



### Spring Photos



Mark your calendar! Picture Day is coming Friday, May 19, 2017. Only students purchasing will be photographed and must have their completed order form with them when photographed. Look for more information on your child's Picture Day Flyer/Order Form or visit [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) to place your order using Picture Day ID PC306465Q0. *Online orders must be placed prior to picture day.* For Customer-Support, please call [401-828-5220](tel:401-828-5220).

## RMS Students to Exhibit Projects at The Robot Block Party

RMS students have been busy creating robotic and engineering projects to exhibit at the 3rd annual Robot Block Party held at Brown University. Our school has been invited to display student work at this popular event. There will be lots of robotic and engineering exhibits from local K-12 schools, colleges and industries. Last year, over 5000 people attended the Robot Block Party.

The Robot Block Party is free and open to the public, presented by Rhode Island School of the Future and the Humanity Centered Robotics Initiative at Brown University.

Date & Time: Sunday, April 30, 2017, from 11 am to 4 pm  
Where: Pizzitola Center, Brown University, 235 Hope Street, Providence, RI

## Spring Book Fair

Mrs. Ash, our School Librarian, will host our Spring Book Fair from 5/2 to 5/5. Students will be able to purchase items during the day. After school, students and parents/guardians may make purchases on 5/4 from 2:30-3:30 pm.

## Music News

Congratulations to the 7th & 8th Grade Band, Percussion Ensemble, and Chorus for earning Superior and Excellent at their music festivals! The two highest ratings a musical ensemble can earn!

Check out the RMS Bands at their Annual Spring Concert on Thursday, May 18th at 7PM and the RMS Choruses at their Annual Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 24th at 7PM.

## Updates from Student Council

- Vikings raised over \$800 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society during the March Pennies for Patients drive.
- We are still collecting Box Tops for Education coupons in the Main Office.

**Dressing for School:** Please refer to our Dress Code in the student handbook and/or in your child's student planner. As the weather becomes warmer, the temperatures differ across the school. Please work with your child to ensure their clothing is appropriate for school. Thank you for your support.

### Viking Reading

#### Recommendations for Students

*Firefly Code* by Megan Frazer Blakemore  
*Drowned City* by Don Brown  
*Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom* by Lynda Blackmon Lowery

**\*For other RI Middle School Book Award  
2018 Nominees, visit:**

<https://sites.google.com/view/ri-middle-school-book-award/home>

**\*\*Our updated library site for RMS:**

<http://guides.rilinkschools.org/rmsvikings>

**Viking Reading Recommendation for  
Adults:**

*Pilgrimage: My search for the real Pope Francis* by  
Mark K. Shriver



## April / May 2017

| Sun | Mon                    | Tue      | Wed      | Thurs  | Fri                              | Sat |
|-----|------------------------|----------|----------|--|----------------------------------|-----|
| 23  | 24 Day 2               | 25 Day 3 | 26 Day 4 | 27 Day 5   | 28 Day 6                         | 29  |
| 30  | 5/1 Day 7              | 2 Day 1  | 3 Day 2  | 4 Day 3<br><b>Spring Arts Event</b>                    | 5 Day 4                          | 6   |
| 7   | 8 Day5                 | 9 Day 6  | 10 Day 7 | 11 Day 1<br><b>F a m e , J r . S c h o o l P l a y</b> | 12 Day 2                         | 13  |
| 14  | 15 Day 3               | 16 Day 4 | 17 Day 5 | 18 Day 6   | 19 Day 7<br><b>Spring Photos</b> | 20  |
| 21  | 22 Day 1               | 23 Day 2 | 24 Day 3 | 25 Day 4<br><b>Incoming 6th Gr<br/>P/G Night</b>       | 26 Day 5                         | 27  |
| 28  | 29<br><b>No school</b> | 30 Day 6 | 31 Day 7 |  |                                  |     |