

Archived RRMS School Messenger Messages from 2018-19 School Year

5.26.19

Congratulations to the over 400 8th graders and their families who were recognized in our promotion ceremony on Friday!

There will be no school on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day. School resumes on Tuesday, May 28th with our 6th and 7th grade awards ceremonies. Invitations were sent out a few weeks ago. 6th Grade Celebration of Excellence will be at 8AM in theater, with the 7th grade ceremony following at 9:30AM. Wednesday, May 29th is the last day of school. We will be holding a breakfast 1st period for our 7th graders as they become kings and queens of the castle. 7th graders are encouraged to bring in items to decorate crowns during this time. We are also looking for donut donations for the event, please contact Karen Tabone for more information.

As a reminder, backpacks are not allowed on campus this week. Students may bring small purses or string packs. If a student chooses to bring backpacks, they will be confiscated and housed in the front office until the end of the day.

Information on Extended School Year was provided to those students who are eligible to make up courses this summer. ESY will be 20 3.5 hour days on June 10-July 18th with no school on Fridays and the week of 4th of July. Please get your forms back to Mrs. Hammelman as soon as possible.

As you plan your schedule for this summer, River Ridge will be offering several summer camp opportunities in the following areas: football, volleyball, dance, STEM/Engineering, Drama, and Music. Registration information is located on the River Ridge Middle and High School website.

Finally, 2019-20 school supply lists and summer assignments will be posted on the RRMS website this week. Don't miss out on getting a jump for next school year!

Let's make it a great final week and finish Royal Strong! We also wish everyone a safe and restful summer!

5.18.19

Good afternoon, Royal families... this is the last full week of school and it has been a great year! We will begin district finals this week to complete the end of year testing. These assessments count for 10% of the student's grade.

This week we have Student Council elections for the 19-20 school year students may vote online. There is also Dance Team tryouts on Monday, May 20 through Wednesday, May 23 after school. See Mrs. Vairo in the dance room for more information.

On Tuesday, May 21st we will be celebrating our Royal Knights with the 8th Grade Celebration of Excellence end of year awards ceremony in the cafeteria at 6PM. Light refreshments will be served. Then the following Tuesday, May 28th, 6th graders will be recognized at 8AM in the theater with 7th grade following at 9:30AM. Invitations for both events were distributed last week.

The last day to have backpacks on campus is on Thursday, May 23rd. Students may bring small purses or string packs. If a student chooses to bring backpacks, they will be confiscated and housed in the front office until the end of the day.

The end of year activities for our 8th graders continue on Wednesday, May 22nd with Promotion Ceremony practice and on Thursday, May 23rd with the 8th grade video viewing and picnic. Students who have turned in their permission forms to their Language Arts teachers and \$15 will be able to attend. Students are also encouraged to bring sunscreen, wear hats, and may wear clothing which can get wet but must be in dress code for the picnic only. We are still looking for parent volunteers to help at the picnic, which begins at 12PM. The Promotion Ceremony will be on Friday, May 24 at 8AM in the gym and doors will open at 7:30AM for families. Students will report to the theater at 7:30AM. Students must have an early release form signed in order to leave early that day. There will be no school on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day. School resumes on Tuesday, May 28th with our 6th and 7th grade awards ceremonies. Wednesday, May 29th is the last day of school. We will be holding a breakfast 1st period for our 7th graders as they become kings and queens of the castle. 7th graders are encouraged to bring in items to decorate crowns during this time. We are also looking for food donations for the event, please contact Karen Tabone for more information.

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5.13.19

Good afternoon, I would like to wish all of our Royal Knight mothers a Happy Mother's Day today. There are only a few weeks left of the school year and we have a lot of exciting activities beginning this week to celebrate the achievements of our Royal Knights.

State testing continues this week. Please make sure students are here on their assigned testing day as make ups are extremely difficult due to time constraints and testing windows. We will also be administering the State Science Assessment on Monday to all 8th graders at 7:30AM. Tuesday and Wednesday will be the Algebra EOC and the 7th Grade Adv. Math students will take the 8th Grade FSA Math Assessments. The Civics EOC will be on Thursday and Friday, which will count as 30% of the students final grade.

Any student interested in running for Student Council should pick up an application in the front office or from the RRMS website this week. The elections will be the week of May 20th. This also includes 8th graders who will be at the high school next year. Good luck to all of the candidates!

On Monday afternoon, we will be hosting a yearbook signing ice cream party at 1:20PM for all students who have purchased yearbooks. Yearbooks can be purchased for \$35 in the cafeteria or see Mrs. Baumaister.

On Wednesday evening, we will celebrate our student athletes with our Athletics Banquet and Dinner at 6PM in the Cafeteria. Dinner is \$7. Tickets may be purchased from Coach Brando.

As a reminder the 8th grade \$15 End of Year Activities fee and permission forms are due to Language Arts teachers or to the front office by Thursday, May 16th in order to participate in the 8th grade dance and picnic. The 8th Grade Dance "Hollywood Knights" will be on Friday, May 17th from 6PM-8PM in the gym. This is a semi-formal dance and students should adhere to the dress code provided in the 8th grade newsletter.

Finally on Saturday, our Dance department will be hosting their Dance Showcase at 2PM and 7PM in the Theatre. Tickets can be purchased online through Wednesday and those that remain will be sold at the door. There are not many left so get your tickets soon!

Invitations for our End of Year Celebration of Excellence Awards Ceremonies will be going home this week for the events on May 21st and May 28th. We will also be sending home Extended School Year letters for those students who may need to recover a course in order to be promoted. Space is very limited for the program. It is crucial that you continue to monitor myStudent, have students work with their teachers and attend after school and lunch tutoring to finish the year strong.

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5.6.19

The year is winding down with only a few short weeks to finish strong! This week we are officially celebrating our outstanding faculty and staff at River Ridge Middle School with Staff Appreciation Week. Please take a moment to thank a dedicated teacher, administrator, or staff member for all that they do to make River Ridge the best middle school in Pasco County! We would also like to thank our business partners and PTSA for providing treats and gifts to our staff as well as supporting our students all year long. Please see a list on the RRMS website.

This week testing continues...

On Monday, 7th graders take session 2 of the FSA Reading. On Tuesday and Wednesday, 6th and 8th graders will take the FSA Math assessment. Then on Thursday and Friday, 7th graders will take

their FSA Math assessment. These are two day testing sessions for each student so it is imperative that they attend both sessions. They also will get a free breakfast in the cafeteria on their testing days.

On Monday during 8th grade Knight Time, there will be an important meeting for all students attending Gradventure in the cafeteria. Our 8th graders will attend the Gradventure field trip on Friday, May 10th leaving at 2PM and returning by 2AM on Saturday morning. Students must follow the Pasco County Schools and Universal's dress code to be admitted. No ripped jeans will be allowed per Universal Studios. All students who attend will need to wear their Gradventure RRMS t-shirt, which they will receive on Monday at the meeting. They may also bring a string pack only. Yearbook pick up will also be on Monday for those who have purchased one. If you want to purchase a yearbook, sales begin on Tuesday at lunches for \$35, while supplies last. There will be a yearbook signing celebration during 7th period on Monday, May 13th for those students who purchased a yearbook. Don't miss out on the memories, the book is amazing!

All RRMS Athletes and Families... Please join us for the RRMS Athletic Banquet on Wednesday, May 15th at 6PM. See the flyer with the ticket order form on the website. It is \$7 per person for the meal and athletes are complimentary. Please give the payment and form to Coach Brando by Friday, May 10th.

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4.28.19

Congratulations to our Boys' and Girls' Track Team placing 3rd out of 8 teams at Conference. Way to finish a great season strong!

4th Quarter Progress Reports were available through myStudent last Friday. It is crucial that we finish the year both academically strong showing positive behavior as there is less than a month. Please check MyStudent and make sure that your child is taking advantage of our academic lunch and after school tutoring opportunities daily in the media computer lab. We will also be offering Extended School Year this year for those students in need of course recovery to meet Middle School Promotion Requirements. All middle school students must pass all core courses: math, language arts, social studies, and science with a D or higher to be promoted to high school. There are limited seats for ESY. Please look for more information next week for summer school registration.

Monday will be our April Student of the Month luncheon sponsored by Culver's in Trinity. The luncheon will be in the media center at 11AM. Invites went out to selected students last week. This week begins the Spring FSA testing for ALL students. On Wednesday, May 1st and Thursday, May 2nd all 6th graders and 8th graders will take the ELA Reading assessment. 6th graders will begin at 7:30AM. 8 Maroon team and students with accommodations at 7:30AM, Teal at 9:30AM and Gold at 11:30AM. The Gold team will be eating lunch at 11AM each of those days. Friday, May 3rd and Monday, May 6th will be 7th grade ELA Reading assessment. 7 Orange and students with accommodations at 7:30AM, Red at 9:30AM, and Navy at 11:30AM. The Navy team will be eating lunch at 11AM each of those days. The complete testing schedule is on the website and student locations are posted on the media center windows and team hallways. All students will receive free breakfast with a coupon on their testing days. Breakfast will be served out of the cafeteria only during testing times. Attendance is crucial as there are very limited make up opportunities. We know our students are prepared to show what they know and do their very best!

We will have a Royal Reward treat for "on track" students as a result of Progress Reports courtesy of PTSA on Tuesday during lunches.

Attention 8th graders: We are still collecting the \$15 end of year activities participation fee which includes the picnic and dance tickets. Permission forms were included in the newsletter sent home several weeks ago and on our website. Please turn your payment and permission forms into your Language Arts teachers as soon as possible. We also have a sign up genius for parents to volunteer and donate items, which is also located on our website.

May 6th-10th is Staff Appreciation Week... we want to show the RRMS staff that they truly are the best in the land! The RRMS PTSA has an amazing week planned but is asking for volunteers to donate time, gift cards or other items for events that week. Please sign up on the RRMS Facebook page or website. Thank you for always supporting River Ridge!

Finally, River Ridge Middle and High School will be hosting many summer camp opportunities for students. There will be the Football, Volleyball, Dance, STEM/Engineering, Band, and Drama Camp – Madagascar Jr. Don't miss out all information including registration forms are on our website. Registration forms and money can be submitted to the front office. Don't miss out on these exciting and enriching learning opportunities!

