



# RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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April 2017

Dear Parent/Guardians:

It's hard to believe that the 2016-17 school year is coming to a close and in a short time your 8<sup>th</sup> grader will soon be transitioning to high school. The final months of 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be filled with many exciting milestones and memorable events. We wanted to take a moment to provide important information and an outline of the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade End of Year Activities.

8<sup>th</sup> graders wishing to participate in the end of year activities must meet eligibility requirements. Any 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who does not pass their current courses and/or fails to complete any course recovery from 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be ineligible to participate in any 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of year activities (4<sup>th</sup> quarter), because he/she would not have met the mandatory requirements for promotion to high school. **All final decisions on academic eligibility for end of year activities will be determined by administration and will be based on students meeting promotion guidelines.**

## **May 12: Gradventure**

Gradventure ticket sales ended Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be an Expectations Session for all students attending Gradventure during 1<sup>st</sup> period on May 8<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria. Students should be in Pasco County and Universal Studio's Gradventure dress code by wearing your 8<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirt and appropriate length shorts or pants. Students can bring an 8x10 string bag but no backpacks. On Friday, May 12, buses will be leaving from the bus loop at 1:30PM and will return to River Ridge at 2:00AM. Students must be released to a parent or guardian.

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade T-shirt Orders**

T-shirts are included with the purchase of a Gradventure ticket. If your student is not attending Gradventure but wants to purchase an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade t-shirt, you may order one for \$10 by April 14<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria at lunch.

## **May 17: Yearbook Signing Celebration**

Yearbook Pre-Sale online only for \$30 through Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/> and enter the yearbook ID code: 10816217. Yearbook Sales will continue May 15<sup>th</sup> for \$35. Students who purchase a yearbook may attend the Yearbook Signing Celebration at 1:15PM in the cafeteria. Ice cream treats will be provided.

## **May 18: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration of Excellence Awards Night**

The Celebration of Excellence Awards Night is by invitation and will begin at 6PM in the Knight Café with light refreshments to follow. Students who earned all As and Bs for the first semester and third quarter will be recognized at this ceremony. There will also be team and elective awards. Invitations will be mailed home and families should RSVP to Mrs. Eberhard in the front office by Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **May 24: Kings & Queens of the Castle 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic**

On Wednesday morning, students will have the opportunity to view the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade video in class. From 12-1:55PM, students will be able to participate in games, dunk tank, the Big Kahuna waterslide, and a picnic meal (hot dogs, chips, and cookies) as long as they have a permission form and pay the participation fee of \$15. We are looking for parent volunteers and businesses to donate food items and prizes for drawings throughout the picnic. Please contact Mrs. Tabone in the front office at 774-7208 or [ktabone@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:ktabone@pasco.k12.fl.us). Parents must be an approved volunteer.

## **May 25: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony & Dance**

To celebrate their promotion to high school, we invite family and friends to attend our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony on Thursday, May 25 at 8AM at the River Ridge Center for the Arts Theater. Students will complete their "Last Walk" through RRMS campus and into the theater for a ceremony to celebrate our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. After the ceremony, parents/guardians may sign their children out to go home, please indicate your preference on the attached permission form.

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That evening, students who purchase tickets are invited to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance from 6PM-8PM in the River Ridge Gymnasium. Dress code for the dance is semi-formal attire and students are expected to follow the Pasco County Schools dress code and Student Code of Conduct. This would include dress pants (no jeans), dress shirt with tie or collared shirt, for boys. For girls, a dress or skirt of the appropriate length, or blouse and dress pants. Jeans, shorts, shirts without a collar or flip flops will not be permitted.

***There will be a \$15 8<sup>th</sup> Grade End of Year Activities participation fee, which will include admission to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic and Dance. Students will need a signed parent permission form to go on the waterslide or dunk tank at the picnic. Please see the attached form.***

Thank you for the opportunity you have given River Ridge Middle School staff to work with and teach your children. We look forward to finishing the year strong. ***In order for your student to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities, please sign, provide payment, and return the second page to your Language Arts Teacher no later than Friday, May 19, 2017.***

Sincerely,

Angie Murphy, Principal

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Ron Vickery, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade School Counselor



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## RRMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Early Dismissal on Thursday, May 25, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to celebrate your child's promotion to high school with you at our promotion ceremony on 5/25/17. In order to expedite a safe and secure check out process for all students, we are implementing a pre-checkout authorization procedure. Students who have a completed form on file **prior to the end of the day Friday, May 19, 2017** will be issued a wristband for easy identification on the morning of the promotion. At the conclusion of the promotion, all students wearing a wristband will be permitted to leave as planned. All other students will return to class.

If you would like to check out your child early on Thursday, May 25 at the end of the promotion, please complete this form and turn it into your child's Language Arts Teacher by the end of the school day on Friday, May 19, 2017.

Circle your child's Language Arts Teacher's Name:

Sullivan

Wierenga

Mekus

Hitzemann

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print parent's name), give \_\_\_\_\_ (print child's name)

permission to check out early on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at the conclusion of the promotion ceremony.

- I give permission for my child to leave RRMS with \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will take my child with me at the conclusion of the promotion ceremony.
- My child has my permission to walk home or ride his/her bike at the conclusion of the parade.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

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## PARENT CONSENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Name) (Student ID Number)

I hereby give consent for my child/ward to participate in the water slides, bouncy house, Dunk Tank, and other activities that will take place at **River Ridge Middle School on May 24, 2017 at the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic.**

**READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY, YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT, EVEN IF MY CHILD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOL BOARD, TEACHERS OR OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS USES REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM MY CHILD'S SCHOOL, INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, THE SUPERINTENDENT, THE PRINCIPAL, TEACHERS, OR OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL, AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS, IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY TO YOUR CHILD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM AND MY CHILD'S SCHOOL, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEER LEADERS AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTIVITY, IF THE FORM IS NOT SIGNED.**

I know of, and acknowledge that my child knows of the risks involved in the types of activities described herein and attest that my child has no known health or disabilities that would prevent him/her from participating in these types of activities. I understand that serious injury is possible in such participation and choose to accept any and all responsibility for his/her safety and welfare while participating in such activities. With full understanding of the risks involved, I release and hold harmless my child's school, the individual members of the school board, the superintendent, the principal, teachers or other employees of the school and volunteer leaders from any financial responsibility or any and all liability for any injury or claim resulting from such participation and agree to take no legal action against the school, the individual members of the school board, the superintendent, the principal, teachers or other employees of the school and volunteer leaders because of any accident or mishap involving participation of my child.

I authorize emergency medical treatment for my child should the need arise for such treatment while my child is under the supervision of the school. I further hereby authorize the use of disclosure of my child's individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. To ensure prompt attention in case of sickness or accident, I hereby authorize the person(s) in charge of said event to incur expense considered necessary for treatment and I agree to pay for same if this is in excess of the amount paid by any accident or health insurance policy that may be in effect at the time of the sickness or accident.

**I HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent/Guardian (Printed) Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Emergency contact number (where you may be reached on 5/24/17 during the day) (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE, COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE  
SUBMITTED TO YOUR LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER.  
NO LATER THAN Friday, May 19, 2017.**