

# RIVERSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## Viking Voyager

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### Ugly Sweater Day (12/8/17)

Wear your ugliest sweater! Students may bring in a dollar or a non-perishable food item for the Hope and Faith Drive founded in East Providence to feed local families. Please bring items to Room 217 with Mr. Sulham.

### RMS Winter Dance (2/2/18)

New time! The dance will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Please note, we are adjusting the time from previous dances.

### School Lunch: My School Bucks

Use [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) to set up a free account to keep track of your child's lunch balance and add money to their account. Snacks like chips and ice cream are popular with students, but cost extra!

### Music Department Marvels

Last week, the 7th & 8th Grade Band and Chorus traveled to the RI State House and performed their Holiday Concert repertoire. The students enjoyed performing in the rotunda for local officials, family, friends, and fans!

We invite you to our Holiday Concerts! The Band Concert will be Thursday, December 14th at 7PM and the Chorus Concert will be Wednesday, December 20th at 7PM. Tickets are \$5.

The entire Music Department will be traveling to see *The Nutcracker* on Friday, December 15th at PPAC. Permission slips and \$10 for the ticket are due as soon as possible. Students should dress semi-formal and bring money for lunch. A parent/guardian wishing to chaperone must have a background check on file with RMS. Please contact Mr. Baldaia or Mr. Maguire if interested.

### Career Day

Season's Greetings! The School Counseling Department is off and running planning the Annual RMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day on Friday, February 9, 2018. This week, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have been busy taking surveys to identify the top Career Clusters of their choice to represent the careers they wish to learn more about. Look for our Career Day Parent/Guardian letter in your child's backpack over the next few weeks to see if you would like to be one of our special guest speakers to make our event a success!

### RMS Calendar of Events

Ugly Sweater Day	12/8
Q2 Progress Reports distributed	12/8
Holiday Band Concert, 7 pm	12/14
Holiday Chorus Concert, 7 pm	12/20
Holiday Break	12/22-1/1
MLK, Jr. Day, No School	1/15
End of Quarter 2	1/22
Winter Dance, <b>6:30-8:00 pm</b>	2/2

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Projects

Kudos to all the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who have been working hard meeting time lines for their 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Projects and for those who have already presented their projects during Quarter 1. Students have expressed great interest in many career fields and it has been a pleasure to share in their research and presentations.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to the Career Technical Center at EPHS

The School Counseling office is coordinating a field trip to the EPHS Career Technical Center (CTC) sometime in either January or February in the New Year. Eighth grade students will be given a tour and an opportunity to preview many of the programs offered through the CTC. It is encouraged for all students to apply to the CTC as there is much to choose from. The more skill sets a student has today, the greater his or her employability will be later on.

## Kindness Campaign

This month we began the 100 days of Kindness Campaign. The RMS community will be working to catch 100 acts of kindness in 100 days. So far it is off to a great start! We are very excited by the kind acts being caught throughout the school. Teachers are noticing the everyday kind acts that students are doing and teachers are leading by example. Here are a few of the many examples of kindness that has been caught:

- Students asking to help others who are on using crutches
- Donating pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald house
- Helping teachers with their computer so the whole class can continue the lesson
- Carrying another student's very heavy backpack down the stairs for them.

Everyone can participate. Remember: If you see someone being kind to another person, write it down and let us know! There is a basket in the office to put kindness reports in, or you can write it up and put it into Mrs. Roy's mailbox. So go out and catch kindness today!

## Act of Kindness in Action

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, students from Riverside Middle School will be visiting WaterView Villa Nursing Center to spread kindness and holiday cheer to the residents. We are currently collecting gifts for the residents and are asking for Blankets, Socks, Kleenex Tissue, Body Lotions, Slippers with Backs, Stuffed Animal Cats, Dogs, and Teddy Bears, Hats, Gloves, Scarves, and Puzzle Books. Any donation is very much appreciated, and can be brought to Ms. Kenahan or Mrs. McCarthy's rooms.

## News from the Art Room

This fall, an advanced art eighth grade class was developed to accommodate 17 highly skilled 8th graders at RMS. They have been focused on making real-world connections, and recently took a field trip to the RISD Museum to gain wider perspectives of our local art and design college in the heart of Providence. These young artists have also completed their first graphic design lesson, learning Adobe Photoshop skills to further develop their technological savvy. As they prepare for advanced art at the high school level, or for graphic design certification at the Career and Technical Center, these students have been demonstrating sophisticated higher-order understanding and critical thinking in the art room.

## Yearbook Announcement

Yearbooks are on sale!

Flyers will be sent home after the first of the year. You can order online now or at anytime by going to [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com). Use the following ID code: 9173318. Packages range from \$34-\$46. Anyone who orders before February 23, 2018 will receive a \$6 discount. The final deadline to send your payment to school is April 6, 2018.

## Vikings Love Reading

\*Exciting books for students\*



Refugee by Alan Gratz

Wonder by RJ Palacio

The Creepy Case Files of Margo Ma-  
loo by Drew Weing

Visit our updated library site:

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

## Wrestling Team: Shirt and Tie Drive

The RMS wrestling team likes to look their best on the days they have meets. It would be terrific if all members of the team were able to wear a shirt and tie, but we understand it isn't in everyone's budget. In order to help our team we are asking for donations of gently-used or new dress shirts and ties to RMS. We have a bin just outside of the Main Office and will be collecting the items through December 14, 2017. Thank you for your consideration.

## Student Council News

- ◆ During the month of December we will collect **canned goods** to help families in need.
- ◆ Through December, we will continue to collect **toothpaste and toothbrushes** to be donated to veterans at the Providence VA Medical Center.

## **Box Tops!**

We love box tops! Look for them on an array of goods in your cupboards or refrigerator. Please cut them out and collect them in a small, clear plastic bag. Drop them off in room 218 or in the Main Office by 2/28/2018. We are aiming to make \$500 for this upcoming next round. These funds are used for field trips, Student Council-hosted events, and more to benefit students at RMS. Thank you.