4.21.19

I hope you all enjoyed the 3-day holiday weekend!

On Monday, NJHS will hold their spring induction ceremony in the cafeteria at 7PM invitations were previously distributed to the inductees.

On Tuesday, the April Student of the Months will be named with the luncheon on Monday, April 29th. Students during Knight Time will also receive their testing dates, times and locations for FSA Reading, Math, Civics, and Science which begins May 1st and runs through the entire month of May. There are very limited make up days so please make sure that you are present on your testing day. If you have questions about testing, please contact Mrs. White.

Mark your calendars for our next RRMS PTSA Parent Night on 4/24 from 5:30PM to 7:30PM in collaboration with Pasco Commission on Human Trafficking and Paving the Way! There will be a viewing of the Docufilm, "Trapped in the Trade" and a discussion following with community leaders about human trafficking and cyber safety. Please promote to the entire community as we will be opening this to all local middle and high school families. We do ask that they RSVP as we will be serving a dinner: <https://forms.gle/WoCWnmwwMcBFypg2A>

Thursday is National Take Your Child to Work Day. Students who wish to participate should download the pre-approved absence form from the RRMS website and turn into the front office by Monday, April 22nd. This will be an excused absence.

We would like to wish our Track Teams the best of luck at the Conference meet on Thursday at PRSMS. The competition begins at 5PM. Go Knights!

On Friday, 4th quarter Progress Reports will be available in myStudent on Friday, April 26th. We will also be welcoming our incoming 6th graders from our feeder elementary schools for a Royal preview tour and pep rally. Let's welcome them by showing our Royal spirit by wearing our Royal spirit gear for Royal Spirit Friday.

Attention 8th graders: we need your baby pictures by Friday, April 26th. It's time to find those incredibly cute baby pictures for our 8th grade End of Year video. Please email 1 baby picture and 1 current picture of your student to Mrs. Baumaister.

On Saturday from 8AM-11AM at the River Ridge gym, PT Solutions will be providing free sports physicals. These physicals will be good for all of next year. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

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4.14.19

This week we are continuing our community project by raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society with our Pennies for Patients Drive. This is the final week of the fund drive and in one week we have raised over \$1,500 to fight cancer! Our school-wide goal is to collect \$2,019 this year! Please bring your spare change and donate online as nothing is too small. Please contact Coordinator Mrs. Resto for more information.

On Tuesday, the RRMHS campus will be participating in our 4th Active Threat Plan drill of the year. In sports this week, there are track meets on Tuesday and Thursday at home. The meets begin at 5PM. Come cheer on our Royal Knights!

On Wednesday, we will be on an AM Activity schedule due to the final Club Day of the year. Students should wear clothing appropriate for their club and bring any needed materials. That evening, skip the cooking and head to Culver's in Trinity for the RRMS PTSA Spirit Night from 5PM-8PM. 10% of the night's earnings will go to RRMS.

On Thursday, we will be hosting our 3rd Quarter Royal Field Day at 1PM to recognize "on track" and students who attended the FSA Writes test. There will be games, music, an obstacle course, and Kona Ice will be for sale for \$3, \$4, and \$5. Students with "on track" bands will get a special treat. There will be no school for students or staff on Friday, April 19th.

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4.7.19

RRMS has selected the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society as our school-wide community project for second semester. We are raising funds to kick cancer. The fund drive will be April 8 – April 18. Donation boxes and parent letters will be going home on Monday through Knight Time classes. Please bring in your donations to your Knight Time teachers. Our school-wide goal is to collect \$2,019 this year! Please contact Coordinator Mrs. Resto for more information.

On Monday, April 8th, RRMS students taking PE will take part in an educational program run by the Tampa Bay Lightning Street Team & former Lightning players. Permission forms were sent home on Tuesday and must be returned to Coach Koos and Coach Brando ASAP for students to participate in the hands on learning. Each student will also be given their own stick and ball that they can take home at the end of the day. So get those permission forms in, wear your Lightning gear and Be the Thunder!

There will be an RRMS PTSA General Meeting where elections for the 2019-20 school year will take place at 6PM on Monday in the Media Center. Get involved and make a difference in the lives of our students!

In sports this week, there are track meets on Tuesday at home and on Thursday at Mitchell High School. The meets begin at 5PM. Come cheer on our Royal Knights!

On Wednesday, head to Bahama Buck's on Mitchell Blvd for the RRMS Spirit Night from 5PM-8PM. Proceeds benefit RRMS student recognition.

On Friday, we will host the March Student of the Month Luncheon sponsored by Beef O' Brady's on Ridge Rd at 11AM in the Media Center. Family members are encourage to come, please RSVP with Ms. Eberhard in the front office.

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Calling all runners to sign up for the Starkey Ranch Distance Classic which includes a family friendly 5k and 10k on April 13th starting at 8AM. Proceeds of the event will benefit River Ridge Middle School and High School student recognition. Check out the link on the school website to register.

Finally, congratulations to our newest members of the National Junior Honor Society that were announced on Friday. They will be inducted in the Cafeteria on Monday, April 22nd at 7PM. Families are encouraged to attend.

3.31.19

We had a fantastic first week of the 4th quarter with our Spring Fling dress up spirit week! I would encourage all parents to ask your students about the personal and academic goals that they set for this quarter to finish strong. This will be extremely relevant as 3rd quarter Report Cards will be available on myStudent on Tuesday, April 2nd. On Track bands will be distributed in lunches throughout the week. Students who are on track have All As, Bs and Cs and no referrals for the quarter. We have several opportunities for students to finish academically strong: -Be here. Attendance is the first key to success in school! -Continuously work with the teachers, school counselors, administrators to develop a plan for success -Academic Lunch help daily in the media center with our teachers -Tutoring from high school students in the media center after school -Take advantage of the daily intervention/enrichment by getting extra help on your team. I would also encourage you to make sure that you have a myStudent account to monitor grades, attendance, and behavior. If you do not have a parent account, you may go to the "parent" link on the district website. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teachers, school counselor, or administrator.

FSA Writing testing will take place on Monday, April 1st for all 6th, 8th Grade and 7th Grade Accommodated, and the Teal Team, Tuesday, April 2nd will be the 7th graders on 7 Navy, 7 Orange and 7 Red and Wednesday, April 3rd will be the 7th and 8th Grade Accommodated students and 8th graders on Maroon and Gold Teams. Updated lists are posted in team hallways and on the media center windows. We will be running two sessions each day, one at 7:30AM and the other at 10AM. Make Ups will be throughout the week. Each student will receive a free breakfast with coupon on their testing day. Attendance is key, eating a healthy breakfast, taking their time and doing their very best!

We are also encouraging all members of the Royal Family to wear blue on Tuesday in support of World Autism Awareness Day. Let's light it up blue, Royals!

The Boys' and Girls' Track teams kick off their season this week on Thursday at home. Field events begin at 5PM and running at 6PM. There is an admission fee of \$3 and the clear bag policy is in effect.

On Friday, those families that participated in the PTSA Spring Fundraiser. Item pick up will be from 1:30PM to 4:30PM in the front conference room. Thank you for supporting the students of RRMS! Mark your calendars for the next PTSA General Meeting on Monday, April 8th at 6PM in the Media Center. If you are interested in running for the PTSA board and making a difference in the community, please contact riverridgemspta@gmail.com.

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Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education! Proud to be Royal!

3.24.19

Good afternoon, Royal Families. We hope that everyone had a great Spring Break. We look forward to welcoming back all of our Royal Knights on Tuesday in order to finish the final quarter of the year strong. Prior to the break, the Student Services and Administrative Teams met with all 7th and 8th graders regarding their academic progress and goal setting for quarter 4. This week we will be meeting with all 6th graders. We will send home the data sheet so that parents/guardians can also support student goals in both academics and behaviors so that all Royal Knights will finish Royal Strong. The best way to do this is by being informed through regularly checking myStudent for grades, attendance, behavior and student test information.

We will be kicking off 4th quarter with our Spring Fling Week and encourage students to show their Royal Pride by dressing up.

Tuesday, it's all about accessories! Wear your favorite hat, crazy socks and shades! Wednesday is Tropical Day students should wear tropical gear or a spring break t-shirt. We will have free ice pops at lunch for "on track" and students dressed up. Wednesday is also club day. There will be an AM Activity Schedule. Thursday is Character Day – students can wear your favorite character outfit... storybook characters, movies, tv, sports, etc. The RRMS Drama Department debuts Shrek Jr. at 7PM at the Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased online or at the door for \$7. Friday is School Spirit Day, wear your Royal Knight colors and spirit gear. Shrek Jr. will also be playing on Friday at 7PM and Saturday at 2PM. Don't miss out on experiencing our Royally talented students and this awesome production!

National Junior Honor Society spring applications for interested 6th and 7th graders are located on our website and are due to Ms. Wierenga in Teal by Friday.

Finally, next week, state testing will begin with the FSA Writing Assessment April 1st-April 3rd. Students received their assigned date and location for testing. FSA & End of Course State & District Testing information including parent letters and testing schedules by team have been posted on the RRMS website. Please make sure your student is in school daily in the month of April and May as the makeup sessions will be very limited due to time restraints. When scheduling family vacations, please make sure that they are not in the month of April or May. On the day of testing, students will receive a free breakfast in the cafeteria. If you have any questions about testing, please contact Assistant Principal, Mrs. White.

3.10.19

I hope that everyone turned their clocks one hour forward this morning for Daylight Saving times. We spring forward into the last week of the quarter and must finish Royal Strong. Last week, the Student Services and Administrative Teams started student data chats with our 8th graders where we meet individually to discuss academic progress over the year and goal setting for 4th quarter. It is our goal to meet with each student at RRMS over the next two weeks. 7th grade will be this week and 6th grade immediately after Spring Break. We will send home the data sheet so that parents/guardians can also support student goals in both academics and behaviors so that all Royal Knights will finish Royal Strong. The best way to do this is by being information through regularly checking myStudent for grades, attendance, behavior and student test information. In the mailer, 8th graders will also be receiving the end of year newsletter which includes important information about end of year activities including the promotion ceremony in May.

We will also continue with quarterly checks this week in all core classes. Quarterly results can be found in myStudent under test history. This helps to inform instruction as State and District testing are coming soon in April and May. The State assessment schedule by individual teams and parent letters have been posted on the RRMS website. Students will get their specific FSA Writing testing date and location this Tuesday during Knight Time. The FSA Writing assessment is a one-day test during April 1-3. Attendance is crucial as there is limited make up time and free breakfast will be served to all students on their testing date.

On Wednesday, RRMS PTSA will be hosting a Royal Dine Out Night at Chili's Trinity from 4PM through close. 10% of proceeds of the night's sale will go to RRMS. On Thursday, RRHS will be hosting an 8th grade transition pep rally during 2nd period in the gym. We also will be hosting the February Student of the Month luncheon on Thursday at 11AM in the Media Center.

Tickets are on sale for Shrek Jr., the RRMS Drama Depts. Spring Musical March 28-30th at the Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are on sale online through the RRMS website and the Drama Instagram page. Please come out and support this awesome production!

Finally in sports, we want to congratulate our boys' basketball team on an undefeated season. They are conference champs. We also want to recognize our awesome girl's soccer team who only had one loss but were dominate the entire season. This week it is now time to start spring sports...

Track Try Outs start on Monday – Friday from 2PM-4PM on the middle school track. Make sure that all paperwork including a physical is up to date. See Coach Brando for more information.

Finally, Pasco County Schools will be closed for students on Spring Break the week of Monday, March 18 to Monday, March 25. Students will return to school and the beginning of the 4th quarter on Tuesday, March 26th. Take this time to relax, refresh, renew and be ROYAL!

3.3.19

There are only two weeks left in the third quarter and until Spring Break. Quarterly checks begin this week. It's a must that we finish Royal Strong both in academics and behavior always following our Knight Values of being respectful, being responsible and being problem solvers.

8th graders, this is the final week to get your Gradventure spot – all permission forms and payments are due to Mrs. Sullivan by Wednesday, March 6th... spaces are filling up – we have already sold half of the seats. Student must meet academic and behavior eligibility requirements. More information is on the RRMS website.

It is club picture week. Students should come down after the news and wear the appropriate club shirt.

Tuesday: FBLA and News Crew

Wednesday: Royal Ambassadors and FCA; 8th Grade Superlatives will be during Knight Time

Thursday: Student Council and NJHS

All RRMS PTSA Spring Fundraising packets are due back by Wednesday, 3/6 and should be turned into your student's 1st period teacher. Please ensure their packet is completely filled out with their name, phone number and 1st period teachers name. Students can also take orders online through www.fundshoppe.com. The funds raised will go to supporting children's health, safety, and education at River Ridge Middle School. If you have any questions, please contact the PTSA at RiverRidgeMSPTSA@gmail.com.

On Wednesday, there will be an FBLA Share Night at McDonald's on Ridge Rd. to support our students attending the state FBLA competition in Orlando.

This week in sports, on Monday, the boys' basketball team finishes their season against GMS at home at 6PM. The girls' soccer team plays GMS at home on Monday and makes up a game vs. BPMS at FHS on Wednesday at 6PM. Boys' and Girls' Track Tryouts will begin on March 11th-14th from 2PM-4PM. Students need a current physical to try out. Contact Coach Brando for more information.

Finally, this Friday will be our Swing into Spring Dance from 6PM-8PM in the Cafeteria. Tickets go on sale before school each day in the media center for \$8, they will be \$10 at the door. This will be the final dance of the year that students grades 6th-8th will be able to attend.

2.24.19

This week students in 6th and 7th grade will be entering their 2019-20 course selections into the system through science classes. There will be opportunities for them to review with their teachers, counselors, and administration in this process as there will be very few schedule changes in the upcoming year.

On Wednesday, we will be hosting a Royal Dine Out fundraising night at Zaxby's on Ridge Rd from 4PM-8PM. A percentage of the proceeds will go to the RRMS Student Recognition. So skip the cooking and come out and support your Royal Knights.

The RRMS PTSA kicked off the Spring Fundraiser and students should have brought home the Reserve brochure, parent letter, and order form. All packets are due back by 3/6 and should be turned into your student's 1st period teacher. Please ensure their packet is completely filled out with their name, phone number and 1st period teachers name. Students can also take orders online through www.fundshoppe.com. The funds raised will go to supporting children's health, safety, and education at River Ridge Middle School. If you have any questions, please contact the PTSA at RiverRidgeMSPTSA@gmail.com.

Friday is the annual NASA Field Trip. Students who are attending should report to the middle school bus loop at 6AM as the buses will be leaving promptly. Students are expected home by 9PM. Please make sure to bring \$, water and snacks. We will also be providing a light snack. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Shaw.

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first come, first serve. Student must meet academic and behavior eligibility requirements. More information is on the RRMS website.

This week in sports, on Monday, the boys' basketball team plays BPMS away at 6PM. The girls' soccer team plays BPMS away at FHS on Tuesday at 6PM. On Wednesday, the boys' basketball team is at home vs. HMS at 6PM and the girls' soccer team is at home on Thursday vs. Hudson at 6PM

Finally, mark your calendar for Saturday, March 2nd. The RRMS PTSA will be sponsoring an awesome Connect to the Community event at RRMS from 10AM-1PM. This event is in partnership with Pasco County government and is for the entire family and every one in Pasco County. Come out and see what Pasco County has to offer you! We will have community members from Pasco public services, including mounted posse, Live PD's Bingham & Benco, Touch a Truck featuring fire rescue, libraries, parks & recreation, and more. There will also be bounce houses, a DJ and FOOD TRUCKS from Tampa Bay's Food Trucks Rally! This is going to be a great family event, hosted by River Ridge Middle School PTSA and Pasco County's public services branch, so invite family and friends and don't miss out!

2.17.19

There will be no school on Monday in observance of President's Day!

A few important reminders...

Course cards were due last Friday for the 19-20 school year course selection. If you have not submitted your course card, please do so ASAP. 8th Graders Gradventure letters went out a few weeks ago... spaces are filling up. Please turn in your permission forms and payment to Ms. Sullivan ASAP, it is first come, first serve. Student must meet academic and behavior eligibility requirements. More information is on the RRMS website.

On Tuesday, we will be hosting a Royal Dine Out fundraising night at Beef O' Brady's on Ridge Rd from 5PM-9PM. A percentage of the proceeds will go to the RRMS Student Recognition. So skip the cooking and come out and support your Royal Knights.

On Wednesday, the PTSA will kick off the Spring Fundraiser and students will bring home the Reserve brochure, parent letter, and order form. All packets are due back by 3/8 and should be turned into your students 1st period teacher. Please ensure their packet is completely filled out with their name, phone number and 1st period teachers name. There is also an online ordering option as well. The funds raised will go to supporting children's health, safety, and education at River Ridge Middle School. If you have any questions, please contact the PTSA at RiverRidgeMSPTSA@gmail.com.

This week in sports, on Wednesday, the boys' basketball team plays CLMS at home at 6PM. The girls' soccer team plays CLMS at home on Thursday at 6PM. We will also host the west side Special Olympics games all day on Thursday. Good luck to all of our student athletes!

On Friday at 6PM, the River Ridge Dance Department will put on their student choreography showcase at the RRCPA.

Finally, mark your calendar for Saturday, March 2nd. The RRMS PTSA will be sponsoring an awesome Connect to the Community event at RRMS from 10AM-1PM. This event is in partnership with Pasco County government and is for the entire family and every one in Pasco County. Come out and see what Pasco County has to offer you! We will have community members from Pasco public services, including mounted posse, Live PD's Bingham & Benco, Touch a Truck featuring fire rescue, libraries, parks & recreation, and more. There will also be bounce houses, a DJ and FOOD TRUCKS from Tampa Bay's Food Trucks Rally! This is going to be a great family event, hosted by River Ridge Middle School PTSA and Pasco County's public services branch, so invite family and friends and don't miss out!

2.10.19

Good afternoon, Royal Families! This week at River Ridge we will be celebrating Be Kind – Do Kind Week as a part of the National Random Acts of Kindness Week sponsored by our Royal Ambassadors. River Ridge Middle School has recently been named a Certified Kindness School by the National Kindness Challenge for our mission of spreading our culture of caring and Knightly

Values. This week we will have dress up days, daily kindness acts, and a special kindness dance.

RRMS #BeKind-DoKind Week



February 11-15, 2019



Monday



"Wake Up" - It's More Friends Monday!

Wear your school appropriate PJs.

Kindness Act: Say Hello to one person you don't know.

Tuesday



"Color the Castle with Kindness"

Wear the colors of the rainbow & Tie Dye!

Kindness Act: Give a compliment to someone.

Compliment tree in the Media Center

Wednesday

"Team Up" for Kindness

AM Activity Schedule - February Club Day

Wear your favorite sports team or match with a friend/twin/group.

Kindness Act: Heart to Heart Note to a Friend, Teacher, Family Member

Thursday



We LOVE Kindness!

Wear Red or Pink!

Kindness Act: Send a friend a Carnation Gram for kindness

\$2 in the front office or cafeteria!

Spread the Love Kindness Dance 2PM-4PM Cafeteria

Tickets are \$5 pre-sale or at the door.

DJ, Concessions, and fun!

Friday

"Kindness Rocks!"

Dress like a rock star, celebrity or wear your favorite band shirt!

Kindness Act: Give a fist bump for Friday!

Everyday

2/17/19 National

Random Acts of Kindness Day



Put someone before yourself. Say nice things and treat people with respect. Be open to others. Make someone else's day!

KINDNESS
begins with
ME

!

This week students and parents can purchase Carnation Grams for \$2 at the front office or in the cafeteria which will be delivered on Valentine's Day.

Monday is Wake Up – It's More Friends Monday. Students can wear school appropriate PJs. On Monday evening at 6PM in sports, the Royal Knights Boys' Basketball host CHMS at home and the Girls' Soccer team takes on CHMS at home.

Tuesday is Color the Castle with Kindness Day. Students are encouraged to wear rainbow, bright colors or tie dye to show how their kindness shines. On Tuesday evening at 6PM, we invite all incoming and current Royal Knights to the RRMS Curriculum Night from 6PM-7:30PM. We will have separate parent meetings for our incoming 6th grade families and current 6th and 7th grade families from 6PM-6:30PM. This night will further explain the course cards, highlight core academic and elective courses and programs of study and allow you to meet our awesome teachers, counselors, and administration. After the parent meetings, families are encouraged to visit our teams and elective classrooms to learn more about all of our Royal opportunities! We have many new courses including high school options for our 7th and 8th graders. Course Cards will be due to science teachers on Friday, Feb. 15th.

Wednesday is Team Up For Kindness! Students should wear their favorite sports team or dress the same as a twin/group. We will also be on an AM Activity Schedule because it is Club Day. Progress Reports were available on myStudent last Friday. The RRMS PTSA will be providing those students who are "on track" with a special Royal Reward at lunches. The Boys' Basketball Team will travel to SSMS at 6PM.

Thursday is We love Kindness Day. Wear red or pink! We will also be hosting the Spread the Love Kindness Dance right after school from 2PM-4PM in the Cafeteria. The tickets will be on pre-sale or can be bought at the door for \$5. We will have concessions for purchase, a DJ and fun! The Girls' Soccer team travels to JWMHS to take on SSMS at 6PM.

Friday is Kindness Rocks Day. Students should dress like a rock star, celebrity or wear their favorite band shirt. We will also be celebrating our January Students of the Month and their families with a luncheon. Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education! So proud to be Royal!

2.3.19

Happy Super Bowl Sunday, Royal Knights! This upcoming week is Student Services Appreciation Week including our school counselors, school psychologist, school social worker, school nurse, and support team. We are so grateful to have such an amazing Student Services Team – thankful for all that you do for our students, families, and staff that make a difference!

This week the 6th and 7th graders will be visited in science classes by our school counselors to distribute course cards and share course offerings for the 2019-20 school year. Mark your calendars for our Curriculum Night on February 12th at 6PM to visit classrooms, speak to teachers and counselors to make informed decisions for the upcoming year! I also encourage you to explore all elective and core course offerings through the videos on our RRMS website. Incoming 8th grade students may also apply for the RRHS Engineering and Teaching Academies on the website.

Course cards are due to science teachers by Friday, February 15th.

There will be a PTSA General Meeting will be on Monday at 6PM in the Media Center. Thursday will be our school-wide National History Day Fair in the media center.

The second half of our winter sports season kicks off this week! On Monday the Boys' Basketball team travels to GMS and the Girls' Soccer team to GHS to play GMS at 6PM. On Wednesday, Boys' Basketball travels to PRSMS at 6PM and on Thursday the Girls' Soccer team to AHS to play PRSMS at 6PM. Good luck and Go Knights!

Finally, on Friday, third quarter Progress Reports will be available for viewing on myStudent. We will also be running a PM Activity Schedule due to the Talent Show on Friday afternoon at 12:45PM in the theater. Students may purchase tickets at lunches for 3 Knight Dollars.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education.

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1.27.19

We have so much to be proud of as Royal Knights. Congratulations to Jillian Boekeloo, who represented RRMS at the All County Band event on Saturday. Also, the RRMS Dance Team won 1st place with their jazz dance at their competition in Tampa. Trinity Strout won 2nd place for her solo while competing against high school students. The 7th grade Class of 2024 won the Spirit Stick at the Winter Pep Rally as we recognized our winter student athletes, science fair winners and celebrated being Royal!

There are several field trips this week and club meetings:

On Tuesday, Royal Ambassadors will meet on Tuesday at lunches. On Wednesday, FBLA will meet after school in Mrs. Resto's room.

Wednesday Dance 3 students will visit the Straz Center and on Thursday FBLA Leadership will travel to WCHS and the RRMS Band will play at Cypress Elementary. On Saturday, our Thespians will travel to Orlando to compete at the State Competition. Break a leg!

Last week, 8th graders received their 19-20 course selection information and course card from RRHS through social studies classes. There is a podcast that is posted on our website detailing the selection process. High school counselors were available to assist students in the cafeteria at lunches last week. The course cards are due to 8th grade US History teachers by Friday, Feb. 1st. The deadline for payment of the 8th grade NASA trip is Friday, February 1st. The trip will take place on March 1st. The letter and permission form was distributed several weeks ago but can be found on our website. The cost of the trip includes transportation, admission and a meal at Kennedy Space Center. You may pay online by credit card or bring in the money to your science teacher by February 1st.

On Thursday, 6th and 7th graders will view the elective offerings video for 2019-2020 to begin the course selection process. School counselors will be visiting science classrooms the following week to distribute course cards. Mark your calendars for our Curriculum Night on February 12th to visit classrooms, speak to teachers and counselors to make decisions for the upcoming year!

On Friday, students are encouraged to wear their favorite jersey in celebration of the upcoming Super Bowl!

Finally, we have a large amount of items in our lost and found in the front office since January. If you are missing a clothing item, lunchbox, water bottle, umbrella, etc., please check the front office this week as all items will be donated at the end of the week.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education!

1.20.19

Monday there will be no school in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

On Tuesday, 8th graders will receive the 19-20 course selection information and course card from RRHS through social studies classes. There will be a podcast that is posted on our website detailing the selection process. High school counselors will be available to assist students in the cafeteria at lunches this entire week. The course cards are due to 8th grade US History teachers by Friday, Feb. 1st.

Wednesday we will be on an AM Activity schedule due to our January Club Day. Students selected new clubs for this semester prior to the break and lists will be posted on the cafeteria and media center windows. If they have any questions about clubs, please contact Mrs. Resto or Mr. Kolean. There will also be a parent meeting about the Spring Break trip to Washington DC in the media center on Wednesday at 6PM with Mrs. Wierenga.

Thursday will be a Royal Spirit Day. Students and staff are encouraged to dress up in royal gear as we celebrate our winter student athletes and accomplishments with a Pep Rally. We will be on a PM Activity schedule. Points will be awarded to classes by number of students who dress up this day, games in the pep rally and which classes shows the most Royal spirit. Who will win the spirit stick this time?

Calling all Royal Talent! On Thursday afternoon from 2PM-3:30PM, we will be holding auditions for the RRMS "The Gauntlet" Talent Show. The Talent Show will be on February 8th during school as a Royal Reward activity. We are excited to showcase all of our students and staff member's talents at this new event. See Mrs. Morrell or Mr. Astone for more information.

On Friday, we will be reopening the Royal Merchant School Store where students can purchase items using their Knight Dollars earned for positive academic and social behavior choices.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education!

1.12.19

Good afternoon Royal Families! We had a great week back at River Ridge and started the new year strong with reviewing expectations and goal setting for a successful semester 2. I would encourage you to ask your student what goal they are working on for this quarter.

Auditions for the Spring Musical, Shrek Jr., will be on Monday and Tuesday from 2PM-5PM in the drama room. Please select a song to perform for the audition. See Mr. Mauro for more information. Semester 1 Report Cards will be available on myStudent on Tuesday. Please review your child's Report Card with them as students in middle school must earn a D or higher in all core courses to be promoted to high school. Students who have earned As, Bs, and Cs, and have had no referrals are considered "on track" and will receive a Royal Reward on Friday to recognize their hard work sponsored by the RRMS PTSA. "On Track" bands for Quarter 2 will also be distributed this week at lunches.

Wednesday is also our January Royal Dine Out Spirit Night at Culver's in Trinity and Port Richey from 4PM-9PM. RRMS will earn 10% of all of the night's purchases.

There will be a RRMHS SAC meeting on Thursday at 2:30PM. We would also like to wish our FBLA students luck at their first competition on Friday.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education.

1.6.19

Happy New Year Royal Knights! I hope that everyone had a wonderful break spending time with family and friends. After two weeks off, we are so excited to welcome our Royal Knights back to the best year yet on Tuesday morning, January 8th.

On Tuesday morning, students should check lists posted on the media center and cafeteria windows for their first period classes. Students should report to the class listed as there have been some schedule changes for the new semester. There will be several adults with lists to help students navigate their classes.

Boys' Basketball and Girls' Soccer Try Outs will be this Wednesday through Friday from 2- 4PM. Please make sure that all of the proper paperwork is completed prior to trying out. See Athletic Director Coach Brando for more information.

The December Student of the Month luncheon will be on Thursday, January 10th at 11AM in the Media Center. This month's luncheon is sponsored by Beef O' Brady's on Ridge Rd and those students who were recognized may bring their family members to the luncheon to celebrate their accomplishment.

This new year provides an opportunity to refresh and reset so please encourage your students to take advantage of all of the ways to be engaged at RRMS by always showing their Knightly Values of Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be a Problem Solver. Thank you for partnering in your child's education and looking forward to a Royal 2019!

12.16.18

This week is the final week of the semester. Quarterly checks will continue and students in semester courses will take district finals. Let's finish Royal Strong!

We will also be having a Winter Spirit Dress Up Week as part of our Season of Kindness! Students are encouraged to dress up to celebrate the holidays and the successful completion of the semester. Monday is Penguin Day, dress in white and black; Tuesday is Holiday Accessory Day, deck out in socks, necklaces, elf hats, reindeer antlers, and more. Wednesday is candy cane day, wear red and white; Thursday is Ugly sweater and holiday shirt day, and Friday is Royal Spirit Day wear your River Ridge gear!



We are continuing our Season of Kindness so check out the calendar and our daily kindness reminder on social media. We will have several opportunities for students to spread kindness with thank you note, candy cane pass on kindness activity, and holiday card writing to RRMS staff. On Friday afternoon, we will also have an "on track" event that students may attend in the theater. So, students are encouraged to wear their "on track" bands that day.

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 18th. The electives department will be hosting Art, Design, and more Winter Showcase from 5:30PM-7PM, where student work from electives classes will be displayed in the cafeteria. We will also have refreshments and Bahama Buck's to enjoy. Then head to the Winter Concert to celebrate the season with our band and chorus at 7PM.



The winter sports season finishes this week with Girls' BBall vs. GMS on Monday at 6PM. On Tuesday Boys' Soccer vs. GMS at home at 6PM.

We would like to wish the entire Royal Family... happy holidays and look forward to a Royal new year. Students will return to school on Tuesday, January 8th. Thank you again for partnering with us in your child's education!

12.9.18

There are only two weeks left in the second quarter and quarterly checks in all of the core subject areas begin this week. We highly encourage that both parents and students check their progress on myStudent which includes grades, attendance, behavior, and assessment information on a consistent basis. All middle school students must earn a D or higher in all core course to earn middle school promotion. If you have any questions about student progress or would like a parent teacher conference, please contact your child's teachers or the guidance department.

We are continuing our Season of Kindness so check out the calendar and our daily kindness reminder on social media.

Don't miss out! Wednesday is our Royal Dine Out Spirit Night at Panera Bread in Trinity from 5PM-9PM.

Healthy Schools will again be offering free flu vaccines on Thursday, December 13 to our middle school students. If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine at this time, you may access the forms online through the RRMS website and return to the clinic.

In sports this week, on Monday, Girls' BBall travels to BPMS at 6PM. On Wednesday, Girls' Bball is at home vs. HMS at 6PM and Boys' Soccer travels to FHS to take on BPMS at 6PM. On Thursday, the boy's team plays at home vs. HMS at 6PM.

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 18th. The electives department will be hosting Art, Design, and more Winter Showcase from 5:30PM-7PM, where student work from electives classes will be displayed in the cafeteria. We will also have refreshments and Bahama Buck's to enjoy. Then head to the Winter Concert to celebrate the season with our band and chorus at 7PM.

12.6.18

Tomorrow is the final day of our Annual Holiday Food Drive. Students and community members are encouraged to bring in canned foods and non-perishable food items. Drop off your donations with your Knight Time teacher. We will be counting up donations weekly and the winning Knight Time Class will receive an incentive. Please donate today to help our River Ridge community.

Friday evening is our Winter Wonderland Dance from 6PM-8PM in the Cafeteria. It is semi-formal dress. Tickets will be on sale in the morning in the media center for \$8 and \$10 at the door. We will have a DJ, photo booth, 8th grade VIP Area, full concession stand, Kona Ice and much more.

Healthy Schools will again be offering free flu vaccines on December 13 to our middle school students. If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine at this time, you may access the forms online through the RRMS website and return to the clinic.

Finally, our 8th grade students received the December mid-year newsletter today. It is also available on the website and through social media. It includes important information about the high school registration process which is currently open, NASA field trip, Gradventure, end of year activities, promotion requirements and academic and behavioral expectations reminders.

12.2.18

This is the final week of our Annual Holiday Food Drive. Students and community members are encouraged to bring in canned foods and non-perishable food items. Students can drop off donations in the front office or cafeteria. We will be counting up donations weekly and the winning Knight Time Class will receive an incentive. Please donate today to help our River Ridge community. We will be kicking off our Season of Kindness calendar in December where we are promoting a daily act of kindness. Our clubs and organizations will be organizing some special activities this month to promote community and inclusiveness as a part of our Royal Culture of Caring and Start with Hello initiatives. Please check out the calendar on our website, social media or ask your student for their copy. Let's make this world a better place one person at a time!

On Monday, there will be a PTSA general assembly meeting in the media center at 6PM. The agenda includes the holiday cookie exchange for RRMS staff, teacher grant program, community services expo and upcoming fundraiser.

The December Club Day will be on Wednesday this week and we will follow an AM Activity Schedule. Please make sure to dress appropriately and bring any items needed for your club.

In sports this week, Girls' Basketball and Boy's soccer team travel to SSMS on Monday to play at 6PM. Then on Wednesday, the girl's take on CLMS at home at 6PM and the boys soccer team is at home vs. CLMS on Thursday at 6PM. Come out and support these dedicated student athletes. Go Knights!

On Friday, December 7th, we will kick off December with our Winter Wonderland Dance from 6PM-8PM in the Cafeteria. It is semi-formal dress. Tickets will be on sale every morning in the media center for \$8 and \$10 at the door. We will have a DJ, photo booth, 8th grade VIP Area, full concession stand and much more.

Healthy Schools will again be offering free flu vaccines on December 13 to our middle school students. If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine at this time, you may access the forms online through the RRMS website and return to the clinic.

Last but not least, we have just replenished our supply of We Are Royal Hoodies and t-shirts for the holidays! They are available immediately at the front office or on the website. Hoodies are \$25, gray lightweight sweatshirts \$20, short sleeve t-shirts are \$10, and long sleeve shirts are \$15! We also have headbands, water bottles, lanyards, and string packs. They make great holiday gifts!

Thank you again for partnering with River Ridge in your child's education!

11/25/18

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. We are excited to get back and finish the final four weeks of the semester Royal Strong! Students received their Quarter 2 Progress Reports on Friday, November 16th. I hope that you had an opportunity to review the Progress Report with your child. Students are considered to be "On Track" by obtaining grades of A-C and no discipline referrals. If your child is not "On Track," help them to identify behaviors that need to start immediately to raise grades and have a positive effect on behavior, considering reviewing our Knightly Core Values of be respectful, be responsible, and be a problem solver. We also offer academic lunch, after school tutoring, and encourage parents/students to be active communicators with our staff.

On Monday, November 26th from 5PM-8PM at JW Mitchell HS, the Pasco Pathways Expo event will highlight the choices and innovative programs available in Pasco County for the 2019-20 school year. All secondary schools in the designated area will be represented at the Expo as well as select elementary schools. River Ridge Middle School will be represented at the Expo on November 26th and we would love to see you there. For registration information please visit the Pasco County Schools website. In addition to the Expos, we want to be sure you are aware of the new School Choice and Magnet application process as well as the new choice window will be December 3-December 14, 2018.

Please mark your calendars as the RRMS Drama Department will be hosting our fall play, 10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse on Monday, November 26th and Tuesday, November 27th at 7PM at the RRPAC. Tickets are \$5 at the door. It is sure to be an awesome event!

We also have started our Annual Holiday Food Drive. Students and community members are encouraged to bring in canned foods and non-perishable food items. Students can drop off donations in the front office or cafeteria. We will be counting up donations weekly and the winning grade level will receive an incentive. Please donate today to help our River Ridge community.

Our winter sports teams are off to a great start! This week the Girls' BBall team plays CHMS at home on Wednesday at 6PM and the Boys' Soccer team plays CHMS at home on Thursday at 6PM. On Saturday, December 1st the River Ridge MS/HS Dance Program will be present their annual Winter Dance Showcase at the RR Performing Arts Center at 4PM, 5:30PM and 7PM. Please see Mrs. Vairo for more information.

Last but not least, we have just replenished our supply of We Are Royal Hoodies and t-shirts for the holidays! They are available immediately at the front office or on the website. Hoodies are \$25, short sleeve t-shirts are \$10, and long sleeve shirts are \$15! They make great holiday gifts!

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11.16.18

Students received their Quarter 2 Progress Reports today through myStudent. Please take this opportunity to review your child's progress as there are only four weeks left in the semester.

Students are considered to be "On Track" by obtaining grades of A-C and no discipline referrals. If your child is not "On Track," help them to identify behaviors that need to start immediately to raise grades and have a positive effect on behavior, consider reviewing our Knightly Core Values of be respectful, be responsible, and be a problem solver.

There is also a parent feedback survey from the RRMS PTSA that is on your Facebook page and website that we are requesting parents to complete. We are applying to be a National School of Excellence and would really appreciate our RRMS families helping to guide our focus projects. The survey will be available through Friday, November 23rd.

Immediately when we return, please mark your calendars as the RRMS Drama Department will be hosting our fall play, 10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse on Monday, November 26th and Tuesday, November 27th at 7PM at the RRPAC. Tickets are \$5 at the door. It is sure to be an awesome event!

Please enjoy the Thanksgiving Break as schools will reopen on Monday, November 26th. We wish the entire Royal Family a wonderful Thanksgiving as we are truly grateful, thankful and blessed for each one of you!

11.11.18

This week prior to Thanksgiving Break is Royals Give Thanks Week! On this Veteran's Day, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Veterans for their service! RRMS was honored to host the Pasco County Schools Veteran's Day ceremony with several of our student groups performing. Video of the ceremony is located on the RRMS website.

Last week, the Future Business Leaders of America club launched their March of Dimes donation campaign, which lasts through this Friday. Please bring in your spare change to your Knight Time teachers.

On Tuesday, we will participate in National Kindness Day with a Mix It Up at lunch activity sponsored by our Student Services Department and Student Leadership Start With Hello clubs for students to meet new people and celebrate our differences.

We also have started our Annual Holiday Food Drive. Students and community members are encouraged to bring in canned foods and non-perishable food items. Students can drop off donations in the front office or cafeteria. We will be counting up donations weekly and the winning grade level will receive an incentive. Please donate today to help our River Ridge community.

The Great American Teach In is on Wednesday. Thank you to community members who are donating their time to share their career and life experiences with our students. Wednesday is also our Royal Dine Out Spirit Night at Zim Zari's. 10% of the night's total will be donated to RRMS. Skip cooking and dine out for a great cause!

On Thursday, all RRMS athletes will participate in annual training from the Positive Coaching Alliance. The trainings will be by grade level in the gym: 6th grade at 9:45AM, 7th grade at 10:45AM, 8th grade at 11:45AM. Please see Athletic Director Coach Brando for more information.

Our winter sports teams get started this week. Girls Basketball plays at GMS on Monday and at PRSMS on Wednesday while the Boys soccer plays GMS at GHS on Tuesday and against PRSMS at AHS on Thursday. All games start at 6PM. Come out and support our winter student athletes! Finally, on Friday Quarter 2 Progress Reports will be available on myStudent. Believe it or not we are almost half way through the quarter.

The following week, November 19th-23rd will be Thanksgiving Break and all schools are closed. Schools will reopen on Monday, November 26th. We would like to take this opportunity to wish our entire Royal Family a wonderful Thanksgiving and that we are truly grateful for all of you!

11.4.18

I hope that everyone remembered to turn their clocks back one hour this morning and enjoyed the extra hour of sleep! We have had a lot to celebrate last week as over 600 students earned A/B Honor or All As certificates. We also collected over 2,500 pairs of socks for our school-wide culture of caring project, Socktober! Believe it or not, we are quickly moving through the 2nd quarter!

On Monday, invited 8th grade students who are in Algebra 1 Honors and other high school math classes will attend a presentation from the GHS IB and AHS Cambridge Programs during 1st period. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Pasco Pathways Expo event that will highlight the choices and innovative programs available in Pasco County for the 2019-20 school year. Pasco County Schools will host two Expo style events on November 26th at J.W. Mitchell High School and November 29th at Wesley Chapel High School from 5-8 p.m. All secondary schools in the designated area will be represented at the Expo as well as select elementary schools. River Ridge Middle School will be represented at the Expo on November 26th and we would love to see you there. For registration information please visit the Pasco County Schools website. In addition to the Expos, we want to be sure you are aware of the new School Choice and Magnet application process as well as the new choice window will be December 3-December 14, 2018.

Tuesday will be the November Club Day. We will be on an AM Activity Schedule. Students should dress appropriately for their club in order to participate.

Wednesday will be our October Student of the Month Luncheon sponsored by Zaxby's. Invitations were provided last week to our honorees. There will also be a boys' soccer parent meeting at 4PM in the media center.

Friday students are encouraged to wear red, white and blue in recognition of Veteran's Day. There will be a district Veteran's Day presentation for all Civics students in the morning where the RRMS band, chorus and art work will be highlighted.

We are seeking speakers for the Great American Teach In on November 14th. The Great American Teach In provides an opportunity for members of the community to come in and speak with students about their occupations, hobbies, or areas of interest. Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Karen Tabone through the RRMS website.

Thank you for partnering in education because we are proud to be Royal!

10.28.18

We had a great celebration of Red Ribbon Week last week and will continue through out the year to educate on making positive choices because our students' travel drug free!

As a result of new school choice timelines in Pasco County, articulation presentations for 8th graders have been moved up in the year. The new school choice application period for the 2019-20 school year will be December 3-14, 2018. On Monday, all 8th graders will attend a presentation for KTech High School during 1st period. The following Monday, Ancloche High School Cambridge and Gulf High School IB Programs will also provide a presentation for qualifying 8th graders. Students will bring home information about the Pasco Pathways Expo on November 26th at Mitchell High School, where families can explore all of the educational options Pasco has to offer.

PTSA will be selling River Ridge spirit socks in the cafeteria for \$10 on Monday. They have purple and black.

Tuesday, we are encouraging all of our Royal Knights to wear PINK to support cancer awareness month!

Wednesday is Halloween! Students will be allowed to dress up but they need to be in dress code. No masks or props will be allowed. Last week at lunches we handed out On Track Royal Bands to students who had no Ds or Fs or referrals for Quarter 1. These bands will allow students to sit outside at lunch, take part in mystery surprises and treats, and even to access games/outside time at lunch. It is a great accomplishment to be On Track and students will be recognized each quarter. Students should always have their on track band with them so that they can take part in all of the privileges. There will be a mystery on track treat for Halloween – show how you are a Royal Scholar – wear your band!

6th Grade Health Screenings will be conducted at school on Thursday, November 1, 2018. The following screenings are required by Florida statutes in 6th Grade: Vision, hearing, height, weight, and BMI. These screenings do not replace your child's need for regular health care and check ups. **If you do not want your child to participate in screening**, please send in a written request for exclusion to the front office at least one week before the screening date. If you have any questions, please contact RRMS School Nurse, Jennifer McComis, RN MSN MHA.

We are in the middle of our school-wide Yankee Candle Fundraiser to raise funds for new technology. This fundraiser will run through Friday, November 2nd and all order forms can be submitted to your child's science teacher. Please bring in the order form and funds by Friday, November 2nd. Online orders will be received through December 31st. These items will make fantastic holiday gifts as products will be distributed right after Thanksgiving. Check out our promotional video on our website. We hope that everyone takes part in this fundraiser as it will help us meet our goal to bring more technology into the classroom for student use.

Finally, we are seeking speakers for the Great American Teach In on November 14th. The Great American Teach In provides an opportunity for members of the community to come in and speak with students about their occupations, hobbies, or areas of interest. Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Karen Tabone through the RRMS website.

We will also be continuing with our Socktober sock donation drive through the end of October. We have collected over 1,000 socks, so please continue to bring in socks to front office or cafeteria... let's do this Knights!

Thank you for partnering in education because we are proud to be Royal!

10.21.18

RRMS Red Ribbon Week 2018

October 22-26 Life is Your Journey, Travel Drug Free



MONDAY

10/22/17

Traveling Tourist Day

Dress as a tourist or wear clothing that represents another country.



KICKOFF with an INCENTIVE FIELD DAY!!

TUESDAY

10/23/17

TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS



Wear a Sports Jersey
or Team Gear

Knights Are
Drug Free

WEAR RRMS SPIRIT
GEAR



FRIDAY

10/26/17

WEDNESDAY

10/24/17

Rally in Red

Wear red to support the drug free
initiative



10/25/17

THURSDAY



OUR
FUTURE
IS TOO
BRIGHT FOR
DRUGS

Neon Day with Sunglasses

This week is Red Ribbon Week with our theme... Life is Your Journey, Royal Knights travel drug free. Students will be able to take the Drug Free Pledge, participate in door decorating contest, and dress up days that coordinate with our message to make positive decisions and bring awareness. As a part of Red Ribbon Week, we will also be continuing with our Socktober sock donation drive through the end of October. We have 851 socks and our goal is 1,000... let's do this Knights!

Monday is Traveling Tourist Day – dress as a tourist or wear clothing from another country. We will be on a PM Activity Schedule for our Quarter 1 On Track incentive field day starting at 1PM. On track is considered no Ds or Fs or discipline referrals. Students will be able to purchase Kona Ice for \$3, \$4 or \$5 at the field day. After school, 7th graders are invited to The Outsiders viewing party in the Media Center from 2PM-3:30PM. Popcorn will be served! There will also be a PTSA meeting at 6PM in the Media Center.

Tuesday is Team Up Against Drugs. Students should wear sports jerseys or team gear! At lunch on Tuesday, students who are "on track" will also receive their "on track" bands for the quarter which will give them extra privileges. In sports, 6th grade boys' soccer tryouts are from 2-4PM and our undefeated football team travels to PRSMS to finish their season at 6:30PM.

Wednesday is Rally in Red Day – wear red. 7th Grade boys' soccer tryouts are from 2-4PM and Girls' Basketball Tryouts begin from 2-4PM through Friday. We are also partnering with McDonald's for a McKnight Dine Out Night that evening for Red Ribbon Week.

Thursday is Our Future is Bright... Neon and Sunglasses Day! 8th Grade boy's soccer tryouts are from 2-4PM. We will also be sponsoring a Red Ribbon Week incentive: Tie Dye and Chalk Art in the Courtyard from 2-3PM in the Art Room. Students can purchase tickets for 5 Knight Dollars in lunches all week. Tickets are limited and students must bring a white shirt to participate.

Friday is our Royal Spirit Day! Our School Store will be open at lunches. On Friday evening from 5:30PM-6:30PM on the middle school track, RRMHS will be hosting Trick or Treat Around the Track. Come on out dressed in costume to travel the track for tricks and treats from our clubs and organizations.

We are in the middle of our school-wide Yankee Candle Fundraiser to raise funds for new technology. This fundraiser will run through November 2nd and all order forms can be submitted to your child's science teacher. Online orders will be received through December 31st These items will make fantastic holiday gifts as products will be distributed right after Thanksgiving. Check out our promotional video on our website. We hope that everyone takes part in this fundraiser as it will help us meet our goal to bring more technology into the classroom for student use. Thank you for your support!

10.14.18

There will be no school due to a Teacher Planning Day on Monday, October 15th. We are excited to welcome back our students on Tuesday to begin the second quarter.

We continue to celebrate #Socktober with our school-wide culture of caring community service project. RRMS is collecting socks for men, women and children to donate to the local homeless shelter the entire month of October. Socks can be turned in to the front office or cafeteria. The class that donates the most will win a prize. We have currently collected over 600 pairs of socks to meet our goal of 1,000 socks to our community. 6th grade is currently in the lead with 7th and 8th a close second. Keep the socks coming, Royal Knights. Together, we can make a difference!

On Tuesday, we play our final home football game vs. GMS and celebrate Parent Night before the game with our football, cheerleaders, and band families. Please make sure that if your child is participating that you complete the form on the RRMS website. We will also be collecting socks at the gate for our #Socktober community service project which will benefit the Pasco Homeless Coalition.

On Wednesday, Tijuana Flats in Trinity will host a Royal Family Dine Out night for River Ridge Middle School from 5PM-8PM. 10% of the proceeds will go to student recognition at RRMS.

On Thursday, we have our School Advisory Council meeting with the high school at 2:30PM in the Faculty Lounge.

On Friday, there will be school picture retakes in the morning in the back of the media center during Periods 1-3. This will also be the 7th grade Outsiders dress up day.

We will also be launching our school-wide Yankee Candle fundraiser to raise funds for classroom technology on Tuesday, October 16th through Knight Time Homeroom classes. This fundraiser will run through November 2nd and all order forms can be submitted to your child's homeroom teacher. Online orders will be received through December. These items will make fantastic holiday gifts as products will be distributed right after Thanksgiving. We hope that everyone takes part in this fundraiser as it will help us meet our goal to bring more technology into the classroom for student use. Thank you for your support!

Looking forward to a solid start to the 2nd quarter!

10.7.18

We had an awesome Royal Spirit Week last week culminating in the 6th grade winning the fall Spirit Stick. Thank you to everyone for participating and showing that #WeAreRoyal! This is the last week of the first quarter and quarterly checks in all of the core subject areas will continue. We highly encourage that both parents and students check their progress on myStudent which includes grades, attendance, behavior, and assessment information on a consistent basis. If you have any

questions about student progress or would like a parent teacher conference, please contact your child's teachers or the guidance department.

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Please mark your calendar as we will be hosting a Social Studies History Fair and Science Fair Informational Night for all students and parents in Advanced US History and Civics as well as Accelerated Science on Thursday, October 11th at 6PM in the Media Center. By attending this meeting, you will learn the ins and outs of history and science fair including the process, procedures, and how to successfully complete a project. Science and Social Studies teachers will be there to present as well as answer questions.

This week in sports the volleyball team finishes their season by hosting HMS at 6PM on Monday at home and is also home vs. GMS on Wednesday. The undefeated football team plays at home vs. HMS on Tuesday at 6:30PM. Charge on, Royal Knights! Boy's Soccer Tryouts will begin at the end of October. Boys must have an athletic packet and physical filled out in order to tryout. See Coach Hack for more information.

TRYOUT SCHEDULE

October 23rd for 6th grade

October 24th for 7th grade

October 25th for 8th grade

Our CTE, Business and FBLA students have been invited to participate in the 3rd Annual TB Buccaneers Community Day trip on October 23 to tour the Buccaneers daily operations, lunch and to attend a Buccaneers game. Students in these programs should contact Mrs. Resto with their \$55 deposit and permission form by Monday, October 8th.

Friday is the last day of the quarter. At Friday night's RRHS football game at 7:30AM, our band, cheer, and dance team will be performing with their high school counterparts to celebrate middle school night.

There will be a no school for students on Monday, October 15th as there is a Teacher Planning Day. As a preview the week of 10/16-10/19, we will also be launching our school-wide Yankee Candle fundraiser to raise funds for classroom technology as well as our Community Spirit Dine Out Night at Tijuana Flats on Wednesday, October 17th. Thank you for partnering in your child's education with us to make this the best year ever at River Ridge!

9.30.18

There are only 2 weeks left in the first quarter and quarterly checks will begin in all core classes this week. The high school NHS will also begin offering after school tutoring this week every Wednesday and Thursday from 2PM-3PM in the media center. We encourage our students to take advantage of extra help both after school, during daily Knight Time sessions and academic lunch.

We will be celebrating River Ridge Spirit Week from October 1-5 with dress up days and a Pep Rally on Friday! We are collaborating with the high school for their Homecoming Week but our theme will be Involvement! When dressing up, students should stay in dress code but may wear hats if it goes with their outfit. There should be no masks or props. Each day we will count those students who dress up in lunches which will be added to the overall spirit points for the Spirit Stick at the Pep Rally.

Monday is PJ Day, Tuesday is Fan Day, Wednesday is Duo or Character Day, Thursday is Team Color Day, and Friday is Spirit Day.

Wednesday will also be our second club day of the year. Club lists have been updated and will be posted on Monday in the Media Center and Cafeteria. Please bring proper materials or equipment and dress for your club. We will be on an AM Activity Schedule.

This week in sports...

Volleyball plays home vs. CLMS on Monday and travels to BPMS on Wednesday both games start at 6PM. The undefeated football team travels to FHS to play BPMS on Tuesday at 6:30PM.

Mark your calendars as we are teaming up with RRHS for our middle school night at their football game on Friday, October 12th. The band, dance team, and cheerleaders will be performing and the football team is encourage to attend for RRMS night. More information will be provided soon.

Try out information will be published soon about girls' basketball and boys' soccer. All students who wish to try out must have an up to date physical.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education! Go Knights!

9.23.18

I hope you have enjoyed your weekend. This is a very busy week at River Ridge.

7th Grade environmental science field trips to Starkey Park will be taking place over the next two weeks and start this Wednesday. The teams that will go this week are 7 Navy and 7

Orange. Students should have received permission forms from their science teacher.

Are you an Out of the Box Thinker? Are you a person who likes to examine problems with unlimited solutions? Do you enjoy working as a team? Then Odyssey of the Mind is for you. We will be hosting an informational parent, student, and coach meeting on Wednesday, September 26th at 6PM in the RRMS Media Center. Ms. Angelo will be the coordinator for both the middle school and high school OM teams. More information is our social media sites and webpage.

On Thursday evening at 6PM-7PM in partnership with Mathnasium, we will be hosting a 6th grade math night in the cafeteria. We encourage all 6th graders and their parents to attend this fun and informative event!

As a reminder, Pasco County Schools has a new athletic events policy excluding all bags except those that are clear vinyl or Ziploc bags. Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items and diaper bags. All bags are subject to search. There are also several other excluded items including outside food and drinks.

RRMS vinyl zip bags and sling packs are available online on Acorn for \$10 and \$8. The bags are expected to be in this week. Please visit the RRMS website for the complete policy including the new Patron's Code of Conduct.

This week in sports... On Monday, our undefeated Volleyball teams take on CHMS at home at 6PM. On Wednesday, volleyball travels to SSMS. Good luck Lady Knights!

On Tuesday, our undefeated football team hosts Crews Lake Middle School at home at 6:30PM. Come out and support Knights football, cheer, dance and band!

As a preview for the following week, we will be celebrating River Ridge Spirit Week from October 1-5 with dress up days and a Pep Rally on Friday! We are collaborating with the high school for their Homecoming Week but our theme will be Involvement! When dressing up, students should stay in dress code but may wear hats if it goes with their outfit. There should be no masks or props. Each day we will count those students who dress up in lunches which will be added to the overall spirit points for the Spirit Stick at the Pep Rally.

River Ridge Middle School SPIRIT DAYS!!

10/1
Monday

PAJAMA DAY



Wake up and come to school in your PJs. Just make sure you are in dress code.

10/2
Tuesday

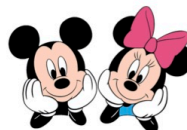
FANATIC DAY



What are you a fan of? From Harry Potter to Star Wars to Football, embrace your inner fandom today!

10/3
Wednesday
Club Day
AM Activity Schedule

Duo Day



Dress up as your favorite celebrities/characters and TWIN with a friend.

10/4
Thursday

Color Day!

Wear Your Grade Level Team's Color.



10/5
Friday
Pep Rally
PM Activity Schedule

SPIRIT DAY



Thank you for partnering with River Ridge in your child's education to make this the best year yet!

9.16.18

Quarter 1 Progress Reports were available on myStudent on Friday. Please make sure you have a parent account as directions to access are on the River Ridge Middle School website. We have four weeks remaining until the end of the quarter, which will go quickly. Students should have As, Bs, Cs and no referrals to be considered on track. If a student is struggling, please contact the teacher, request a parent conference through Student Services, attend academic lunch and tutoring. Wednesday, September 19 is our September Royal Family Dine Out Night at Zim Zari's in Trinity from 6PM-9PM. 10% of the night's sales will go to River Ridge Middle School student recognition program.

7th Grade environmental science field trips to Starkey Park will be taking place over the next two weeks and start this Wednesday. The team will go in the following order: 7Red, 7 Navy and 7 Orange. Students should have received permission forms from their science teacher.

Please come out and support our student athletes as fall sports are in full swing. As of Friday, Pasco County Schools has a new athletic events policy excluding all bags except those that are clear vinyl or Ziploc bags. Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items and diaper bags. All bags are subject to search. There are also several other excluded items including outside food and drinks. RRMS vinyl zip bags and sling packs are available online on Acorn for \$10 and \$8. The bags are expected to be in this week. Please visit the RRMS website for the complete policy including the new Patron's Code of Conduct.

In sports, this week the Lady Knights Volleyball team kicks off their season with games on Monday at GMS and on Wednesday at PRSMS. All games start at 6PM. On Tuesday, the Royal Knights football team travels to SSMS to take on the Jags at 6:30PM. All students are encouraged to wear their RR gear on Tuesday and Friday!

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Tonight is our first Dance of the year in the cafeteria from 6PM-8PM. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Only RRMS students may attend. There will be concessions for sale, a DJ, and photo booth. Dress is casual but should be in the Pasco County dress code. The dance will end promptly at 8PM so parents should be in the car loop for pick up at this time.

Looking forward to having a Royal time tonight to celebrate the start of the new year!

9.9.18

We are half way through the first quarter! Quarter 1 Progress Reports will be available in myStudent on Friday. Please go on to myStudent and make sure to sign up for an account. If you have questions about signing up, please see our website or contact us by phone. Review your child's progress with them frequently. If you have a question about a student's progress, please contact the teacher. Students can receive extra help through academic lunch, Knight Time session, tutoring after school, or from their teacher during designated help sessions. If you would like to schedule a Parent Teacher Conference, please contact Student Services at 774-7000. We have a special treat at lunches as a Royal Reward for those students on track. Students on track have no Ds or Fs or referrals.

We will also be hosting our first school dances of the year on Friday, September 14th evening from 6PM-8PM in the RRMS Cafeteria. The theme is a "New Year's Party" with a balloon drop and everything. Dress is casual. Tickets can be purchased pre-sale each day in the media center starting Monday, September 10th for \$8 or \$10 at the door. We will also have a DJ, photo booth, concession for students to purchase food and drink items and a balloon drop to celebrate the start to our awesome school year. If you would like to volunteer, you must be an approved school volunteer. Please contact Karen Tabone.

In sports this week, your Royal Knights football team kicks off at home versus the Chasco Chargers on Tuesday, September 11th at 6:30PM. We will have a special presentation to commemorate Patriot's Day by the band, cheer and dance teams at half time. Tickets are \$3 and we hope to see you all there to cheer our Knights to victory!

Finally, Wednesday, we will host our first club day of the year and be on an AM Activity schedule. Club lists are posted in the cafeteria and students should wear appropriate clothing for your club.

9.2.18

We had an absolutely fantastic week this week at River Ridge. Thank you to all of our families who attended Open House on Tuesday. The week ended with the announcement of our August Royal Students of the Month and a lot of Royal Spirit at our first Pep Rally of the year! Everyone showed their purple pride and respect as we recognized our fall athletes, students who earned perfect scores on the state assessments, and how awesome the start of the year has been. It was a very close

competition for the Spirit Stick with all grade levels showing their spirit but the Class of 2024, 7th graders pulled it out!

There will be no school on Monday as we celebrate Labor Day.

Our Royal Knights Football team kickoff their season on Wednesday at 6:30PM at Anclote HS against PRSMS.

As a reminder, Attendance is one of the keys to success in middle school. If your child is absent, please go to our website to report the absence or send a note to the front desk.

Please mark your calendars for a few important upcoming events: Progress Reports for Quarter 1 will be available on myStudent on Friday, September 14th. Those students who are "on track" with no Ds or Fs or referrals will earn a treat at lunches that day.

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As always, thank you for your support in making this the best year yet! We are so proud to be Royal!
8.26.18

This week Royal Families we have a very important event that sets the stage for success to make this the best year ever!

Congratulations to our new volleyball team members. There will be a parent meeting on Monday, August 27th at 4:15PM in the Media Center. There will also be football parent meeting at 5PM on the same day in the cafeteria.

Open House will be on Tuesday, August 28th at RRMS, we encourage students to accompany their families to this event. PTSA will be hosting a Royal Family Picnic with pizza, drinks, and games from 5PM-6PM in the cafeteria. The cost is \$4 per person. Bahama Buck's will also be here selling shaved ice. At 6PM, we will open the castle for families to follow your student's schedule. Students will bring home their schedule on Monday. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and better understand the learning that will be taking place at River Ridge this year. We will also have opportunities to visit the Book Fair, purchase spirit gear, PE uniforms, pay fees, and sign up for a myStudent account, Free and Reduced Lunch, and to be a volunteer.

The Book Fair will be going on in the Media Center Monday through Friday this week. Students may visit in the morning or after school as well as some classes will be coming down throughout the day. You may also purchase books online through Scholastic on our website. We do have a classroom wish lists if you would like to make a book donation.

School pictures will be on Wednesday, August 29th through Language Arts classes. Order forms went home last week.

There will be a PM Activity Schedule on Friday, August 31 due to our first Pep Rally of the year to kick off the best year ever! We encourage students to really show their Royal spirit by wearing their RRMS gear, paint their faces, dress up in purple, silver, and black. We will be introducing our fall sports teams and have some class competitions with spirit and games.

I also would like to thank all of the families who came out to our first Spirit Night of the year at Chili's this past week. It was really amazing meeting all of the families, seeing those big smiles, and representing the River Ridge with Purple Pride out in the community! Mark your calendars, our next Community Spirit Night will be September 19 at Zim Zari's!

Please check our website frequently as well as follow us on Social Media on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @RRMSRoyalKnight to be connected with River Ridge Middle School.

8.24.18

I wanted to update you about the alert campus status that we were placed on this morning due to a non-specific threat on social media. Through a partnership with the Pasco Sheriff's Office, we were able to identify the person responsible for the online posts on the RRMS Instagram account. Online posts are quickly traced and can have life-altering consequences. Parents, please monitor your

children's social media and communication devices. See something – say something! Safety and learning are our highest priority. Thank you to those who reported the posting. Have a wonderful weekend!

8.19.18

We have had an absolutely fantastic start to the best school year ever with our Royal Family exhibiting our Knightly Values of Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be a Problem Solver every day!

As a part of our daily schedule we have our Knight Time intervention and enrichment sessions for 20 minutes where students can go for the WIN – get “What I Need”. Whether it is to get extra help from a teacher, work in a study group, use digital resources, or just to check in, students will set weekly goals in each class and schedule their time to meet them. Students will then reflect on those goals on Friday with the guidance of their Knight Time Homeroom teacher. Parents are encouraged to be a partner in education and reviewing/discussing the student's weekly goals and progress and the school-wide planner.

There are a few other important events this week:

PTSA Meeting on Monday, August 20 at 5:30PM in the Media Center.

Volleyball try outs begin August 21-August 23 in the gym from 2PM-4PM. Students must have an up to date physical to tryout. See Coach Brando for more information.

Congratulations to our new RRMS cheerleaders! There will be a parent meeting for cheerleaders at 4PM in the Media Center on Wednesday, August 22nd.

Wednesday, August 22 is our first RRMS Community Spirit Night at a local restaurant. No one wants to cook on Wednesday, so come out to Chili's in Trinity to have dinner! They will be donating 10% of their proceeds from 11AM-11PM on that date. You will need a RRMS flyer which you can get on the website or through social media to make sure the donation goes to RRMS. We hope to see a lot of purple and silver on this night where Chili's is giving back to us!

On Friday, River Ridge High School will be holding their Open House for students who have classes on the high school side starting at 5PM-6:30PM.

Please mark your calendars for a few upcoming events:

RRMS Book Fair begins on Monday, August 27-Friday, August 31 in the Media Center.

Flyers will be going home this week for our RRMS Open House will be on Tuesday, August 28th.

PTSA will be hosting a Royal Family Picnic with pizza, drinks, and games from 5PM-6PM in the cafeteria. Bahama Buck's will also be here. The cost is \$4 per person. At 6PM, we will open the castle for families to follow your student's schedule. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and better understand the learning that will be taking place at The Ridge this year. We will also have opportunities to purchase items from our Book Fair, spirit gear, PE uniforms, pay fees, purchase a yearbook, and sign up for a myStudent account.

School Picture Day on Wednesday, August 29th through Language Arts classes. Order forms will also be going home this week.

As always, thank you for your support in making this the best year ever! We are so proud to be Royal!

8.13.18

Good evening, Royal Families. This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of RRMS calling with a few announcements. We have had a wonderful start today to the best year yet. Over this week your child will receive their syllabus for each of their courses. The syllabus explains the course, how your child will be assessed, along with contact information if your child requires additional support. Students also received their planners today, which we will be using school-wide to support executive functioning and organizational skills. Please check them frequently.

As a school this week in our Knight Time homeroom sessions, we are reviewing with your child, our vision or purpose to make all students life, career, and college ready. We are also reviewing with your child our Knightly Values, which are Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be A Problem Solver, that will support our purpose and help students achieve success. During Knight Time, we will also be reviewing the Student Code of Conduct, Safety Plan, and the Active Threat Plan podcasts this week. These podcasts will be posted on our website so that you can help to reinforce our Castle

Expectations and Knightly Values as a partner in your child's education. In the planner, there is a Student Code of Conduct acknowledgement form, that must be signed by the student and parent and returned to the Knight Time teacher by Friday, August 17th. I highly encourage you to take some time to review your child's syllabus for each course and the planner with them.

Cheerleading tryouts will be Wednesday, August 15-Friday, August 17. All paperwork including a physical must be into Mrs. Vairo in order to tryout. Please see Mrs. Vairo in the dance room for more information. If you are interested in football, you may still join the team this week from 2-4:30PM. Please contact Coach Koos for more information. Volleyball try outs will be next week.

Open House will be on August 28th at RRMS. PTSA will be hosting a Royal Family Picnic with pizza, drinks, and games from 5PM-6PM in the cafeteria. More information on cost will be sent out by the end of the week. At 6PM, we will open the castle for families to follow your student's schedule. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and better understand the learning that will be taking place at The Ridge this year. I hope to see all of you at our Royal Family Picnic and Open House on August 28th! Please check our website and social media feeds frequently for updates on all of the happenings at The Ridge. As always, thank you for your support in making this the best year yet! We are so proud to be Royal!

8.12.18

Good afternoon Royal Knights. This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of River Ridge Middle School.

I am looking forward to welcoming back all of our Royal Knights tomorrow morning when school starts at 7:30AM. The campus will be open to students starting at 7AM. Students who are car riders should only be dropped off and picked up in the middle school car loop. We ask that you be patient and courteous as there is usually a lot of traffic during the first few weeks. If at all possible, we are recommending that if your child is assigned a bus to please use the bus transportation as it limits the traffic. When students arrive on campus, they will be greeted by our Royal staff and should go to the media center or cafeteria to find their first period classes listed on the windows. Students will then report to first period when the first bell rings and will receive a brand new official schedule. Students should only follow the schedule they receive in first period as there have been some schedule changes. We have an adjusted bell schedule this year with separate lunches per grade level and our daily Knight Time homeroom sessions, which is posted on our website. Students will receive new River Ridge planners in these sessions, which we will be using school-wide for communication and organization this year.

Please make sure that you are connected with River Ridge by visiting our website, following us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @rrmsroyalknight. We will be posting many pictures and important information from the first day and throughout the year on these sites. As always, if you have any questions or need clarifications, please don't hesitate to contact us. I can't wait to see our entire Royal Family back on campus ready to make this the best year yet at River Ridge Middle School because we are limitless and #WeAreRoyal!

7.19.18

Good evening Royal Families,

This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of RRMS and I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer. The new school year is starting before we know it as you should have received your Royal Update back to school newsletter which includes important information including bell schedules, dress code, Code of Conduct, calendar and much more. The newsletter and updated supply lists is also located on the RRMS website.

As a reminder , on Thursday, August 2nd we will be hosting our Storm the Castle 6th grade and new 7th and 8th grade student orientation to RRMS. Parents should drop off students at the gym at 8:30AM. Please enter through the middle school entrance. Following drop off, parents of 6th grade students only should report to the cafeteria for a Parent University from 8:30AM-9:00AM on successfully transitioning your child to middle school. We will have coffee and cinnamon rolls as well as distributing important paperwork for schedule pick up. Students will spend the day learning our Knightly Values, completing a campus scavenger hunt, meeting new friends, getting acquainted with RRMS staff, and will be fed breakfast, a snack and lunch starting at 1PM. Parents should return to RRMS at 1:15PM and report to the gym to pick up schedules, pay fees, purchase PE uniforms,

yearbooks, and our new spirit gear. We will also have an Express Line for those families who pay online ahead of schedule pick up. We will have tables for the new Beyond the Bell after school program sign up, PTSA membership which is \$5, athletics, clubs, and other community organizations. After picking up your child's schedule, please report to cafeteria to check out your student. At that time, we encourage you to tour the campus with your child to follow your student's schedule until 3PM.

The county-wide registration day is on Tuesday, August 7th from 8AM-2PM in the Middle School Cafeteria. Those who attend Storm the Castle do not need to attend this day. All fees can be paid online using Acorn prior to attending county-wide registration day. Those who choose to do this will be given an express line for schedule pick up. Also, all 7th Graders must have their TDAP shots in order to be given a schedule and start school. You may drop off the TDAP paperwork to the front office before August 7th in order to get an express pass.

Also, mark your calendars for our August Open House event on August 28 from 6PM-8PM. PTSA will be hosting a Royal Family Picnic with pizza, drinks, and games from 5PM-6PM.

Please continue to check our RRMS website and social media for updates. We are looking forward to the best year yet because We are Royal!